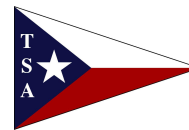


**NOTICE OF RACE  
TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA**



**THE SEAHORSE REGATTA  
November 12-13, 2022**



**Bay Access Sailing Foundation and Lakewood Yacht Club  
2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive, Seabrook, TX 77586  
Organizing Authority: Bay Access Sailing Foundation**

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**Rev. 1 changes in RED**

The notation [DP] in a rule in the sailing instruction means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the sailing instructions means that instruction is not grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 64.2.

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.tx sail.org/> . A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 The rules for all classes are modified so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4 A competitor must notify the Race Committee (RC) of their intent to protest another boat, at the finish line, before talking to a coach or a parent. If this instruction is not followed, the protest will be found to be invalid. This is in addition to and modifies the requirements of class rules and RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.

**2. ADVERTISING:**

- 2.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**3. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, ILCA 4, 6, and 7, Open Skiff, and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate, I-420) classes. All classes are "bring your own boat". A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.
- 3.2 The regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty (20) years old and who do not turn twenty (20) years of age during this calendar year.
- 3.3 Optimists are sailed in four (4) fleets:
  - 3.3.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through December 31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
  - 3.3.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under
  - 3.3.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
  - 3.3.4 Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15

3.4 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 Red fleet through December 31 of that year.

#### 4. TEXAS STATE OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

4.1 Per Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions section 5.5, this regatta has been designated as the Texas State Optimist Championship. The top cumulative point's scorer (no discarded races) for the combined Red/White/Blue Optimist fleet who is a Texas resident shall be named the Texas State Optimist Champion.

#### 5. ENTRY FEE:

5.1 The entry fee is \$85 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for registrations after Friday at midnight one (1) week prior to the Saturday of the regatta.

5.2 The entry fee includes one regatta swag, breakfast and lunch for each sailor on race days as well as the TSA End of Year Banquet on Saturday after racing. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$30 at registration or at check-in on Saturday morning.

#### 6. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

6.1 Early Registration is encouraged and may be completed online at <http://www.tx sail.org/>.

6.2 All sailors are required to check in on-site. Check-in at the regatta will be conducted at the registration table on Saturday, November 12 at the Seahorse Youth Sailing Center.

6.3 Execution of a Liability Release Agreement as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed Medical Consent Form to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.

#### 7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change):

7.1 Six (6) or more races are scheduled.

7.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

##### **Friday, November 11**

12:00-21:00 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

##### **Saturday, November 12**

08:00-09:30 Breakfast

08:00-09:00 Check-in at the Seahorse Youth Sailing Center

09:30 Competitors' Meeting at the Seahorse Center (Attendance Mandatory)

10:30 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

18:00 TSA End of Year Awards Banquet ~~in the LYC Ballroom~~ **by the LYC pool**

##### **Sunday, November 13**

07:30-08:30 Breakfast

09:30 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

7.3 No initial warning signal for a race will be given after 14:00 on Sunday.

#### 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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

#### 9. VENUE:

9.1 Races will be conducted on the waters of Galveston Bay weather permitting. If conditions are not favorable for racing on Galveston Bay, races may be conducted on Clear Lake. Optimist Green Fleet races will be conducted on Clear Lake.

9.2 [DP] When racing on Galveston Bay, all boats shall proceed through the Clear Lake Channel on a tow line with a coach or support boat.

**9.3 Exceptions to the tow requirement may be made by prior arrangement only directly with the Regatta Chair, Marie Wise, at 713-419-5329**

## 10. COURSES:

10.1 Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may include windward/leeward, triangle, box, or Olympic-style courses.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM:

11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 12. SCORING:

12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

12.1.1 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a regatta.

12.1.2 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.1.3 When ten (10) 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.

12.1.4 The Texas State Optimist Championship determination shall be made with no races discarded as per NOR Section 4.

## 13. SAFETY:

**13.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 is in effect so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD. This changes RRS 64.2.**

13.2 Support Boats (including coaches and parents) (support boats) shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.

13.3 [DP] All support boats that are required by Texas state law, must wear a safety kill-switch lanyard, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a support boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with or is not using a kill switch, the support boat may be subject to protest.

## 14. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

14.1 Sailing is an activity with inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE. The race organizers (Bay Access, Lakewood Yacht Club, the LYC race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta until such time as they leave the venue for home of the airport.

**15. MISCONDUCT AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

15.1 All competitors and support persons (including coaches and parents) are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

**15.2 Prohibited Substances**

15.2.1 Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 B and 10.03 C, for Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any Texas Sailing Association Junior event, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. Marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; 2. Any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale.

15.2.2 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). If a competitor is found to have breached one of these elements, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, be removed from the regatta venue and sent home. When a competitor withdraws from part of an event, the scores of all completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding or subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

15.2.3 Hearings related to NOR 15.1 and 15.2 will be held 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 hearing process.

**16. TROPHY PRESENTATION:**

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

16.2 Awards will be presented for this event as well as the overall 2022 TSA Youth Circuit.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

17.1 For further information please contact Marie Wise at 713-419-5329 or [sailmom@gmail.com](mailto:sailmom@gmail.com).