

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA
PORT ARTHUR YACHT CLUB
PRESENTS
MARDI GRAS REGATTA FEBRUARY 13-14, 2010

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 (420 Club, 420 Collegiate) 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
 - 3.3.5 For Optimist White, Blue and Red fleets, 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.
- 3.4 Sailors who do not meet the age limitations for junior sailors specified above are eligible to race 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 **\$50.00** for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats if **received by February 1, 2010 \$5.00 late fee after that**. The entry fee includes the following meals for each sailor: *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 **PORT ARTHUR YACHT CLUB**.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

5.1 Online Pre-Registration is encouraged. Please use the following link:

<https://www.regattatech.com/registration/action/showEntryForm?clubCode=TSA&eventCode=PAYC10>

If by registering by mail it may be done by sending the attached registration form to:

PAYC MARDI GRAS 3701 RUSSELL, GROVES, TEXAS 77619

5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, between 9am and 11am 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 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, FEB 12, 2010

ALL DAY The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, FEB 13, 2010

0800-1000	Breakfast
0900-1100	Registration at the Clubhouse
1130	Skipper's Meeting at the Clubhouse Attendance Mandatory
1245	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races may follow
1100	Lunch will be served at the Clubhouse
AFTER LAST RACE OF THE DAY	Dinner

Sunday, FEB 14, 2010

0800	Breakfast
1000	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
TROPHY PRESENTATION ASAP LAST 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 1130 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.

8. **VENUE:** Races will be conducted on the waters of LAKE SABINE AND YACHT BASIN.

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, 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 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.

12. LODGING: www.portarthurtexas.com

13. DIRECTIONS: From Houston - E on I-10; E on Hwy 73; S on Hwy 82 across MLK Bridge to Pleasure Island

From Orange - W on 73; S on Hwy 82 across MLK Bridge to Pleasure Island

From Beaumont - S on 69; W on 73; S on Hwy 82 across MLK Bridge to Pleasure Island

On Pleasure Island - R at bottom of MLK Bridge on T. B. Ellison; R on Pleasure Island Blvd.; L into Port Arthur Yacht Club

14. CONTACT: PAUL VERA ,409-963-3525 ADDRESS 3701 RUSSELL, GROVES, TEXAS 77619