

## NOTICE OF RACE

### TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

#### MARDI GRAS 2012

Port Arthur Yacht Club, Port Arthur, Texas

FEB. 18-19, 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 or other double handed boat as provided by the host club [edit as appropriate]) classes. All classes are “bring your own boat” [edit if host club will provide any boats]. 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 \$45.00 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, lunch and dinner] on Saturday and [breakfast and lunch] on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20.00. Make all registration checks payable to PAYC.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged ON-LINE.

5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, 18, 2012, between 8 am and 10:30 am in the [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 11 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, FEB.17, 2012

ALL DAY The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, FEB.18, 2012\_\_

8AM-930AM Breakfast

9AM-10.30AM Registration at the [Clubhouse]

1100AM LUNCH-Skipper's Meeting at the [Clubhouse] (Attendance Mandatory)

12:30PM Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

ASAP LAST RACE OF THE DAY

Dinner

Sunday, FEB.19, 2012\_\_

8AM-9:30AM Breakfast

10:30AM Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1PM on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 11 am on Saturday of the regatta at the Clubhouse is mandatory.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting.

8. VENUE: Races will be conducted on the waters of Sabine Lake.

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. (Insert the number of places to be awarded trophies and any special trophies that will be awarded.)

12. LODGING: [WWW.SOUTHEASTEXAS.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHEASTEXAS.COM)

13. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: [WWW.PAYC.US](http://WWW.PAYC.US)

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