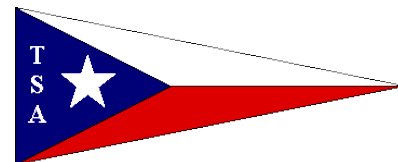


# 2012 ENDLESS SUMMER REGATTA

September 22 & 23, 2012 hosted by

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Flying Junior Class ONLY

#### TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

##### 1. RULES:

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions), these Sailing Instructions, and any other Official Notes posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

**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 altered so that 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 and are identifiable and readable from both sides of the sail. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.

##### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

**2.1** The FJ Class is open to all junior sailors who are in 8<sup>th</sup> or higher grade and who are less than twenty years old and who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year

##### 3. BOATS & EQUIPMENT:

3.1. FJs will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.

3.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

3.3. Competitors shall report all loss or damage to equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Signal Boat on the water or the Race Committee Representative on shore at the first reasonable opportunity.

**4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

##### 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

**5.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first race of each day, except that any change in the Schedule of Races for the warning flag of the first start will be posted before 20:00 hrs the day before the change is to take effect.

**5.2** 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.

##### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

**6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole or yardarm at the Club or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the host club harbor.

**6.2** 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".

##### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

**7.1** Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled.

**7.2** Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta.

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**7.3** Schedule:

Friday, September 21, 2012

All day The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats

Saturday, September 22, 2012

08:00-09:30 Breakfast

08:00-09:30 Registration at SSC Clubhouse

10:00 Skipper's Meeting at the SSC Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)

11:00 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

Between Races Lunch will be served on shore or on the water at the discretion of the race committee

Sunday, September 23, 2011

08:00-09:30 Breakfast

10:00 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

Lunch will be served on shore after the conclusion of the races

**7.4** No warning signal will be given after 14:00 hrs. on Sunday.

**8. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF START OF FIRST RACE:**

Color of class flags will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting on Saturday morning. The order of starts will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**10. RACING AREAS:** At least two racing areas will be set, one for use by Optimist fleets, and one for all others. The location of the racing areas will be announced at the Mandatory Skippers Meeting.

**11. CHECK IN ON THE WATER:** Prior to the first warning signal 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 may result in disqualification.

**12. RACE COURSES:**

**12.1** The Course will be a W4 course as described in appendix A.

**12.2** Marks will be red round buoys.

**12.3** The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) before the first boat begins the leg. The next mark must be in position at that time. No signals shall be made. This changes rule 33.

**13. THE START:**

**13.1** Races shall be started by using a three minute starting sequence.

A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.

**13.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.

**13.3** 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.

**13.4** 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.

**14. 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

**15. THE FINISH:**

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

**16. TIME LIMIT:**

**16.1** The time limit for each race will be 45 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 two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit but in any case no more than a score of DNF; however, 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 & 35.

**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. This changes Rule 61.1.

**17.2** A boat intending to protest must fly a protest flag in accordance with 61.1(a). This changes 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 race committee boat docks.

**17.4** Before any protest is heard, a pre-hearing with one Judge, the Protester and Protestee will be conducted. If these three can unanimously agree on a resolution of the protest within 15 minutes, no protest hearing will be held. If the pre-hearing participants agree that the protested or protesting boat infringed a rule, that boat may take the scoring penalty set forth below by completing a report indicating acceptance of the penalty and submitting it to the protest committee. If the protest is not resolved during the pre-hearing, a full protest hearing will be conducted according to Racing Rules Part 5. The person who served as mediator may not serve on the protest committee. This modifies Rules 63.1 and 63.2.

**17.5** Any boat accepting a penalty in a pre-hearing will receive a penalty score equal to the score for the place worst than her actual finishing place by the whole number (rounding .5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats racing in the race in which the infringement occurred, except that it shall not be scored worse than DNF. The scores of the other boats in the race shall not be changed; therefore two boats may receive the same score.

**17.6** The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.

**17.7** A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 19, 20 & 21. This changes Rule 60.1(a). The penalty for breaking these instructions may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

**17.8** Parents, coaches, advisors, etc. not competing in the event will not be permitted to participate in or monitor prehearings. If the protest committee decides to hold open hearings these individuals will be permitted to monitor protest hearings within the constraints required by the RRS.

#### **18. SCORING:**

**18.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**18.2** 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.

**18.3** For 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.

**19. 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.

#### **20. SAFETY:**

**20.1** 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.

**20.2** 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.

#### **21. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:**

**21.1** 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 preparatory signal for the first class to start a race until after the competitor has finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, in its discretion, deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be 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.

**21.2** Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

#### **22. PRIZES:**

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

APENDIX A

Course Chart: Course W4

Start ① • ② ① • Finish

