

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE GRAPEVINE SILLY STRING REGATTA and 2021 TEXAS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Grapevine Sailing Club
2500 Oak Grove Loop
Texas 76051

May 8 - 9, 2021

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 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 rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6 The organizing authority is Grapevine Sailing Club.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Standard, 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 Optimists are sailed in four fleets:
 - 2.3.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - 2.3.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - 2.3.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - 2.3.4 Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15
- 2.4 For Optimist White, Blue and Red fleets, the 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 the Red fleet through 12/31 of that year.

3. TEXAS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP:

This regatta has been designated by the Texas Sailing Association as the "2021 Texas Girls Championship" for the Laser Full, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Opti White, Blue, Red and 420 Classes.

Sailors will race their regular class and all female sailors will be scored both their overall class and for the Texas Girls Championship based on overall finish.

In the 420 Class, to be scored for the Texas 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 requirements in section 2.1 and the next paragraph.

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 State Championship.

4. ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is \$65 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. **A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for registrations after Friday, April 30th, at midnight (CDT)** - one (1) week prior to the Saturday of the regatta. Same day registrations will not be processed this year, and all registrations must be done online to reduce interactions between volunteers and competitors.

The entry fee includes one (1) regatta souvenir and the following meals for each sailor: light breakfast and grab-and-go lunch on Saturday; and light breakfast and box lunch on Sunday. There will be no Saturday evening meal offered this year.

Breakfast and Lunch meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20. Extra meal tickets must be purchased online and prior to arrival at the regatta.

Registration payments must be made online by credit card.

Late registrations may forfeit the regatta souvenir. There are also a limited number of additional giveaways that will be distributed on a first-registered, first-served basis.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1 Pre-Registration is required and may be completed online at <http://www.tx sail.org/>. **Registration is expected to open no later than April 25th, 2021.** Sailors should monitor the TSA Facebook page and TSA website for information regarding the start of registration.
- 5.2 **Registration for the regatta will end at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7th, before the regatta.** Payment must be made by this time or the registration will be considered void.
- 5.3 Check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, May 8th, 2021, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 AM at Silly String Regatta event tent by the launch site. All sailors are **required to check in** by 9:15 AM on Saturday at the registration table.
- 5.4 Prior to registration, complete the 2021 TSA Participation Waiver and Emergency Contacts ONCE for all 2021 events. This form includes a **Liability Release Agreement** and **Medical Consent Form** which enables other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE:

- 6.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If five or more races are completed, there will be one throw out

race for scoring purposes. If ten or more races are completed there will be one additional throw out – two total – for scoring purposes.

6.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, May 7th

16:00-20:30 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, May 8th

08:00-09:15 Registration at the Silly String Regatta event tent
08:00-09:15 Breakfast and lunch will be available for pickup during registration
09:30 Skipper's Meeting at the event tent (Attendance Mandatory)
10:30 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races Lunch will be eaten on the water. Race Committee may, at their discretion, direct the Green Fleet to eat lunch ashore.

Sunday, May 9th

08:00-09:00 Breakfast will be available for pickup at the event tent
10:00 Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Approx. 2:00 Lunch will be available for pickup at the event tent

6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 13:30 on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday of the regatta at the event tent is mandatory.

6.5 In the event of inclement weather, all activities scheduled at the tent will move to the marina clubroom, between the marina office and Big Daddy's restaurant.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be provided ONLINE at the TSA Website (<http://www.txsail.org/>) and posted on the Notice Board.

8. VENUE:

Races will be conducted on the waters of Grapevine Lake, Texas.

9. COURSES:

All fleets will typically sail windward/leeward, triangle, box, or Olympic-style courses. The location of courses will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting,

10. 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.

Sailors of double-handed class boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as a "S-Curve" tool or harness webbing cutter.

Scott's Landing COVID-19 Information: Please follow all current COVID-19 procedures for Scott's Landing. ALL PERSONS INVOLVED WITH, VISITING, AND COMPETING IN THE REGATTA ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS WHENEVER PHYSICAL DISTANCING IS NOT

POSSIBLE. THIS INCLUDES WHILE ON THE DOCK, WHILE IN THE CLUBROOM OR OFFICE, WHILE USING THE RESTROOMS, AND WALKING OUT TO THE MARINA.

All competitors and visitors are asked to review the COVID-19 Guidelines in the Addendum included with this Notice of Race (NOR).

11. DISCIPLINE:

- 11.1** 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.
- 11.2** 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 RRS 69.
- 11.3** Hearings related to 12.1 and 12.2 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.

12. TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

Trophies will be awarded for all TSA classes. The number of trophies presented will be determined by the number of entries in each fleet. Participation awards will be given to all Green Fleet sailors.

In addition, a Texas Girls Championship trophy will be awarded to the top female finisher for all classes that meet requirements in section 3.0 of the NOR.

A separate Texas Girls Championship trophy will be awarded to the top female skipper and top female crew for the double-handed class so long as each meets requirements in section 3.0 of the NOR. The winners for skipper and crew do not need to be in the same boat.

- 13. GREEN-REGATTA GOALS:** Silly String Regatta is proud to partner with Sailors for the Sea in promoting green and sustainable practices at our youth regatta. We invite everyone to help us in this effort. We are asking all sailors and family members to use refillable water bottles.
- 14. LODGING:** Grapevine Sailing 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.

15. **DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** Scott's Landing Marina is located at 2500 Oak Grove Park Loop, Grapevine, TX 76051.
16. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact Silly String Regatta Co-Chairs, Charlotte Sasek (832-315-7413) or Andrea Pfarrer (937-572-0940) via phone/text or email at sailgrapevine@gmail.com.

ADDENDUM COVID-19 Guidelines

Social/Physical Distancing

- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people outside your household while on club property or at club events.
- Limits on the size and location of group activities, gatherings, and events will be determined by the Commodore, in compliance with government guidelines and restrictions, and will be communicated to members and employees.
- Members, guests, and employees should avoid enclosed places where distancing is not possible.
- Club members and employees should respect the social distancing needs of others.

Hygiene

- Individuals should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after they have been in a public place, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing, or using the bathroom.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use self-provided hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid physical contact (including hand shaking, hugging, sharing food or utensils) with persons outside your family.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, if possible, or cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- Members, guests, and employees should wear face masks when physical distancing is not possible.

Symptoms, Suspected COVID-19 Infection, or a Positive Test for COVID-19

- Members and guests must not come onto club property or attend club events if they are experiencing any communicable illness or any symptoms of COVID-19, as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A current list of COVID-19 symptoms is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
- Promptly notify club leadership and those with whom you had contact while at the club or attending club events if you test positive for COVID-19 or experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of being on club property or attending an event at the club. Individuals who should be notified are those with whom you had contact within 48 hours of taking the COVID-19 test or experiencing symptoms.
- Any individual who (i) has symptoms of, (ii) suspects he or she may have COVID-19, or (iii) tests positive for COVID-19 must not come onto club property or attend club events until the individual has completed all of the CDC's requirements to be around others. These requirements are set out on the CDC website at "When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19," which is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>.