

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE SILLY STRING REGATTA and 2008 TEXAS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Grapevine Sailing Club, Grapevine, Texas

May 17th and 18th , 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.txsail.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 classes. *(The host Club will provide up to Three 420 Collegiate boats to be used for the Texas Girls Championship – these will be provided on a first to reserve basis. Please contact Mike Lipari at 972-672-4018 or mwlipari2@verizon.net)* Other than the 420 Collegiate, all classes are "bring your own boat". 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:
 - 3.3.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - 3.3.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - 3.3.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - 3.3.4 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.
- 3.6 **TEXAS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP:** This regatta has been designated by the Texas Sailing Association as the "2008 Texas Girls Championship" for the Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Opti White, Blue and Red and 420 collegiate classes.

- 3.6.1 Sailors will race in their regular class and all female sailors will be scored for both their overall class and for the Girls Championships based on overall finish.
- 3.6.2 Girls racing in the double handed class shall have both female skipper and crew.
- 3.6.3 A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. The race committee at its discretion may combine Opti classes in order to form a class for the Texas Girls Championship.

4. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$45 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, and lunch* on Saturday and *breakfast and lunch* on Sunday. In addition each competitor will receive 1 free entrance into Grapevine Mainstreet Days for Saturday night dinner activities. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$10 for all meals. Make all registration checks payable to Grapevine Sailing Club.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the attached registration form to: Mike Lipari at mwlipari2@verizon.net.
- 5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Friday, May 11th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 17, 2008, between 8:00 am and 9:30 am in the 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 9:30 am 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. If ten or more races are completed there will be one additional throw out – two total – for scoring purposes.
- 6.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, May 16, 2008

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats and registration.

Saturday, May 17, 2008

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am - 9:30am	Registration at the [Clubhouse]
10:00 am	Skipper's Meeting at the [Clubhouse] (Attendance Mandatory)
11:00 am	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be served on the water
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own (Main Street Days Tickets will be provided to all participants)

Sunday, May 18, 2008

8:00 am - 9:00am	Breakfast
10:00 am	Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

- 6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 2:00 on Sunday.
- 6.4 Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 10:00 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.
8. **VENUE:** Races will be conducted on the waters of Grapevine Lake, The Club House is located at Scotts Landing Marina, Grapevine Texas (directions are available at [www. .com](http://www.sco.marina.com))
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 Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

For all classes that have a fleet competing in the Texas Girls Championship, the first place girl finishers in the fleet shall be presented the Texas Girls Championship and have their name added to the Texas Girls Championship's perpetual trophy which will be kept at the Host Club.
12. **LODGING:** Camp Grounds with Cabins are available through Grapevine Parks and Recreation (www.gvpard.com) Lodging is available Hotel lodging is available at several hotels. Most hotels serving the North side of DFW airport are within 10 minutes of the club.
13. **DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** See <http://www.scottslandingmarina.com/>
14. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact Michael Lipari, at 972-672-4018 or mwlipari2@verizon.net

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Competitor Name (last, first): _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Circle your Class/Fleet: Laser Full Laser Radial Laser 4.7 Double-Handed (*College 420*)

Optimist*: Green (Novice) White (10 and under) Blue (11-12) Red (13-15)

* Skipper's age on the first day of the regatta determines his or her fleet.

Participating in Texas Girls Championship ____ Yes, ____ No

Sail Number: _____ Hull Color: _____ Sail Tip No. _____
(If you have one assigned by TSA)

Regatta Fees:

\$45 per Sailor \$ _____

\$12 for Each Extra T-Shirt \$ _____

\$10 for Each Person needing Extra Meals \$ _____

Total Regatta Fees \$ _____

T-shirt Size(s) (Adult: S / M / L / XL) (Note: The entry fee includes **one** T-Shirt)

Make checks payable to: Grapevine Sailing Club

Mail or Email registration including release and fee to: Mike Lipari 3600 Acton Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75022 or mwlipari2@verizon.net

Those registering by fax or email can pay the fee and bring the original signed release, as well as the signed medical consent, if applicable, at the time of check-in during registration on race day.

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: _____