



2018 Texas Youth Race Week

July 5-8

(Race Days: July 6-8)

Also a U.S. Sailing Junior Olympic Regatta

Hosted by Texas Corinthian Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the “USODA”), *collectively* known as the organizing authority (OA). The Laser, i420, c420, and Feva regattas will be organized by 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* (RRS).
- 1.2. “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships” will apply and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors and all *Support Persons*, as defined by RRS, 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, TCYC and the City of Kemah.
- 1.3. The following applies to RRS 61:
 - (a) The third sentence of RRS 61.1(a) is deleted.
 - (b) RRS 61.1(a)(2) shall not apply. The red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor’s clothing or personal flotation device (PFD) and shall be capable of being concealed and being conspicuously displayed at arm’s length.
 - (c) The following new rule is added:

“61.5 Informing the Race Committee (RC)

In addition to meeting the requirements of RRS 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 RC finish vessel of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.”
- 1.4. **Appendix P** will apply. The title of RRS P2.2, “Second Penalty”, is changed to “Second and Subsequent Penalties.” At the end of the first sentence, add, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the RC finish vessel that she is retiring.” RRS P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.5. A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, or for international competitors only, a PFD approved by their country’s corresponding national authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor’s weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and



inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to an including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies, Lasers, i420s, c420s and Fevas may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees. In addition, all Optimist Dinghies shall complete the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and Sailor Code of Conduct.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, July 6, 2018.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be members of their respective National Class Association (NCA), such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2003. The OA may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Competitors who are not USODA members are invited to join the USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs need to email usoda@usoda.org for login ID and password.
- 3.4. Membership in U.S. Sailing is required for each competitor. 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>.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration. Optimist register at www.usoda.org. For Lasers, i420s, c420s, and Fevas register at www.regattanetwork.com
 - a) The entry fee is U.S. \$90 if paid by June 26, 2018.
 - b) A late fee of U.S. \$30 (\$120 total) shall be paid for registrations completed June 27, 2018 through 12:00 PM CDT July 3, 2018.
 - 4.2. Optimist Registration must be done on-line at 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 of the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the entry list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
 - 4.3. Laser, i420, c420, and Feva registration must be done on-line 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 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. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another event.**
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- 4.4. Registration will be closed Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 12:00 PM CDT.
- 4.5. Requests to register after the online registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

The optimist regatta will be fleet racing. The Championship fleet will race as a single division. There will be a Green Fleet if at least five (5) boats are registered. The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.

- 5.1. The Laser: Full, Radial, and 4.7, i420, c420, and Feva fleets will be fleet racing, and will have one line with three or more fleets, to be announced. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist and Sailor Code of Conduct are required to complete Check-In.

- 6.2. Lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.

- 6.3. Program and Schedule

Thursday, July 5

1600-1800 Competitor Check-In and Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration

Friday, July 6

0930-1030 Competitor Check-In and Support (Coach/Spectator) Vessel Flag Registration

1045 Coaches' Meeting

1100 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting

1130 Lunch Onshore

1200 Harbor Start

1300 First Warning Signal

Saturday, July 7

1100 Coaches' Meeting

1130 Lunch Onshore

1200 Harbor Start

1300 First Warning Signal

Sunday, July 8

1100 Coaches' Meeting

1130 Lunch Onshore

1200 Harbor Start

1300 First Warning Signal

After Racing Awards Ceremony & Competitors 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.



6.4. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.

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 written or verbal approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 7.2. Each optimist competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form during the regatta site Check-In. This form shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and/or protest committee reserves the right to inspect or measure equipment and/or sails at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing instructions (SI) may be available online. Final official SI may be available onsite at Check-In upon request but will be posted on the USODA website.

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be on Galveston Bay.
- 9.2. All Optimist boats shall be kept in the assigned area located at the TCYC. All boats other than optimists MAY be kept at LYC, TCYC, or HYC.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the SI.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the SI.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. The number of boats **entered** in the series will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor Check-In at the regatta venue as referenced in NOR 6.1. This change is added as the first sentence to RRS A2 and A4.2.
- 12.3. One (1) completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 12.4. Scoring based on number of races completed:
- 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 five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5. While finishes for each race and progress may be tracked, Green Fleet will not be scored.

13. SAFETY



- 13.1. Each competitor shall submit a completed USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist during the regatta site Check-In. This checklist shall inform the RC that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 13.2. Boats may be subject to a safety inspection at any time during the regatta.
- 13.3. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.
- 13.4. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of the painter.

14. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1. In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility 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.
- 14.3. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.4. 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. SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

- 15.1. The OA strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the race course throughout the regatta.
- 15.2. One coach vessel for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach vessels.)
- 15.3. All support vessels shall register during Check-In hours (see NOR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the OA while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.
- 15.4. Each support vessel 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.
- 15.5. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support vessels, and all other vessels will be governed by the SI and RRS.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Prizes will be given in the Laser, c420, i420, and Feva as follows:

Overall: 1st through 3rd place (or 5th if more than 25 boats)

Top Girl: 1st place



Championship Fleet (depth will increase if over 80 competitors are registered by 1st deadline)

Overall: 1st through 5th

Red Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Blue Fleet: 1st through 3rd

White Fleet: 1st through 3rd

Top girl: 1st through 3rd

Green Fleet - Participation awards for all green fleet competitors.

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

17. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2019 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of Championship Fleet team trials eligible competitors, as defined by the USODA, including ties, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2019 Optimist Team Trials.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 18.2. The OA including the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the GLSS and USODA, and all those involved in these organizations 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: (USODA) Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

Registration: (Laser, c420, i420, Feva): Dee Rogers, drogers@lewistonltd.com

Regatta Chair: Marjorie Crawford, mcrawford5@gmail.com

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OA- Organizing Authority

RC- Race Committee



SI- Sailing Instructions
NOR- Notice of Race