



## LASER CLASS GULF COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN LASER STANDARD, RADIAL & 4.7

October 3-4, 2020

**Texas Corinthian Yacht Club**

Kemah, Texas

**NOTICE OF RACE**

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### HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- **TCYC WOULD LIKE TO REMIND COMPETITORS ABOUT RULE 4, DECISION TO RACE.**
- All CDC, The State of Texas, Chambers County and Galveston County guidelines / restrictions in effect will be strictly followed.
- **DUE TO COVID-19, THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE.**  
If cancellation becomes necessary, entry fee refunds will be processed.
- The Official Notice Board, and all scores, will be posted on-line.
- We will monitor and evaluate the weather and will communicate to the fleet via email.
- **ONLY 50 BOATS WILL BE ALLOWED TO LAUNCH FROM THE TCYC LAWN. RESERVATIONS TO LAUNCH MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE ON-LINE REGISTRATION.**
- **If you are a local boat, PLEASE consider sailing out of your club each day, to allow out of town boats to launch from TCYC.**
- **Individual stalls will be marked out on the front lawn of TCYC. Competitors will be assigned a stall. Please be mindful of your gear and of others and remain inside your designated stall.**
- Staggered launch times may be implemented. Social distancing measures will be enforced.
- **The TCYC clubhouse and pool will be closed to non-members. No exceptions.**
- **TCYC is limiting the visitors at the club to ONE support person per competitor.**
- **The host club kindly requests competitors to vacate the venue within an hour of returning to shore to insure adequate social distancing**
- The mandatory wearing of gators, buffs or masks at all times while on TCYC property and the TCYC pier, as well as respecting social distancing practices, is greatly appreciated by the membership and staff of TCYC.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer.
- **No community water jugs will be provided on or off the water.** Please bring your own source of water.
- **No food will be provided.**
- It is critical to be mindful of how you feel, and, particularly when ANY of the potential COVID-19 symptoms are present, to please stay home.

*Note: [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## **I. RULES**

1.1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) and will be sailed under the management of the TCYC Race Committee. The regatta will be governed by the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association-North American region (ILCA-NA), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The regatta will conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the respective Class Rules.

1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

1.4 Appendix V1 and V2 shall be in effect.

1.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

1.6 Due to COVID-19, protest hearings will be on the water using Three-Minute Justice. There shall be no redress for OCS. This changes RRS 62, and the recommendations of Appendix M.

1.7 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

1.8 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions

## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

2.1 This regatta is open to all members of the ILCA-NA, or their National Laser Class Association.

2.2 Laser Full Rig (open), Radial Rig (open), and Laser 4.7 (open) must have a minimum of 5 entries to have a dedicated start.

## **3. ENTRY FEES & WAIVERS**

3.1 Entries for this regatta will not be limited, however, boats launching from TCYC will be strictly limited to 50, based on a first-come, first-served policy. TCYC politely asks if Galveston Bay sailors would please consider launching from their home-clubs in order to allow for more out-of-town boats to attend.

3.2 Entry fees must be paid in advance, on-line at:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=21256](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=21256)

3.3 Entries for all classes received by 1200 (noon), September 25, 2020 will qualify for the early entry fee of \$50.00 per sailor. A late fee of \$20 will be added for all entries received after 1200 (noon) September 25, 2020. Registration will close at 1200 (noon) on Friday, October 2, 2020.

3.4 There is no fee for coaches, but coaches must register on-line, as well. Due to COVID-19, there is a max limit of ten (10) coach boats allowed to be tied up over-night at the TCYC pier.

3.5 To be considered entered for the event, competitors must pay all registration fees, complete the on-line COVID-19 Disclaimer, Liability Waiver, as well as the Medical Consent (for minors only). It is up to the competitors to make sure their entry is completed before racing begins.

#### 4. REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

4.1 There will be no on-site registration or check-in for competitors and coaches. This is a touchless regatta. No paperwork will be accepted or handed out at the venue.

4.2 A competitors meeting will be held, via ZOOM conference call: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328129321>, **Friday, October 2, at 18:30**. It will be recorded and posted to the event website. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21256>

4.3 Official check-in will take place on the water. All competitors shall check-in with the Race Committee before racing begins each day.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

Friday	October 2, 2020		Out-of-town boat drop off, waterfront lawn
		1830	Competitor's Meeting via Zoom conference call
Saturday	October 3, 2020	1000	Harbor Start
		1100	First warning signal; additional races to follow
Sunday	October 4, 2020	0930	Harbor Start
		1030	First warning signal; additional races to follow
		1530	No warning signal made after this time

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#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line by Monday, September 28, 2020 at: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21256#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21256#_home)

#### 7. VENUE

The racing will be conducted in the lovely brown waters of Galveston Bay, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  NM from the TCYC pier.

#### 8. COURSES

Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and will include windward/leeward and trapezoid courses.

#### 9. SCORING

9.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled. Two (2) races shall constitute a regatta.

9.2 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if more than five (5) races have been completed.

## **10. SAFETY & SUPPORT BOATS**

10.1 All competitors shall wear a PFD, at all times, while on the water, except for brief periods of adding or removing clothing. 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. A thin pinnie may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging on rigging.

10.2 Due to COVID-19, it is strongly suggested that each competitor have a support person on the water during racing.

10.3 All coach and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel 72 and shall assist the Race Committee if requested. IF this channel changes, coaches will be notified via email provided from their on-line registration.

## **11. DISCIPLINE**

All competitors, coaches and spectators are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event, including respecting the temporary TCYC COVID-19 rules.

## **12. AWARDS**

12.1 The top three (3) boats in each class and top female in the laser radial class shall receive awards.

12.2 There will be no post-racing awards presentation. Due to COVID-19, awards will be mailed to the winners after the event has been concluded.

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The TCYC and organizers will not be liable for material damage, loss, death, personal injury, or sickness in conjunction with the event.

## **14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Regatta Chair:** Malinda Crain 713-254-6451, [mrcrain@gmail.com](mailto:mrcrain@gmail.com)

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**NOTE:** Please be aware there is major highway construction on Hwy 146 between TCYC and Kemah.