

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA**

### **THE CHOCOPALOOZA REGATTA**

**Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, Texas**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

#### **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 or other double handed boat as provided by the host club [edit as appropriate]) 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 for the Optimist, Laser (Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed fleets. The Laser (Full) fleet is open to all ages.
  - 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in Red fleet through 12/31 of that year.
  - 3.4** ***This is also the Area F US Sailing Chubb Jr. Championship Qualifier for the Bemis Trophy. Participants who will be sailing a Club420 as a qualifier MUST ALSO REGISTER at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=10085](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=10085)***
- 4. ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$ 55.00 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats if registered prior to May 15, 2015. Registration May 16<sup>th</sup> or after will be \$70.00. The following meals are included for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and the chocolate fountain on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Additional meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20.00. Checks should be payable to Rush Creek Yacht Club.

## 5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1** Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online using RegattaTech at the following link: [www.regattatech.com](http://www.regattatech.com)
- 5.2** Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, May 16, 2015 between 8:00 am and 9:45 am in the RCYC Clubhouse. 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 9:45 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, May 15, 2015

1700-2200                      The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

### Saturday, May 16, 2015

0800-1000                      Breakfast  
0800-0945                      Registration at the RCYC Clubhouse  
0945                                Skipper's Meeting at the RCYC Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)  
1100                                Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow  
Between Races                Lunch will be served on the water  
After Races                      Chocolate Fountain

### Sunday, May 17, 2015

0800-0900                      Breakfast  
0930                                Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

- 6.3** No warning signal for a race will be give after 1:00 pm on Sunday.
- 6.4** Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 9:45 am on Saturday of the regatta on the RCYC deck 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 Lake Ray Hubbard.
- 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 protests hearing(s) are completed. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of entries per class.

**12. LODGING:** You are welcome to camp on the club grounds. There is also limited housing available. Additionally, there are a number of hotels located in Rockwall within 10 minutes of RCYC.

**13. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** From Interstate 30, exit Horizon Road, and head south. Turn right on Horizon Road (FM-740). FM-740 will turn right at the Shell gas station. Stay straight at the next 4-way stop onto Hubbard Drive. Turn right onto Rush Creek Drive. RCYC is at the end of Rush Creek Drive.

**14. FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact Mary Anne Hopper at 972-800-1042 or [maryanne\\_hopper@hotmail.com](mailto:maryanne_hopper@hotmail.com).