



## 2014 Texas Youth Race Week - Optimist

July 12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Hosted by Houston YC, Texas Corinthian YC, Lakewood YC

# NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be organized by the Houston Yacht Club (HYC), Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC), and Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the "USODA").

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016)*.
- 1.2. "Conditions for USODA Events", including the USODA 'Code of Conduct', will apply, and can be found at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Optimists Competitors, Coaches, Parents, and Guardians shall abide by the USODA 'Code of Conduct'. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, the HYC, TCYC, and LYC, and the City of Kemah, Southeast Harris, and Seabrook.
- 1.3. Rule 61 will be changed as follows: The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the boom in a manner that conceals it until displayed. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted. Add rule 61.5:

#### 61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, call the race committee's attention to her displayed red flag and inform the race committee of the sail number of the boat she is protesting.

- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, "Second Penalty" will be changed to, "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the measurement or race committee finish boat that she is retiring." P2.3 will be deleted.

### 2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies, Lasers, C420's and I 420's may enter by completing online registration, paying all entry fees, and completing all measurement requirements.
- 3.2. The Red, Blue and White Optimist Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta July 12, 15, 17, 2014.
- 3.3. All optimist competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 1999. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org). Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org).

#### 4. Registration; Entry Fees

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid at time of online registration at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) or [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com) .
- The entry fee is U.S. \$65 per venue or \$190 to sign up for all three venues, if paid by June 25.
  - A late fee of U.S. \$40 (\$105 per venue or \$230 for all three venues) shall be paid for registrations completed June 26<sup>th</sup> thru July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.2. Optimist Registration must be done on-line at [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org) in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Lasers and C420's and I420's shall register on-line at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com) .Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Event registration page. If a competitor is not listed as registered on the USODA or Regatta Network website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply at the time of her completed registration. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA or Regatta Network event.**
- 4.3. Registration will be closed on **July 9, 2014** at 1700 hours CDT.

#### 5. Format of the Regatta

There will be an Optimist Championship fleet that will race as a single division. There will be an Optimist Green fleet. There will be Laser 4.7 and Radial divisions and C420 and I420 divisions.

#### 6. Schedule

- 6.1. Each Sailor shall be present at check-in. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist Form is required to complete optimist check-in.
- 6.2. Program and Schedule

Friday, July 11

1700-1800 Sailor check-in @ HYC

Saturday, July 12

1000-1100 Sailor check-in @ HYC  
1100 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
1130 Lunch onshore  
1200 Harbor Start  
1300 First Warning

Sunday, July 13

1100 Lunch onshore  
1200 Harbor Start  
1300 First Warning  
After racing Awards and Dinner @ HYC

Monday, July 14

Lay Day

Tuesday, July 15

1000-1100 Sailor check-in @ TCYC  
1100 Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)  
1130 Lunch onshore  
1200 Harbor Start  
1300 First Warning

Wednesday, July 16

1100	Lunch onshore
1200	Harbor Start
1300	First Warning
After racing	Awards and Dinner @ TCYC

Thursday, July 17

1000-1100	Sailor check-in @ TCYC (hosted by LYC)
1100	Skippers, Coaches, and Parents Meeting (Mandatory)
1130	Lunch onshore
1200	Harbor Start
1300	First Warning

Friday, July 18

1100	Lunch onshore
1200	Harbor Start
1300	First Warning
After racing	Awards and Dinner @ LYC

The Green Fleet Sailors schedule will be the same through the competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet Sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.

**7. Measurement**

- 7.1. Optimist Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the Race Committee's approval.
- 7.2. Each Optimist competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist Form during the regatta site check-in. These Forms shall inform the Race Committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The Race and or Protest Committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

**8. Sailing Instructions**

Preliminary sailing Instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at check-in.

**9. Venue and Berthing**

- 9.1. The racing area will be Galveston Bay.
- 9.2. All boats shall be kept at the Houston Yacht Club for the HYC regatta, and Texas Corinthian Yacht Club for the TCYC and LYC regattas in the assigned area.

**10. The Course**

The course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

**11. Scoring**

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply.

11.2. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

- a. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
- b. When from five (5) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c. When eleven (11) 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. Personal Buoyancy, whistle, and bow line**

12.1. In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US Sailing prescriptions, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable PFDs may not be worn.

12.2. Each optimist competitor shall have a whistle attached to their PFD at all times while on the water.

12.3. Each optimist boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.

## **13. Safety and Adult Responsibility**

13.1. An adult (Parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of the each sailor. It is the responsibility solely 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.

13.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

13.3. 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.

## **14. Coaches and Support boats**

14.1. One coach boat for every ten (10) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example a program with eleven sailors would be allowed to register two support boats.)

14.2. All coach boats shall register and obtain a numbered flag supplied by the Race Committee during Check-in, that must be flown from a staff at all times while on the water. A \$20 cash deposit is required. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.

14.3. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.

## **15. Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Red Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>

Blue Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>

White Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>

Top girl: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Laser Radial: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Laser 4.7: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Club 420: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

I 420 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.

#### **16. Qualification for Future Events**

This regatta is a 2015 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors that have competed at ALL of the three venues, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats registered in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2015 USODA Team Trials.

#### **17. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 the regatta. A waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2.

#### **18. Further Information**

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, (609) 510-0798, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org).

Regatta Chair: Dee Ann Rogers, 713-857-9556, [drogers@lewistonltd.com](mailto:drogers@lewistonltd.com).

Houston Yacht Club: 3620 Miramar Drive, Southeast Harris, TX 77571, (281) 471-1255

Texas Corinthian Yacht Club: 104 Park Circle, Kemah, TX 77565, (281) 339-1566

Lakewood Yacht Club: 2425 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586, (281) 474-2511

Charter Boats and Accommodations: Available on the Texas Youth Race Week website [www.texasyouthrace.com](http://www.texasyouthrace.com)