

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE ROCKIN' ROCKPORT REGATTA

Rockport Yacht Club, 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas (Organizing Authority)

June 21 – 22, 2025

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The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) 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 NOR means that instruction is not grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 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. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, ILCA 4, 6, and 7, O’pen Skiff, and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate, I-420, FJ or other double handed boat) classes. All classes are “bring your own boat”. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. ILCA 6 and 7 may be combined into a single start if necessary to meet minimum requirements.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Optimists are sailed in four fleets:
 - 2.3.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through December 31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - 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, 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.

3. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

3.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online at <http://www.txsail.org/>

3.2 Meals and/or giveaways may not be available for late registrants.

3.3 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, June 21, 2025, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

3.4 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.

4. FEES:

4.1 The entry fee is \$65 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. A late fee of \$25 (per boat) will be assessed for registrations after Friday at midnight one (1) week prior to the Saturday of the regatta. Make all registration checks payable to Rockport Yacht Club.

4.2 The entry fee includes one regatta gift and the following meals for each sailor: breakfast and lunch on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meal tickets for the weekend will be available on-site for non-competitors for a charge of \$15; \$10 for children 12 or under. A complimentary welcome social for sailors and their families will be provided by the yacht club on Friday evening.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change):

5.1 Six (6) or more races are scheduled.

5.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, June 20, 2025

1700-2100 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats into secure area (complimentary welcome social for sailors and their families).

Saturday, June 21, 2025

0800-0930 Breakfast
0800-0900 Registration and check-in at the Clubhouse
0930 Competitor's Meeting in the Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)
1000 Boats launched per directions of the Dockmaster from the Club ramp
1100 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races Lunch will be provided to sailors during breakfast to take with them for on the water or at the Clubhouse for Opti Green Fleet sailors and non-participants.

Sunday, June 22, 2025

0730-0900 Breakfast
0900 Coaches/Parents Meeting in the Clubhouse
0930 Boats launched per directions of the Dockmaster from the Club ramp
1030 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

1400
TBD

No first warning signal after this time
The lunch and awards ceremony will be served at the Clubhouse one hour after the last race of the day. Opti Green Fleet ceremony may occur earlier, one hour after their last race of the day.

- 5.3** Attendance at the Competitor's Meeting held at 0930 on Saturday of the regatta at the Clubhouse is mandatory. Attendance at the Coaches/Parents Meeting held at 0900 on Sunday is strongly encouraged.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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

7. VENUE:

Races will be conducted on the waters of Rockport Harbour and Aransas Bay south of Allegro Island, west and north of the Intracoastal Waterway.

8. COURSES:

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

9. SCORING:

- 9.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

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

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

9.1.3 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores excluding his/her two (2) worst scores.

10. SAFETY:

- 10.1** [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.

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

- 10.3** [DP] All Support Persons operating a boat that is 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.

11. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT:

- 11.1** An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 11.2** 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.
- 11.3** The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

12. MISCONDUCT AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:

- 12.1** 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).

12.2 Prohibited Substances

- 12.2.1** Per US SAILING Regulation 10.03B and 10.03C, 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.
- 12.2.2** An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.1. 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 due to a violation of NOR 12, 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.
- 12.2.3** Hearings related to NOR 12 will be held in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M6 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing, the Protest Committee and a Chairperson of the Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit 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.

13. PRIZES:

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

- 13.1** ILCA 4 fleet: 1-3
- 13.2** ILCA 6 fleet: 1-3
- 13.3** ILCA 7 fleet: 1-3
- 13.4** O'pen Skiff: 1-3

- 13.5** 420/Double Handed fleet: 1-3
- 13.6** Laser/Double Handed Outstanding Sailor (Dave Taylor Sportsmanship Award)
- 13.7** Red fleet: 1-3
- 13.8** White fleet: 1-3
- 13.9** Blue fleet: 1-3
- 13.10** Opti overall: 1st place
- 13.11** Opti Outstanding Sailor (Dave Taylor Sportsmanship Award)
- 13.12** Green fleet: Participation medallions
- 14. LODGING:** The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce website (www.rockport-fulton.org) has a list of local hotels and RV facilities.
- 15. BOAT LAUNCHING:** Coaches and Team Leaders should contact the Regatta Chairperson to arrange for receipt and use of a Rockport Beach pass that will provide access to the boat ramp there. The pass will be provided upon arrival.
- 16. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** The Rockport Yacht Club clubhouse is located at 722 Navigation Circle in Rockport. There will be a gated fenced area into which trailers with boats may be parked/stored. No participant vehicles may be left within the fenced area; adequate parking exists outside of this area.
- 17. FURTHER INFORMATION:**
For further information please contact
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