



# 2016 Texas Youth Race Week July 16-17, 19-20 and 21-22

Hosted by Lakewood YC, Texas Corinthian YC and Houston YC

## NOTICE OF RACE

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(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to rule 89.2)

The optimist regattas July 19-20 and 21-22 will be organized by Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) and Houston Yacht Club (HYC) respectively in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA"). The optimist team race regatta July 16-17 will be organized by Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC). The Laser, i420, and c420 will be organized by TCYC, HYC, and LYC. All events are a US Sailing Junior Olympic event.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA 'Code of Conduct'. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, LYC, TCYC and HYC, and the City of Seabrook, La Porte and Kemah.
- 1.3. Racing rules listed below will be changed as indicated. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
  - a. Rule 61 will be changed as follows: In rule 61.1(a), delete, "She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing," and replace with, "Her protest flag shall be attached to the helmsmen's lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before and then after it is displayed." Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. Add rule 61.5:

#### 61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the race committee finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee finish boat that she is retiring". P2.3 will be deleted.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.



- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies, Lasers, i420s and c420s may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees.
- 3.2. Membership in US Sailing is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for double-handed classes). Laser, i420 and c420 competitors may sign up at registration. If you are already a member, bring your membership card to registration - it will be checked. Sailors can join online at <http://membership.ussailing.org>. All helmsmen must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) that is a member of its Regional Sailing Associations (RSA) and US Sailing.
- 3.3. The Laser, i420, and c420 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.
- 3.4. All optimist competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2001. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org).
- 3.5. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta July 19 (TCYC) and July 21 (HYC).

### **4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration. For optimists competing in the July 19-20 TCYC and July 21-22 HYC regattas register at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) (see NOR 4.2). For optimists competing in the July 16-17 LYC team race regatta register at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). For Lasers, i420s, and c420s register at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com).

For the Optimist events July 19-20 TCYC and July 21-22 HYC,

- a) The entry fee per sailor is U.S. \$65 per venue or \$130 to sign up for both venues if paid by July 1.
- b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$90 per venue or \$155 for both venues) shall be paid for registrations completed July 2 through July 8.
- c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$115 per venue or \$180 for both venues) shall be paid for registrations completed July 9 through July 15.

For the Optimist team race event July 16-17 LYC,

- a) The entry fee per sailor is U.S. \$65 per venue if paid by July 1.
- b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$90 total) shall be paid for registrations completed July 2 through July 8.
- c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$115 total) shall be paid for registration completed July 9 through July 15.

For the Lasers, i420s, and c420s,

- a) The entry fee per sailor is U.S. \$65 per venue if paid by July 1.
- b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$90 total) shall be paid for registrations completed July 2 through July 8.
- c) An additional late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$115 total) shall be paid for registration completed July 9 through July 15.



- 4.2. Optimist registration for the events July 19-20 TCYC and July 21-22 HYC must be done on-line at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Laser, i420, c420, and the optimist team race July 16-17 LYC registration must be done on-line at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). Competitors shall have completed all parts of the online registration including completion on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Regatta Network website. If a competitor is not listed as registered on Regatta Network website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another event.**
- 4.4. Registration will be closed **July 15 at 1700 hours CDT.**
- 4.5. Registration requests after registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

## 5. **FORMAT OF THE REGATTA**

- 5.1. The optimist regattas July 19-20 TCYC and July 21-22 HYC will be fleet racing. There will be an Optimist Championship Fleet and Green Fleet that will race as a single division on separate lines.  
The optimist regatta July 16-17 LYC will be a four-boat against four-boat team race that will race in one or more round robin series, and there will be a separate fleet racing line for the Optimist Green Fleet. For the team race, those teams having five competitors, any four may compete in a race, and the fifth competitor shall remain in the area designated for coaches from the warning signal of that race until that race has been completed.  
The Laser: Full, Radial, and 4.7, and i420 and c420 fleets July 16-17, 19-20, and 21-22 will be fleet racing. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.
- 5.2. The optimist team race format will be specified in the sailing instructions and posted on the Official Notice Board by 1800 on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. **SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form is required to complete check-in for the July 19-20 TCYC and July 21-22 HYC optimist events.
- 6.2. Lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule; **Green Fleet – see note below.**

Friday, July 15

1700-1800 Sailor check-in @ LYC



Saturday, July 16

- 1000-1100 Optimist Sailor check-in @ **LYC**
- 1000-1100 Laser, i420, c420 Sailor check-in @ **TCYC**
- 1100 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
- 1130 Lunch onshore
- 1200 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning

Sunday, July 17

- 1130 Lunch onshore
- 1200 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning
- After Racing Awards and Dinner

Monday, July 18 Lay Day

Tuesday, July 19

- 1000-1100 Sailor check-in @ **TCYC**
- 1100 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
- 1130 Lunch onshore
- 1200 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning

Wednesday, July 20

- 1100 Lunch onshore
- 1200 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning
- After racing Awards and Dinner

Thursday, July 21

- 1000-1100 Optimist Sailor check-in @ **HYC**
- 1000-1100 Laser, i420, c420 Sailor check-in @ **TCYC**
- 1100 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
- 1130 Lunch onshore
- 1200 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning

Friday, July 22

- 1100 Lunch onshore
- 1200 Harbor Start
- 1300 First Warning
- After racing Awards and Dinner @ **HYC for ALL Classes**

**Green Fleet** – The sailors schedule will be the same through the competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet Sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.



## **7. MEASUREMENT**

- 7.1. Optimist competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the race committee's approval.
- 7.2. Each optimist competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form during the regatta site check-in. These Forms shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Preliminary sailing Instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

## **9. VENUE AND BERTHING**

- 9.1. The racing area will be Galveston Bay or Clear Lake.
- 9.2. All optimist boats shall be kept at Lakewood Yacht Club for the LYC team race regatta. All boats other than optimists MAY be kept at TCYC for the LYC regatta by filing a waiver for Alternate Launch to be turned in before the close of LYC on-site check-in. This form may be found with the registration documents on the Regatta Network site.
- 9.3. All boats shall be kept at the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club for the TCYC regatta.
- 9.4. All optimist boats shall be kept at Houston Yacht Club for the HYC regatta in the assigned area. All boats other than optimists MAY be kept at TCYC for the HYC regatta by filing a waiver for Alternate Launch to be turned in before the close of HYC on-site check-in. This form may be found with the registration documents on the Regatta Network site.

## **10. THE COURSE**

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply for all fleet racing events.
- 11.2. One completed race shall constitute the regatta for all fleet racing events.
- 11.3. Scoring for all fleet racing events is based on number of races completed at each venue:
  - a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
  - b) When from five (5) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - c) When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 11.4. Scoring for the optimist team race will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.



11.5. Scoring based on overall finishes optimists at both TCYC and HYC venues:

- a) A competitor's finish place for each venue will be combined to determine her Texas Youth Race Week overall score. The lowest overall score will determine the overall winners of the Optimist Texas Youth Race Week.

11.6. Scoring based on overall finishes for Lasers, c420, i420s at all three venues:

- a) A competitor's finish place for each venue will be combined to determine her Texas Youth Race Week overall score. The lowest overall score will determine the overall winners of the Optimist Texas Youth Race Week.

## **12. LIFEJACKET, WHISTLE, AND BOW LINE**

12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Sailing prescriptions, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable lifejackets may not be worn.

12.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.

12.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

## **13. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY**

13.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

13.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

13.3. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

## **14. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS**

14.1. One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)

14.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the race committee during Check-in, that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 deposit is required. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

14.3. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.





## 15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given in the Laser, c420, and i420s as follows:

Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>  
Top Girl: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Prizes will be given in the optimist team race as follows:

Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Prizes will be given in the optimist fleet races as follows:

Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>  
Red Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>  
Blue Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>  
White Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>  
Top girl: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

## 16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2017 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors that have registered and competed at both venues, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats that registered for TCYC and HYC in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2017 USODA Team Trials.

## 17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2 and 4.3.

## 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

**Registration:** USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

**Regatta Chair:** Keen Butcher, 713-259-1798, [tyrwchair@gmail.com](mailto:tyrwchair@gmail.com)

Lakewood Yacht Club: 2425 E NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586, (281) 474-2511

Texas Corinthian Yacht Club: 104 Park Circle, Kemah, TX 77565, (281) 339-1566

Houston Yacht Club: 3620 Miramar Drive, La Porte, TX 77571, (281) 471-1255

**Opti Charters and Accommodations:** Available on the Texas Youth Race Week website  
<http://texasyouthraceweek.com/>