

2013 USODA Texas Youth Race Week Championship
A US Sailing Junior Olympic Event

July 15th-21st

Hosted by LYC, TCYC & HYC

NOTICE OF RACE

May 20,2013

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

The regatta will be organized by **Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC)**, **Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC)** and **Houston Yacht Club (HYC)** in conjunction with U.S. Sailing Junior Olympic Events and the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016)*.
- 1.2. "Conditions for USODA Events", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at 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, HYC**, and the Cities of Seabrook, **Kemah and LaPorte**.
- 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 racing rules.
 - a. Rule 61 will be changed as follows: The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the boom in a manner that conceals it until displayed. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted, and the following new rule is added to rule 61:

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, call the race committee's attention to her displayed red flag and inform the race committee of the sail number of the boat she is protesting.

b. 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.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.2.1 and Table 1 to Event Advertising only.
- 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 may enter by completing registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 3.2. All competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and Optimist sailors must have been born on or after January 1, 1997. 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. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at usoda@usoda.org.

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

4. Registration; Entry Fees

- 4.1. The Registration fee is \$195 Registration shall be done online only. Competitors shall have completed all parts of the online registration form together with all fees paid, by July 14, 2013. An additional late entry fee of US \$50 (\$180 total) shall be paid for late registrations completed July 5 thru July 10 . An additional very late entry fee of US \$ 75 (\$205 total) shall be paid for late registrations completed July 11 through 7 PM EST July 14.
- 4.2. Registration must be done on-line. Optimists, for the TCYC & HYC Venues, register at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. *For the LYC Venue, Green Fleet - Fleet Race register at: www.regattanetwork.com. For the LYC Venue Team Race Event, July 16-17 - register at www.regattanetwork.com. The fee will be \$65 per sailor* The fee will be \$65/sailor and same dates listed above apply. Lasers and 420's register at 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 Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA or Regatta Network websites, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. Additional information can be found at www.texasyouthraceweek.com.
- 4.3. Registration will be closed July 14th at 7PM EST.

5. Format of the Regatta

There will be an Optimist Championship fleet that will race as a single division during the TCYC and HYC venues. The LYC venue will be a team race event. **Please see additional NOR for Team Racing on the Texas Youth Race Week Website.** There will be fleet racing for Green fleet at all three venues. There will be fleet racing for Lasers and 420's for all three venues. As a part of Texas Youth Race Week, we will race Area F Qualifiers. The Sears Cup Area F Qualifier will be held at TCYC, July 15th. The Bemis and Smyth Area F Qualifiers will be held at HYC July 20-21st. Additional information can be found at www.texasyouthraceweek.com .

6. **Schedule - Fleet Racing Only** – [Please see additional NOR for Optimist Team Racing at LYC for Schedule, posted on TYRW website.]

7. **Monday, July 15** Sears Cup Qualifier
5-6:30 pm Check-in LYC

- Tuesday, July 16** 1000-1100 Sailor check-in @ LYC
1100 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting
1130 Lunch onshore
1200 Leave Harbor
1300 First Warning
Racing to Follow

- Wednesday, July 17**
1100 Lunch onshore

1200 Leave Harbor
1300 First Warning
Racing to Follow
After racing Awards and Dinner

Thursday, July 18

1000-1100 Sailor check-in @ TCYC
1100 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting
1130 Lunch onshore
1200 Leave Harbor
1300 First Warning
Racing to Follow

Friday, July 19

1100 Lunch onshore
1200 Leave Harbor
1300 First Warning
Racing to Follow
After racing Awards and Dinner

Saturday, July 20

1000-1100 Sailor check-in @ HYC
1100 Skippers, Coaches and Parents Meeting
1130 Lunch onshore
1200 Leave Harbor
1300 First Warning
Racing to Follow

Sunday, July 21

1100 Lunch onshore
1200 Leave Harbor
1300 First Warning
Racing to Follow
After racing Awards and Dinner

The Green Fleet 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.

8. Measurement

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Each competitor will be required to sign a statement attesting that any previously measured or stamped equipment and or sail has not been modified since the date it was measured. IODA Class legal equipment

that has not been measured and stamped may be used subject to individual or random inspection by the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.

- 8.3. Each competitor shall submit an acceptable Safety Self-Certification Form during the regatta site check-in. These Forms shall inform the Race Committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 8.4. 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.

9. Sailing Instructions

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

- 10. Venue** The racing area will be **Galveston Bay**

11. The Course

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 12.3. When fewer than six (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (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. 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.

13. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line

- 13.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and it's US Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or for international sailors only, a PFD 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, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 13.2. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 13.3. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

14. Safety and Adult Responsibility

- 14.1. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each 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.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.

15. Coaches and Support boats

- 15.1. 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.)

- 15.2. 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 and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.3. 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.

16. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall: 1st through 5th
Red Fleet: 1st through 5th
Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th
White Fleet: 1st through 5th
Top girl: 1st through 3rd
Laser Radial: 1st through 5th
Laser 4.7: 1st through 5th
420: 1st through 5th

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.

17. Qualification for Future Events

This regatta is a 2014 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets at the TCYC & HYC Venues, may receive invitations to compete in the 2014 USODA Team Trials.

18. 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. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, according to NOR 4.2.

19. Further Information

For additional information please contact: **Dee Ann Rogers**; drogers@lewistonltd.com; 713-857-9556