

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

Cannonball Run Regatta

(In memory of Roberta Ripke)

Palacios Yacht Club

457 Commerce – Palacios, Texas

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August 11,12, 2012

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 “The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions” apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/> . A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4 Racing Rules 61.1(a), Protest Requirements and Appendix A2, Scoring Systems are modified for this series. Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.

2. **ADVERTISING:** This regatta is classified as a Category A Event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 *The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate classes. All classes are “bring your own boat”. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. All boats shall have identifiable sail numbers. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.*
- 3.2 The regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty years old and who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year.
- 3.3 Optimists are sailed in four fleets:
 - 3.3.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - 3.3.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - 3.3.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - 3.3.4 Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15
 - 3.3.5 For Optimist White, Blue and Red fleets, skipper’s age on the first day of the regatta determines his or her fleet. Skippers move fleets on their 11th and 13th birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in Red fleet through 12/31 of that year.

4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$50.00 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. The entry fee includes one regatta T-Shirt and the following meals for each sailor: breakfast and lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20.00. Make all registration checks payable to Palacios Yacht Club. 457 Commerce St. Palacios, Texas 77465

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the attached registration form to: Ted Riccio 457 Commerce St, Palacios, Tx. 77465_ texasriccios@yahoo.com

5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012, between 8:00 am and 10:00 am at the Outrigger Restaurant. Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed **Medical Consent Form** to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.

5.3 All sailors are **required to check in** by 10:00 am on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

6. SCHEDULE:

6.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If five or more races are completed, there will be one throw out race for scoring purposes. If ten or more races are completed there will be one additional throw out – two total – for scoring purposes.

6.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, Aug 10, 2012

Late afternoon – evening The park will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, Aug 11, 2012

0800-1000	Breakfast (Outrigger Restaurant)
0800-1045	Registration (Outrigger Restaurant)
1100	Skipper's Meeting at the beach (Attendance Mandatory)
1115	Lunch will be served on the beach
1230	First Gun, additional races to follow

Sunday, Aug 12, 2012

0800-0900	Breakfast
0930	First Gun, additional races to follow

6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1300 on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 10:30 am on Saturday of the regatta at the beach is mandatory.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may also be posted on the TSA website.

8. VENUE: Races will be conducted on the waters of Tres Palacios Bay (Palacios end of Matagorda Bay)

9. SAFETY: A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal buoyancy device will be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing.

10. DISCIPLINE :

10.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03 no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any Texas Sailing Association Junior event: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and

beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S: IRC Code and intended for beverage use). This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. The penalty shall be that the contestant after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

10.2 All competitors, coaches and parents are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

10.3 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the Chairman of the Texas Sailing Association Junior Committee or his or her designee in the event he or she is not present. The regatta chair shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the panel and will have an open right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

11. TROPHY PRESENTATION: Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed. There will be 3 places awarded for each class except the Opti Green will have participation awards. There will also be an overall award for the all Opti classes

12. LODGING: Arrangements made by Participant.
See <http://www.palacioschamber.com/index.html>

13. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information or directions please contact Ted Riccio 457 Commerce St, Palacios, Tx. 77465. texasriccios@yahoo.com 361-972-6080.