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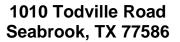
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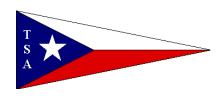
2015 ENDLESS SUMMER REGATTA September 19 & 20



Hosted by







- 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/.
- **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. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, O'pen Bic, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (Club 420, International 420, 29er) 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.
- 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.
- **2.3** Optimists are sailed in four fleets:

Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the

calendar year in which they turn age 15

White Fleet: Age 10 and under

<u>Blue Fleet:</u> Age 11 – 12 <u>Red Fleet:</u> Age 13 – 15

For Optimist Red, Blue and White 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.

- 2.4 Sailors who do not meet the age limitations for junior sailors specified above are eligible to race in the Double-Handed fleet through age 21 and not turning age 22 in the current calendar year as specified in the Double-Handed class rules regarding championship eligibility, but will not be scored for purposes of the Texas Youth Circuit.
- 3. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$55 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. Entry closes on Monday September 14. A late entry period begins September 14th at 20:01 pm until Saturday September 19th at 9am, with a late entry fee of \$65. The entry fee includes the following meals for **each sailor**: breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. Meal tickets will be available to non-competitors for a donation to the SSC Youth Sailing Program. Make all registration checks payable to Seabrook Sailing Club.

4. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- **4.1** Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done online through Regatta Network at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10884
- 4.2 Registration and late check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, September 19th, 2014, between 08:00 am and 09:00 am in the SSC 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.
- 4.3 All sailors are **required to check in** by 09:00 am on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

5. SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 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.
- **5.2** The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, September 18, 2015

All day The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats

Saturday, September 19, 2015

08:00-09:00 Breakfast

08:00-09:00 Registration at SSC Clubhouse

09:30 Skipper's Meeting at the SSC Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)

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

Between Races Lunch will be served on the water

Sunday, September 20, 2015

08:00-09:00 Breakfast

10:00 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

Lunch will be served on shore after the conclusion of the races

5.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 14:00 on Sunday.

5.4 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 9:30 am on Saturday of the regatta at the SSC Clubhouse is mandatory.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting, and online at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10884.

7. VENUE:

Races will be conducted on the waters of Galveston Bay in front of Seabrook/Kemah.

8. 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. Shoes or other foot protection are strongly recommended when in the harbor area.

9. DISCIPLINE:

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.

10. TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

11. LODGING:

There are several national chain hotels and motels nearby, as well as Bed & Breakfast accommodation. Please see http://www.kemah.net/ and http://www.seabrooktourism.com/.

12. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:

Take I-45 South to NASA Road One. East on NASA Road One past Clear Lake. At Hwy 146, in Seabrook, NASA Road One becomes Second Avenue. Follow Second Avenue less than one mile to its end, where it tees into Todville Road. Right on Todville Road. SSC is 250 feet on the left. Map location

13. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact Todd Nereng at 832-221-5753 or at youth@seabrooksailingclub.org. Dogs are prohibited on the club grounds.