

NOTICE OF RACE

Texas Youth Race Week **Optimist Team Race Regatta**

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION

A US Sailing Junior Olympic Event

Hosted by LYC, TCYC & HYC

Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 NASA Pkwy, Seabrook TX 77586

July 16 - 17, 2013

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to rule 89.2)

The regatta will be organized by Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC), Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC) and Houston Yacht Club (HYC) in conjunction with U.S. Sailing Junior Olympic Events.

1. TEAM RACING:

1.1 Racing will be split into two divisions:

1.1.1 **Champ.** For more experienced sailors. Racing will be run per standard Team Racing guidelines and rules.

1.1.2 **Intro.** For less experienced sailors who want to learn how to team race. The Intro division will be run like a clinic, with a Team Racing rules and strategy talk before racing each day, and on-the-water coaching.

1.2 Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and may be a digital N or any variation of triangle or box. Races will be short (typically less than 10 minutes).

1.3 Racing format will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and may vary depending on number of entered teams and wind conditions. Double Round Robin format will be preferred, but Double Elimination or Swiss League format may be used if there are a large number of teams, or unfavorable weather conditions.

1.4 **Please Note:** All sailors MUST HAVE a protest flag tied to their life jacket. The flag must be tied to a line that is long enough for the sailor to hold the flag and extend their arm completely.

2. RULES:

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D: Team Racing Rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist International Dinghy Class. Participants must provide their own boats, sails and equipment.
- 3.2 Each participant must be a current member of US Sailing.
- 3.3 Each team shall consist of at least 4 sailors, with a maximum of 5, but only 4 sailors shall sail in each race.
- 3.4 Rude, offensive or inappropriate team names are not allowed.
- 3.5 The regatta is open to all junior sailors who meet USODA age requirements.
- 3.6 Team Racing is an advanced form of racing and is not recommended for Green Fleet sailors

4. **ENTRY FEE:**

For each sailor, the entry fee is \$65.00 - this includes lunch.

5. **REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:**

5.1 Champ Division. Each participant must register individually. Registration will permit a participant to identify the name of the team and other team members making up their team. Participants in the Champ Division may:

- a) elect to form complete teams of at least 4, but no more than 5, members;
- b) receive assistance from event sponsor to complete a partial team; or
- c) request placement on a team.

Teams need not be comprised of sailors from the same sailing club or program. In the completion of partial teams, or as to requests to be placed on a team, the event sponsor will use its best efforts to place all Champ Division unmatched participants on a Champ team; however, unmatched participants may be shifted to the Intro Division in order to complete team formations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the formation of complete teams is the responsibility of participants.

5.2 Intro Division. Each participant must register individually. Participants in the Intro Division may create their own teams, or they may choose to be assigned to a team by the event sponsor through the online registration process.

5.3 On-line Registration. Registration is Online only, and is required via the Regatta Network web site www.regattanetwork.com . [] If you are registered with a partial or complete team, please specify your team name when registering. In either division, if you do not have a team, please enter "No Team Champ" or "No Team Intro", as appropriate. Also in either division, if you have formed a partially complete team and wish for the entry host to assign unaffiliated participants to your team, then please enter "Partial Team" and identify the names of your current team members as well as your team name. Please find registration link at:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=7007

5.4 Closure of Registration. Registration will close at 7 p.m., local time, on **July 14, 2013**. Team formations of any unmatched participants and preparation of race rotations require registration to close early. Late registration will only be permitted at the strict discretion of the event sponsor.

5.5 Check-In. Check-in will be conducted on Tuesday, July 16th, **between 0800 and 0900** in the Seahorse Clubhouse. Protest flag inspection is required to complete check-in. All sailors are required to check-in at the check-in table in the Seahorse Clubhouse, even if the sailor pre-registered.

5.6 Liability Release. 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. SCHEDULE:

6.1 The schedule for the Team Race regatta is:

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

0800-0915	Participant Check-In / Protest Flag Inspection
0930	Champ Division Participant meeting.
1000	Intro Division Participant meeting - Races to follow after meeting.
1030	Warning Signal for the first Champ Division race

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

0930	Champ Division Participant meeting.
1000	Intro Division Participant meeting - Races to follow after meeting.
1030	Warning Signal for the first Champ Division race

6.2 Attendance at the Champ Division Participant Meeting at the Seahorse Clubhouse is mandatory for all sailors in the Champ Division. Attendance at the Intro Division Participant meeting at the Seahorse Clubhouse is mandatory for all sailors in the Intro Division.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

8. PROTESTS:

8.1 Protest procedures will be specified in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board:

8.1.1 Umpired races will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D2.2. Appendix D2.6 may be used depending on the number of entrants and umpires. If Appendix D2.6 is

used, a preliminary “Fast Track” hearing will take place on the water prior to a written protest as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

8.1.2 For Non-Umpired races, protests shall be filed under ISSA PR Part VI and RSS Appendix D1.2. A preliminary “Fast Track” hearing will take place on the water prior to a written protest, as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

8.1.3 All sailors MUST HAVE a protest flag tied to their life jacket. The flag must be tied to a line that is long enough for the sailor to hold the flag and extend their arm completely.

9. VENUE:

Races will be conducted on the waters of Clear Lake.

10. SAFETY:

All participants shall be required to wear USCG approved PFDs at all times while on the water. PFDs shall be worn outside all clothing. Wet or dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose.

11. DISCIPLINE:

11.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03, no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any Texas Sailing Association Junior event: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S: IRC Code and intended for beverage use). This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. The penalty shall be that the contestant, after a proper hearing, will be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

11.2 All participants, coaches, and parents are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation, or a report received from any source believes that a participant may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing, the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta, and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

11.3 Hearings will be held generally 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 course of the hearing process.

12. Awards:

Awards and results will be presented as soon as possible after the last race on Wednesday, July 17th.

13. Adult Responsibility:

13.1 An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of each sailor. The adult is solely responsible to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the participants are ultimately responsible for the risks.

13.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their participant.

13.3 Each participant **shall indicate in writing at check-in** the parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for them throughout the course of the event.

13.4 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the participant during an activity related to the Regatta. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the Regatta.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

14.1 Participants participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

14.2 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 the regatta.

15. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:

Please see our map at: <http://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com/>.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact Steve Willits:

steve@wti.cc. (email preferred) or (832) 216-7724

MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____ **AGE:** _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (printed): _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

In the event of accident, injury or illness involving any child of mine (specifically including my child named above as the "Participant") or me or my spouse while in, on, or about the premises of a Texas Sailing Association ("TSA") member yacht club (the "Club") (which includes the Lakewood Yacht Club) or while participating in any activity sponsored by or under the auspices of said Club under circumstances where I am physically unable to consent or am not present,

1. I hereby voluntarily authorize and consent to the furnishing to myself, my spouse, or any child of mine of such medical care, attention, and treatment by any hospital, physician or dentist as such hospital, physician or dentist may deem necessary or advisable, including any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnosis or procedure.
2. I authorize any adult associated with the activity to consent to such medical care, attention and treatment.
3. I agree to pay the reasonable cost of such medical care, attention or treatment and to indemnify and hold free and harmless of and from any and all liability for such cost the assisting adult, the Club, TSA and the officers, employees and members of said organizations.

It is understood that effort shall be made to contact the undersigned prior to rendering treatment to the patient, but that any of the above treatment will not be withheld if the undersigned cannot be reached.

ALTERNATIVE PERSONS TO CONTACT:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE NUMBERS (Including Mobile Phone Number)
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PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN:

NAME: _____ **PHONE NO.** _____

ATTACH COPY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARD, OR COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

INSURANCE CARRIER INSURANCE ID NO. NAME OF INSURED

PHONE NO. FOR VERIFICATION CLAIMS MAILING ADDRESS

I agree that a photocopy of this consent or a copy sent by facsimile may be accepted by any health care providers. This consent shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of signing.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MY CHILD'S REGISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA AND, RECOGNIZING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPORT OF SAILING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY WAIVES ALL CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND HEREBY RELEASES THE TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION, THE HOST CLUBS AND ALL OF THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND THE REGATTA VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS, OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF WHATEVER KIND, INCLUDING THOSE OF NEGLIGENCE AND GROSS NEGLIGENCE, WHICH I OR MY CHILD MIGHT HAVE, ARISING OUT OF MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE REGATTA AND ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING THERETO.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE