

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

MARDI GRAS YOUTH REGATTA

Port Arthur Yacht Club

February 2-3, 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 (*Club or Collegiate 420*) classes. 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 Club 420 fleet through age 21 and not turning age 22 in the current calendar year as specified in the Club 420 class rules regarding championship eligibility, but will not be scored for purposes of the Texas Youth Circuit.

4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$45.00 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 and [*breakfast and lunch*] on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$20.00. Make all registration checks payable to PAYC.

5. **REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:**

5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the attached registration form to: vseaturtle@aol.com

5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, Feb.2, 2008, between 8:30am and 11:00am 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 11:00am 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, Feb. 1, 2008

1200 till The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

0800-0930	Breakfast
0830-1100	Registration at the [<i>Clubhouse</i>]
1100	Skipper's Meeting at the [<i>Clubhouse</i>] (Attendance Mandatory)
	Lunch
1230	Preparatory Signal for the first race,
ASAP last race	Dinner

Sunday, Feb.3, 2008

0800-0900	Breakfast
1000	Preparatory Signal for the first race,

6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1400 on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 1100 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.

8. **VENUE:** Races will be conducted on the waters of Sabine Lake.

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.
All will trophy, also Good Sportsmanship Trophy

12. LODGING: www.portarthurtexas.com click on visiting Port Arthur

13. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: www.payc.us for map

14. FURTHER INFORMATION: Paul Vera 3701 Russell, Groves, TX. 77619 ,E-mail vseaturtle@aol.com

REGATTA REGISTRATION FORM
Mardi Gras 2008
Port Arthur Yacht Club

Competitor: _____ Club: _____

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

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Circle your Class/Fleet: Laser Full Laser Radial Laser 4.7 Double-Handed
(Club or Colligate 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.

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

Regatta Fees:

\$45.00 per Sailor \$ _____

\$15.00 for Each Extra T-Shirt \$ _____

\$20.00 for Each Extra Meal \$ _____

Total Regatta Fees \$ _____

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

Make checks payable to: PAYC

Mail, fax or email registration including release and fee to: MARDI GRAS REGATTA, 3701 RUSSELL, GROVES, TX 77619, E-MAIL vseaturtle@aol.com

Those registering by 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: _____

**MEDICAL CONSENT FORM and
LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT**

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 [name of Host Yacht/Sailing 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 NUMBER
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ATTACH COPY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARD, OR COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER	INSURANCE ID NO.	NAME OF INSURED
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PHONE NO. FOR VERIFICATION	CLAIMS MAILING ADDRESS
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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

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