

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE 2019 GRAPEVINE SILLY STRING REGATTA
and
U.S. JUNIOR SAILING AREA F SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP
(SMYTHE QUALIFIER)
and
2019 TEXAS GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Grapevine Sailing Club, 2500 Oak Grove Loop Grapevine, Texas 76051

May 18-19, 2019

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Prescriptions of US Sailing. Applicable Prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 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 following documents shall apply:
 - 1.3.1 US Sailing Regulations 2.02, 4.02, 13, 14.04
 - 1.3.2 [US Sailing Regulation 10](#). An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for a protest by another boat; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when a protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.03, it shall follow the process described in the Championships' Code of Conduct.
 - 1.3.3 The sections of the [Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship](#) applicable to the Area Championship.
 - 1.3.4 [US Sailing's SafeSport Handbook](#)
 - 1.3.5 [US Sailing's Code of Conduct](#)
 - 1.3.6 [The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy](#). This will be a Grade 1 Coaching event.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed so that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. (US Sailing Regulation 10) A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1.
- 1.4 The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.

2 ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 *The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club) 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.*
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Sailors competing in the Smythe Qualifier must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.
- 2.4 Sailors competing in the Smythe Qualifier must be individual or family members, all in good standing of US Sailing at the time of registration and the event.
- 2.5 Sailors competing in the Smythe Qualifier must be eligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of USOC or its affiliated organizations.
- 2.6 Sailors competing in the Smythe Qualifier must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) that is a member of its Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US Sailing. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization.
- 2.7 Sailors competing in the Smythe Qualifier shall reside in and regularly compete in the same RSA where the club is geographically located.
- 2.8 Optimists are sailed in four fleets:
 - 2.8.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - 2.8.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - 2.8.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - 2.8.4 Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15
 - 2.8.5 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.

3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AREA F SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP

- 3.1 The Smythe Qualifier will be sailed in the Laser Radial Class.
 - 3.2 For the Smythe Qualifier, a minimum of five (5) boats are required to be both entered by the NOR registration deadline and on the starting line in order for the winners to move on.
 - 3.3 Area F will qualify two (2) individuals for the singlehanded discipline.
- 4 TEXAS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP:** This regatta has been designated by the Texas Sailing Association as the "2019 Texas Girls Championship" for the Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Opti White, Blue, and Red and 420 classes.
- 4.1 Sailors will race in their regular class and all female sailors will be scored for both their overall class and for the Girls Championships based on overall finish.
 - 4.2 In the 420 class, to be scored for the Girls Championship, double handed boats do NOT need to have both a female skipper and crew. We will provide a trophy to the top female skipper and top female crew that meets requirement 4.3
 - 4.3 A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. The race committee at its discretion may combine Opti classes in order to form a class for the Texas Girls Championship.

5 ENTRY FEE:

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$65 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. A late fee of \$5.00 will be added to all entries after May 5, 2019. The entry fee includes one regatta give away and the following meals for each

sailor: breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

5.2 Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20. Meal tickets include breakfast and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Please help us plan appropriately by purchasing meal tickets prior to arrival at the regatta. Make all registration checks payable to Grapevine Sailing Club.

6 REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

6.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online at www.txsail.org

6.2 Sailors competing in the Smythe Qualifier MUST complete registration by 11:59 Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the latest. Payment is required for a registration to be complete/

6.3 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, May 18 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. in the GSC 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.

6.4 All sailors are **required to check in** by 9:15 a.m. on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

7 SCHEDULE:

7.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more races are completed. If ten (10) or more races are completed her two worst scores will be excluded.

7.1 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, May 17, 2019

1800-2030 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, May 18, 2019

0800-0900	Breakfast
0800-0915	Registration at the GSC Clubhouse
0930	Skipper's Meeting at the Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)
1100	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be served on the water
After Racing	Dinner

Sunday, May 19, 2019

0730-0830	Breakfast
1000	Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
After races	Lunch and awards; Silly String fun to follow

7.2 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1330 on Sunday.

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

8 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be provided **ONLINE** at the TSA Website (txsail.org) and posted on the Notice Board

9 **VENUE:** Races will be conducted on the waters of Lake Grapevine.

10 **SCORING**

10.1 The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

10.2 For The Silly String and Texas Girls Championship, one (1) race will constitute a series.

10.3 For the Smythe Qualifier, three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scored excluding her worst score. If ten (10) or more races are completed her two worst scores will be excluded.

11 **COURSES:** All fleets will typically sail windward/leeward, triangle, or Olympic courses. The location of courses will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

12 **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.

13 **DISCIPLINE :**

13.1 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.

13.2 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 RRS69.

- 13.3 Hearings related to 13.1 and 13.2 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.
- 14 **TROPHY PRESENTATION:** Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.
- 14.1 A Texas Girls State Championship trophy will be awarded for all classes that meet requirement 4.3 of the NOR.
- 14.2 A separate Girls State Championship award will be provided to the top female skipper and top female crew for the double-handed class so long as each meets requirements 4.3 of the NOR. The winners for skipper and crew do not need to be in the same boat.
- 15 **LODGING:** The Club is located near the DFW Airport. Lodging is available at any Airport Hotel that is on the NORTH side of the airport. It is also close to the Great Wolf Lodge and Gaylord Texan.
- 16 **DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** Directions may be found online.
Scotts Landing Marina 2500 Oak Grove Loop S Grapevine, TX 76051
17. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:
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