

NOTICE OF RACE

**USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SAILING FESTIVAL
TEXAS YOUTH RACE WEEK**

2012 TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

UNITED STATES OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION TEAM TRIALS QUALIFIER

**US SAILING'S CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS
AREA F ELIMINATION**

**THE U.S. JUNIOR TRIPLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SEARS CUP (BORROWED SONARS)
THE U.S. JUNIOR DOUBLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BEMIS TROPHY
THE U.S. JUNIOR SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SMYTHE TROPHY**

**TEXAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB, AND HOUSTON YACHT CLUB
ARE THE COMBINED ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1. DATES AND VENUES

July 7-8	Houston Yacht Club Area F Eliminations for the Junior Singlehanded and Doublehanded
July 9	Area F Eliminations for the Junior Triplehanded
July 10-11	Texas Corinthian Yacht Club
July 12-13	Lakewood Yacht Club held at Texas Corinthian Yacht Club

Area F Eliminations:

Competition for the Area F Eliminations for the USSailing Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championships (Sears, Bemis, and Smythe trophies) will be held concurrently with Texas Youth Race Week (TYRW). The official Notice of Race and Registration for these events may be completed on-line at Regatta Network:

Registration shall be completed at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5301 for the single hand event,

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5302 for the double hand event

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5303 for the triple hand event.

See these Notices of Race for specific entry conditions and requirements that will apply.

Competitors must register for TYRW and USSailing Elimination separately and pay registration fees for both. Even though these events are held at the same time; registration, scoring, and awards will be separate. Competitors registering for both events will be scored (and be eligible for awards) in both.

2. GENERAL RULES:

2.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), the Texas Sailing Association's Youth Racing Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions.

2.2.1 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 racing rules.

a Rule 61.1 (2) will be changed to require a boat to display a red flag if she intends to protest concerning an incident in the racing area.

b Rule 61 will be changed to require a boat to inform a race committee finish or measurement boat immediately after finishing of its intention to protest another boat and provide the sail number of the protested boat.

c. 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 measurement or race committee finish boat that she is retiring." P2.3 will be deleted.

3. CLASSES AND FLEETS:

As described in the TSA Yearbook: Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, 29er, Optimist, and Club 420. All classes are “Bring Your Own Boat”. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

As described in the TSA Yearbook, open to all who do not turn twenty (20) during 2012.

NOTE: Optimist sailors may participate until December 31st of the calendar year in which they turn age 15.

The Red, Blue, and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor’s age on the first day of the regatta.

5. UNITED STATES SAILING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP (REQUIRED)

Youth or Family membership in US Sailing is **required** for each competitor (helmsman and crew for double handed classes). Sailors may sign up at registration. If you are already a member, bring proof of your membership to registration -- it will be checked. Family members may order individual membership cards for each child by calling the US SAILING membership office at 1-800-US-SAIL-1.

6. USODA MEMBERSHIP (REQUIRED)

For Optimist sailors participating in this regatta, your USODA membership **must** be current. Sailors may sign up at registration for a one year skipper membership.

7. ENTRY FEE: \$175.00 per person for both venues OR \$60.00 per person for each venue (if paid individually for each venue). Registration shall be done online only. Competitors shall have completed ALL parts of the online registration form together with all fees paid, by June 23, 2012. Additional late entry fees of US \$40.00 shall be paid for late registrations completed June 24, 2012 thru July 5, 2012 or an additional late entry fee of US \$60.00 shall be paid for late registrations completed July 6, 2012 thru 10 AM July 7, 2012.

Entry fee includes an official USA Junior Olympic T-Shirt, 6 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 banquet dinner, and trophies. Additional meal tickets for family members may be purchased at each venue.

8. REGISTRATION:

Registration shall be done online only.

All Optimist sailors shall register on the USODA website - <http://www.usoda.org/>. Registration includes completing the USODA on-line registration process including the Waiver and Medical form and paying the entry fee. USODA on-line registration will be closed at 10 am CDT July 7, 2012. For help with USODA registration process, please contact Emma Kovacs, Executive Director USODA at usoda@usoda.org or (609) 510-0798.

All Laser Line registration shall be done at Regatta Network.
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=5272

HYC	Friday, July 6th	6:00 - 8:00 pm
	Saturday, July 7th	8:30 – 10:30 am
TCYC	Tuesday, July 10th	9:00 - 10:30 am
TCYC for LYC	Thursday, July 12th	9:00 – 10:30 am

NOTE: To expedite registration, attach proof of your US Sailing and USODA memberships with entry forms.

The competitor shall confirm that the competitor is registered by checking the registration list on the regatta website. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of his or her registration.

9. CHECK IN:

In order to race at each venue, all racers are required to check in by the above times on the first race day of each venue at the registration table, **even if you registered online.**

10. SKIPPERS’ MEETING:

A Competitors Meeting will be held on the 1st race day at each venue.

HYC	Saturday, July 7th	10:30 am
TCYC	Tuesday, July 10th	10:30 am
TCYC for LYC	Thursday, July 12th	10:30 am

11. RACES:

Races will be conducted on Galveston Bay for both venues. Six races are scheduled for each venue, weather permitting, with one throw out after six races. One race will constitute a regatta. First warning signal will be at 1400 hours each race day.

12. PRIZES:

USA Junior Olympic Medals will be awarded at the Banquet at LYC on Friday, July 13th to top participants in all fleets with six or more participants excluding the Green Fleet. All Green Fleet competitors will be awarded Participation trophies.

Trophies will be awarded at each venue, with overall trophies awarded at the Banquet -- only to competitors who have registered, participated, and competed in the same fleet at both venues. **To be eligible for overall trophies in the 420 and 29er fleets, the same skipper/crew team must have registered, participated, and competed at both venues. There will be no substitution or changing of skipper or crew.**

13. USODA TEAM TRIALS QUALIFICATION:

This regatta constitutes a 2013 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Team Trials Eligible (TTE) competitors will qualify. All qualifiers will be selected from the Red, Blue and White fleets. The qualification will be calculated for the top 25% for both venues for each sailor.

14. BOATS:

This is a Bring Your Own Boat regatta. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit (for Opti's), and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.

15. SAFETY:

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the responsibility solely of the parents/guardians of the sailor to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

Following the conclusion of Monday's races at the HYC venue, any sailor wishing to sail to the harbor of TCYC must be accompanied by a coach registered to participate in the regatta and operating a power boat with VHF radio and personal cell phone. The coach must notify the Race Committee, in writing and before the start of the last race of the day, of the names and sail numbers of the sailors who will be under his or her supervision for the sail to the TCYC venue. All Optimist sailors and coaches must wear a properly fastened PFD while sailing to TCYC. The transit of the boats to TCYC is not an event of this regatta. Penalty for failure to comply with this Rule will be addressed in the Sailing Instructions.

LIFE JACKETS (PFD's) and BOW LINES

Competitors are required to wear a properly fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets when on the water at all times.

ALL boats displaying a colored, numbered TYRW flag, coach AND safety boats alike, are required to wear a PFD and have a working VHF radio, actively monitoring the RC channel of the course they are on. No other power boats will be allowed in the vicinity of racing sailboats boats, unless it is an emergency and the RC is requesting additional assistance. ALL coach and safety boats are required to verbally check-in with the RC on the proper radio channel before the Warning Signal of the first race each day. Boats failing to meet these conditions will not be permitted in the racing area.

ALL BOATS SHALL HAVE BOW LINES.

Optimist floating bow lines shall be eight meters (26'-3"), and all other boats must make provisions for bow lines of 30'.

BOW LINES ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL BOATS.

ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor under the age of 18. 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.

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.

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.

16. COACHES and SUPPORT BOATS

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.)

All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the Race Committee that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

The conduct of registered support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

17. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

18. ALCOHOL & DRUGS:

No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This regulation is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact: Dee Ann Rogers at drogers@lewistonltd.com

Texas Youth Race Week 2012 Schedule

HOUSTON YACHT CLUB - all Fleets Bemis and Smyth Area F Elimination Championship

Friday, July 6th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration at HYC

Saturday, July 7th

8:30 am - 10:30 am Registration at HYC
10:30 am Skippers/Coaches Meeting
11:15 am Lunch Served
12:00 pm Leave Harbor
1:00 pm First Warning

Sunday, July 8th

11:15 am Lunch Served
12:00 pm Leave Harbor
1:00 pm First Warning
6:00 pm Awards/Dinner at HYC

TEXAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB - Sears Elimination Championship

Monday, July 9th

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration at TCYC
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Mandatory Borrowed Boat Orientation
11:00 a.m. Competitors Briefing
2:00 p.m. First Warning
Awards to follow after racing and boat put-away

Lay Day - all other fleets

TEXAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Tuesday, July 10th

9:00 - 10:30 am Sailor Check-in & Registration at TCYC
10:30 am Competitors Meeting
11:15 am Lunch Served
12:00 pm Leave Harbor
1:00 pm First Warning

Wednesday, July 11th

11:15 am Lunch Served
12:00 pm Leave Harbor
1:00 pm First Warning
6:00 pm Awards/Dinner at TCYC

LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB - Venue Sailed out of TEXAS CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Thursday, July 12th

9:00 - 10:30 am Sailor Check-in & Registration at TCYC
10:30 am Competitors Meeting
11:15 am Lunch Served
12:00 pm Leave Harbor
1:00 pm First Warning

Friday, July 13th

11:15 am Lunch Served
12:00 pm Leave Harbor
1:00 pm First Warning
6:00 pm Awards/Dinner at LYC

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11 RACES

Schedule changed to read the Warning Signal for each race day will be 1300.

15 SAFETY

- Transit from HYC to TCYC wording is changed to read:

All sailors and coaches must wear a properly fastened PFD while sailing or towing to TCYC.

- Life Jacket rule changed to read:

All coaches and safety boats are required to wear a PFD on the water at all times.

- Bow lines rule is changed to read:

Lasers may use their mainsheet as a bow line.