

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

2008 End of Year Regatta at Austin Yacht Club

Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas
In association with
Austin Yacht Club, Austin, Texas

8 November 2008

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 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 Rules 61.1(a), Protest Requirements and Appendix A2, Scoring Systems are modified for this series. Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.

2 ADVERTISING: This regatta is classified as a Category A Event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.

3 ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (Flying Junior or 420) classes. All classes are "bring your own boat". FJ's may be available from AYC (contact Steve Gay @ segay1@verizon.net or (512) 257-2386 for boat assignment). A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. All boats shall have identifiable sail numbers. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.
- 3.2 The regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty years old and who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year.
- 3.3 Optimists are sailed in four fleets:
 - Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15
- 3.4 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 12/31 of that year.
- 3.5 Sailors who do not meet the age limitations for junior sailors specified above are eligible to race in the Laser Full Rig fleet without regard to age and in the double-handed fleet through age 21 and not turning age 22 in the current calendar year as specified in the double-handed class rules regarding championship eligibility, but will not be scored for purposes of the Texas Youth Circuit.

- 4 ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$50 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. The entry fee includes one regatta T-Shirt and the following meals for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20 for all event-related meals. Make all registration checks payable to Austin Yacht Club EoR Regatta.

5 REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1** Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the attached registration form to the Austin Yacht Club:

Austin Yacht Club
5906 Beacon Road
Austin, TX 78734
attn: End of Year Regatta Registration

Completed forms may be e-mailed to roadrunnerregatta@gmail.com, or may be faxed to the AYC office at (512) 266-9804.

- 5.2** Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, November 8th, 2008, between 0800 and 9300 in the AYC Clubhouse. 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.
- 5.3** All sailors are required to check in by 0930 on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

6 SCHEDULE:

- 6.1** Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If five or more races are completed, there will be one throw out race for scoring purposes.
- 6.2** The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, November 7, 2008

1400-2100 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, November 8, 2008

0800-9300 Breakfast
0800-9300 Registration at the AYC Clubhouse
1000 Skipper's Meeting at the Clubhouse (Attendance Mandatory)
1100 Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
1300+/- Lunch on the water between races
1830 Regatta and End of Year Awards Dinner around 6:30pm, or after last race

- 6.3** Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 1000 am on Saturday of the regatta at the Clubhouse is mandatory.

- 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may also be posted on the TSA website or on the Austin Yacht Club website at www.austinyachtclub.net

8 VENUE: AYC is hosting the races on the waters of Lake Travis, Travis County, Texas. No pets or fireworks are allowed on the AYC grounds at any times.

9 SAFETY: 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. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing.

10 DISCIPLINE:

10.1 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, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

10.2 All competitors 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 competitor 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.

10.3 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.

11 TROPHY PRESENTATION: Trophy presentations will be held on Saturday night at the Regatta and End of Year Awards Dinner. Trophies will be awarded for each class, with approximately one place awarded for each three competitors in the class. An Award will also be given to the best overall Opti sailor.

12 LODGING: A limited number of cabins are available for rental on the AYC grounds. Camping is allowed on AYC property. Locations and directions to local hotels can be found on the AYC website.

13 DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: The Austin Yacht Club is located on the western shore of the main basin of Lake Travis in Western Travis county, off of State Highway 620 and Hudson Bend road. Directions are available on the AYC website.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please contact the AYC office at 512.266-1336, or e-mail Brigitte Rochard at brigitte-rochard@yahoo.com

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 CLUB 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.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____