

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

### THE 2021 ROADRUNNER REGATTA

and

### 2021 TEXAS JUNIOR LASER CHAMPIONSHIP

and

### U.S. JUNIOR SAILING AREA F SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP (SMYTHE QUALIFIER)

Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734

Jun 5-6, 2021

**Amended June 3, 2021 - 9.6**

**Amended June 4, 2021 - 5.4**

#### 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. Membership in a class organization is not required
- 1.4. 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. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply, as modified in 17.8.
- 1.7. Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board, on Regatta Network.

#### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least two hours before the first race of each day, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted by 19:00 on the day before they take effect.
- 3.2. For the Green Fleet only, oral changes may be made by the Race Committee on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Club.
- 4.2. Code Flag “AP” with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of “AP”, accompanied by one signal. This modifies “Race Signals”.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

- 5.1. Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled.
- 5.2. Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta and a Texas Junior Laser Championship Regatta.
- 5.3. Completion of three (3) races is required to complete the Smythe Qualifier.
- 5.4. Schedule:

**Friday, Jun 4, 2021**

- 1000-1930 Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.
- 1800-1930 Competitor Check-In and Support Boat Registration

**Saturday, Jun 5, 2021**

- 0800-0900 Breakfast and Registration
- 0930 Skipper’s Meeting [on Zoom – link on Notice Board on Regatta Network on the AYC Clubhouse Patio](#)
- 1100 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow  
Lunch on the water

**Sunday, Jun 6, 2021**

- 0730-0900 Breakfast
- 1000 Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow  
Lunch on the water
- 1400 No first warning signal after this time
- After Racing Awards ceremony

**6. CLASS FLAGS:**

The following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:

**Optimist Green Racing Area:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
Optimist Green	Opti Green Class Flag

**Optimist RWB Racing Area:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
Optimist Red, Blue and White Fleets	Opti Class Flag

**Other Racing Area(s):**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
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Laser Standard Rig  
 Laser Radial  
 Laser 4.7

Numerical Flag 1  
 Numerical Flag 2  
 Numerical Flag 3

**7. RACING AREAS:**

Three (3) racing areas will be set, one each for use by Optimist GREEN fleet, Optimist RWB fleet, and one for all others. The location of the racing areas will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting.

**8. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:**

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

**9. RACE COURSES:**

- 9.1. There may be five types of race courses as follows: "W" (windward/leeward) – windward, leeward, windward to finish; "T" (triangle) – windward, reach, reach, windward to finish; "O" (Olympic) – windward, reach, reach, windward, leeward, windward to finish; or "L" (leeward start and finish) – windward, leeward to finish; "B" (Box) – reach finish. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "T", "W" or "L"
- 9.2. For courses L1 and L2, the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.
- 9.3. Course L2 includes a leeward gate.
- 9.4. For courses W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg.
- 9.5. For the Laser and Double-Handed fleets during the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored points equal to DNF, unless they properly unwind.
- 9.6. The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded. **Course diagrams are amended such that all finish flags will be orange, not blue.**

	<b>Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish</b>	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	W	Start – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W2	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – Finish
	W3	Start – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 – 1* – 2 Finish

\* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)

**Course T – Triangle, Windward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

**Course O (Olympic) – Triangle, Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

**Course L (Leeward Finish) – Windward, Leeward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L	Start – 1* – Finish

\* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)

**Course L2 (Leeward Gate/Finish) – Windward, Leeward Gate – Windward - Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

\* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)

**Course B – Box, Reach Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
B	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

**11. MARKS:**

11.1. For the Opti Green Fleet, marks will be colored hippity-hops.

- 11.2. For the Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet, course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons, starting and finishing marks will be white buoys.
- 11.3. For the Laser and 420 Fleets, the marks will be orange tetrahedrons, starting and finishing marks will be white buoys.
- 11.4. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

**12. THE START:**

- 12.1. For all fleets, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 12.3. A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

**13. RECALLS:**

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

**14. THE FINISH:**

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

**15. ON THE WATER JUDGES FOR RULE 42.**

On-water Rule 42 Judge vessels will display a Judge flag.

**16. TIME LIMIT:**

- 16.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 16.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored TLE. TLE will be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but no more than a score of DNF.
- 16.3. At its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place, and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 and 35.
- 16.4. A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 32.

**17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

- 17.1. A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.

- 17.2. An Optimist boat intending to protest must fly a protest flag in accordance with 61.1(a). This deletes Rule 61.1(a) (2).
- 17.3. Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within sixty (60) minutes after the Signal Boat from the Competitors' race course docks.
- 17.4. The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will attempt to be posted on the official notice board within ten (10) minutes of – but no later than thirty (30) minutes after – the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 17.5. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 19, 20 and 21. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than Rules Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 17.6. Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used.
- 17.7. The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.
- 17.8. Appendix P, Special Procedure for Rule 42, will apply to all fleets except Opti Green. However, P2.1 will apply for all penalties. P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 17.9. For the Smythe Qualifier and the Laser Radial Fleet: Rule 65.2 **INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS** is changed as follows:

A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the PC no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The PC shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the PC.

- 17.10. For the Bemis Qualifier and c420 fleet: Rule 66 **REOPENING A HEARING** is changed as follows:

66.1 When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the PC shall, if possible, be members of the original PC and include at least one National Judge.

66.2 Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening:

A) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may also request an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the PC made or the nature of the significant new evidence within a reasonable time. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the PC, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as the chairman of the PC, shall be sent by e-mail to [championships@ussailing.org](mailto:championships@ussailing.org) and the US Sailing Junior Championships Chair, [swmadero@aol.com](mailto:swmadero@aol.com). The hearing shall be reopened when the foregoing information is received by the Director and the Chair.

B) The PC for an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original PC plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the PC's members shall be National or International Judges. The Championship Chair will appoint its chairman.

C) An Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening will be conducted by telephone/VOIP conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for

reopening, the facts found, the decision of the PC, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

D) A decision from an Expedited Area Qualifier Reopening is final.

## **18. COACHING**

**18.1** This is a Grade 1 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy. See <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>.

## **19. SCORING:**

**19.1.** Rule A 2.1 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more, but not ten (10), races are completed. If ten (10) races are completed, her two worst scores will be excluded.

**19.2.** For Optimist Red, White and Blue fleets, the event shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine Red, Blue, and White awards.

**19.3.** For Laser and Double-Handed fleets, the regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position regardless of whether the sailor meets the age requirement of a junior sailor under the *Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions*. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine the finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of junior awards and junior place finish in the regatta. Awards for adult sailors (i.e. those sailors who exceed the junior age eligibility limit) are at the host club's discretion.

## **20. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

**20.1.** Area F will qualify two (2) sailors for the Smythe Single-Handed National Championship. Qualifying Sailors must complete registration, or notify the Area F representative (Jeff Brock [jeffbrock@me.com](mailto:jeffbrock@me.com)) of their intention to compete, within 72 hours of the conclusion of the regatta or their spots will be transferred to the next qualifying team.

## **21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:**

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

## **22. SAFETY:**

**22.1.** 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 may wear a sailing pinnie over buoyancy devices.

**22.2.** A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.

**22.3.** Sailors of Double-Handed fleet boats are encouraged, but not required, to carry an emergency safety line cutter, such as an "S-Cutter" tool or harness webbing cutter.



**23. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:**

- 23.1.** Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.
- 23.2.** Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 23.3.** All support boats and coaches are reminded to wear a safety kill-switch lanyard in accordance with the September 2019 Texas state law, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water.
- 23.4.** Optimist Green Fleet: Notwithstanding 21.1, coaching of Green Fleet Optimist skippers while racing is permitted; however, coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Coaches shall provide fair and consistent support to all competitors, not just to their team or sailor.

**24. PRIZES:**

The Green Fleet will not be ranked, and all participants will be recognized. All other fleets will be awarded trophies for the top three finishers. In addition, the overall Opti, and overall first Opti Girl, will be recognized.

**25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For Further information please contact

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Above all, HAVE FUN!