JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL NOTICE OF RACE



USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL July 17th – 18th, 2019 Lewes Yacht Club Lewes DE National JO Sponsors: Gill, Sperry & New England Ropes



1. RULES

- **1.1** The Junior Olympic Festival will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the class rules shall be the rules of the *Optimist-Green*, *Optimist-Red White & Blue*, Laser Standard & Radial and Club 420 classes.
- **1.3** Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2. ADVERTISING Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Competitors may be required to display graphics on the side of their hulls; these graphics will be supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 AGE

Applicants for non-Optimist classes must not turn **19** years old in the current year. Optimist applicants must not turn16 years old in the current year. **The Red, White and Blue Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the Regatta July 17, 2019.** Optimists will be placed into the appropriate age division- White-10 or under, Blue-11-12, Red-13-15.

3.2 US SAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US Sailing is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for doublehanded classes). 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://www.ussailing.org/membership/.

3.3 CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

US Sailing recommends that competitors are members of their respective class associations (i.e., Optimist, Laser, Club 420, etc.).

3.4 GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of rule 55 which states that competitors "shall not intentionally put trash in the water."

4. BOATS/MEASUREMENT

- **4.1** Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. A limited number of *Optimist* are available *for charter.*
- **4.2** All boats must have a floating bowline of appropriate length.
- **4.3** Each competitor will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the class rules.
- FEES The entry fee for all single-handed classes is \$100 and \$200 for double handed classes if registered on or before June 30, 2019. Registrations after June 30 must include a \$20 late fee. The entry fee includes *T-shirt, one continental breakfast per racing day as well as Wednesday lunch & dinner and Thursday Awards Lunch Buffet.*
- 6. COURSE AREA There will be three courses on the Delaware Bay. Opti Green will be near shore just south of the clubhouse. Opti RWB will be further offshore and south of the clubhouse. Laser/420 will be south of the RWB course or, depending on conditions, north of the Roosevelt Inlet. Tidal currents in the Delaware Bay are significant. Each course will have its own RC Signal Boat and VHF channel. All courses will be visible from the upper deck of the clubhouse.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

1500 - 1800 Early Check-in for Coaches and Sailors

Wednesday, July 17

0800 - 0930 Breakfast

0800 - 0900 Registration & check-in, competitor briefing, clinic

- 0900: Skippers & Coaches Meeting
- 1000: First signal Additional Races to Follow, lunch on water
- 1800: Dinner Pizza, salad & beverages

Thursday, July 18

0800 - 0930 Breakfast 1000: First signal – Additional Races to Follow 1230: Lunch Buffet- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Chips & Salsa, Cookies & Brownies followed by Awards Ceremony

- 8. ADVANCE REGISTRATION Competitors shall register in advance by registering online at <insert registration http link> Entry deadline is: JUNE 30. Late fee of \$20 applies thereafter. A minimum of 10 boats is required to be registered by July 10 to constitute a class. If there are not enough sailors registered for a class by July 10th, sailors will have the opportunity to move to another class or withdraw from the regatta. Once registration reaches 250 boats registration may close and a wait list established.
- **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -** The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration.
- 10. SCORING A maximum of SEVEN races are scheduled, of which ONE shall be completed to constitute a series. If FOUR or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

11. COACHES AND COACH REGISTRATION - Coaches are integral to the success of this event and will be included for all meals served for a fee of \$25. Coaches are encouraged to bring support boats and will be expected to work with the organizers to foster a learning environment and provide a safe experience. PFD's are required to be worn by all coaches. Coaches are asked to register prior to the event and no later than 0900 on July 13 by completing the coach registration form and paying \$25 fee.

12 SAFETY - A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, to *LYC Shore Person* immediately after arrival ashore.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS - By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the OA and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

14. DISCIPLINE

a. Per US Sailing Regulation 5.03 no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any US Sailing sanctioned 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.

- b. All competitors 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.
- c. 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 event chair.

15. PRIZES

USA Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in all divisions. Special prizes will be awarded.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Host Club: Lewes Yacht Club, 2701 Cedar St. Lewes, DE 19958 (302) 645-8596 www.lewesyc.com

Regatta Chair:

Steve Nieblas (302) 841-3888 nebulousinde@comcast.net

17. LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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. All entries must sign waiver.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Lewes Yacht Club is situated on 4 acres with restaurant, bar, heated pool, and a 70-slip marina at the northern tip of Lewes Beach. Family friendly activities are 7 miles away in Rehoboth Beach, which has a boardwalk along the Atlantic Ocean, shops, restaurants and arcades. Cape Henlopen State Park is 4 miles away and has Atlantic Ocean beaches, activities and campsites. Lewes is known as the "First Town in the First State" founded in 1631. There are several museums, a park with cannons used to defend the town in the war of 1812, charter boat fleet and a real lightship "Overfalls" to visit.
