

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE PAYC Preliminary Youth REGATTA

Port Arthur Yacht Club, 410 Pleasure Island Blvd.,
Port Arthur, Texas 77642
Texas (Organizing Authority)

March 4th and 5th, 2023

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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.txsail.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:

[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, FJ or other double handed boat as designated by the host club) 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. ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is \$65 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. The entry fee includes one Beanie and the following meals for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20. Make all registration checks payable to PAYC.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online at <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 5.2 Registration for the regatta will end at 12:00 (noon) on Wednesday, March 1st 2023, before the regatta. Late registration may be accepted by the OA at their discretion; however, meals and/or regatta giveaways may not be available to late registrants.
- 5.3 All sailors are required to check in on-site, even if the sailor pre-registered, Registration and Check-in at the regatta will be conducted at the registration table on Saturday, March 4th, 2023, between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse.
- 5.4 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.

6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change):

- 6.1 Six (6) or more races are scheduled.
- 6.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, March 3rd

17:00-22:00 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, March 4th

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| 08:00-09:30 | Breakfast |
| 08:00-09:00 | Check-in at the Clubhouse |
| 09:30 | Competitors' Meeting at the Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory) |
| 10:30 | Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow |
| Between Races | Lunch will be served on the water |
| 18:00 | Dinner |

Sunday, March 5th

07:30-09:00

Breakfast

09:30

Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

- 6.3** No initial warning signal for a race will be given after 13:30 on Sunday.
- 6.4** Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 09:30 a.m. on Saturday of the regatta at the Clubhouse is mandatory.

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 Sabine Lake.

9. COURSES:

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

10. SCORING:

11.1 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.

11.1.2 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.

11.1.3 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.

11. SAFETY:

11.1 [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.

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

11.3 [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.

12. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

13.2 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.

13. MISCONDUCT AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

13.1 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).

13.2 Prohibited Substances

13.2.1 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.

13.2.2 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.

13.2.3 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.

14. 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 to the top third of each Class except for the Green Fleet which will receive participation awards.

15. LODGING:Port Arthur Convention & Visitors Bureau .

16. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: Take Hwy 73 to Port Arthur then continue to Hwy 82, cross Hwy 87 keeping straight on Hwy 82 and cross over the bridge to gain access to Pleasure Island. Once on Pleasure Island at the Stop Sign take a right and go to the next Stop Sign which will be Pleasure Island Blvd. the gate to PAYC will be open at the first cross over take a left and enter the marina and clubhouse grounds.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact Paul Vera, at 409-363-3898 or email vseaturtle@aol.com .