

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA**

**SEAHORSE REGATTA
Lakewood Yacht Club
2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive, Seabrook, TX 77586**

February 9-10, 2019

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 Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.
- 1.5. All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6. Appendix "P" Special Procedures for Rule 42 shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club, FJ) classes. All classes are "bring your own boat". A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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
- 2.4. For the White, Blue and Red fleets, the Optimist skipper's age on the first day of the regatta determines his or her fleet. Those turning 15 may continue in Red fleet through 12/31 of that year.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board on the Seahorse Lounge porch.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first race of each day.
- 4.2. For the Green Fleet only, oral changes may be made by the Race Committee on the water prior to the time of the warning signal of any race upon the raising of signal flag "L" with one sound.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in the LYC Dinghy Harbor or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the host club harbor.
- 5.2. Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 6.1. Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled.
- 6.2. Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta.
- 6.3. The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, February 8, 2019

The Club will be open all day to allow unloading of boats. You may enjoy club facilities and use a credit card, just let them know you are registered for the regatta. There is a dress code for dining room but the lounge, bar and pool area are casual.

Saturday, February 9, 2019

0800-0900	Breakfast and Registration at the Seahorse Sailing Facility
0930	Skipper's Meeting - Attendance Mandatory
	Pick up lunches after meeting in Seahorse Lounge
1015	Harbor Start
1100	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
After racing	Dinner/Hot Snacks

Sunday, February 10, 2019

0800-0830	Breakfast
0830	Pick up lunches in the Seahorse Lounge
0915	Harbor Start
1000	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

- 6.4. No warning signal will be given after 1330 on Sunday.

7. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF STARTS FOR THE FIRST RACE:

- 7.1. For the first race of each day, classes will start in the following order and the following flags will be used as class flags during starting sequences:

Optimist Racing Area:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Optimist Red, Blue and White Fleets	Optimist Flag

Optimist Green Racing Area:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Optimist Green	Green Flag

Other Racing Area:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Laser Radial	Laser Class
Laser 4.7	4.7 Class
Double-Handed	420 Class

8. OPTIMIST FLEET IDENTIFICATION:

- 8.1. Optimists in the Green Fleet will display a fleet streamer provided at registration.

9. RACING AREAS:

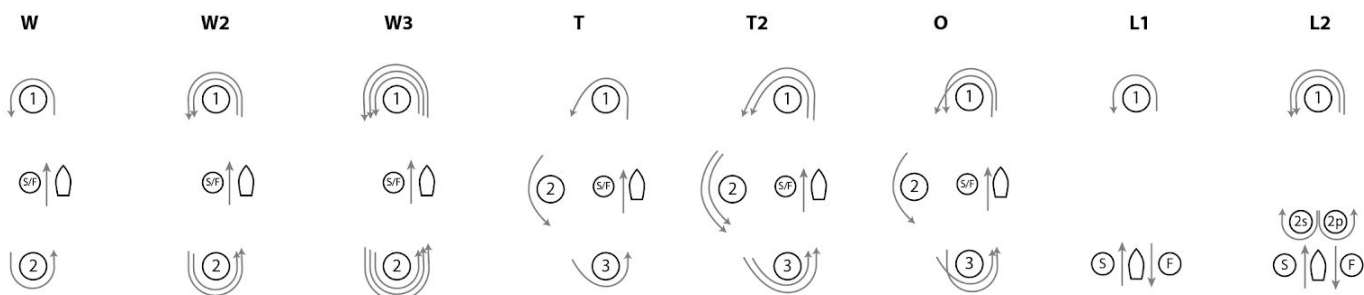
- 9.1. Green Fleet races will be conducted on the waters of Clear Lake.
- 9.2. Opti RWB and Laser/420 races will be conducted on Galveston Bay.

10. CHECK IN ON THE WATER:

- 10.1. Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

11. RACE COURSES:

- 11.1. There will be four types of race courses as follows: "W" (windward/leeward) – windward, leeward, windward to finish; "T" (triangle) – windward, reach, reach, windward to finish; "O" (Olympic) – windward, reach, reach, windward, leeward, windward to finish; or "L" (windward/leeward with a leeward start and finish) – windward, leeward to finish. Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "T", "W" or "L".
- 11.2. For courses L1 and L2, and all Opti RWB courses, the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.
- 11.3. Course L2 includes a leeward gate.
- 11.4. For the Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet and the Laser/420 fleet there will be an offset mark at the windward mark.
- 11.5. The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.



- 11.6. For courses W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, unless a race is shortened in accordance with the Rules, the start/finish line will be in the middle of the windward leg.
- 11.7. For the Laser/420 fleet using course W, W2, W3, T, T2 and O, during the race, if the Race Committee boat is displaying an orange flag on a staff, the start/finish line will be an obstruction, except to finish. Boats that sail through this obstruction will be scored points equal to DNF, unless they properly unwind.
- 11.8. For the Optimist Red/White/Blue and Optimist Green fleets, the start/finish line is not an obstruction.

12. MARKS:

- 12.1. For the Opti Green Fleet, marks will be yellow balls.
- 12.2. For the Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 12.3. For the Laser/420 Fleets, the marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 12.4. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.5. For all fleets, the Starting Mark and Finishing Mark will be orange buoys.

13. THE START:

- 13.1. For all fleets races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.
- 13.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.
- 13.3. A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.
- 13.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

14. RECALLS:

- 14.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

15. THE FINISH:

- 15.1. The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

16. TIME LIMIT:

- 16.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
16.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored TLE. TLE will be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit but no more than a score of DNF.
16.3. At its discretion, the Race Committee may finish any boat in place and it will be scored based on its position on the race course. This modifies Rules 32 & 35.
16.4. A race may be abandoned by the Race Committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of the start. This modifies Rule 32.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 17.1. A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.
17.2. An Optimist boat intending to protest must fly a protest flag in accordance with 61.1(a). This changes Rule 61.1(a) (2).
17.3. Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse, and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative there within sixty (60) minutes after the Signal Boat from the Competitors race course docks.
17.4. Appendix P "Special Procedure for Rule 42" will apply to all fleets except Opti Green. However, P2.1 will apply for all penalties. P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
17.5. The protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
17.6. A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 8, 10, 19, 20 & 21. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than RRS Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
17.7. Appendix T, Arbitration, will be used. This modifies Rules 63.1 and 63.2.
17.8. The person who served as mediator during Arbitration may not serve on the protest committee.

18. SCORING:

- 18.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more, but not ten (10), races are completed; if ten (10) races are completed her two worst scores will be excluded.
18.2. The event shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine awards.

19. DISPOSAL OF TRASH:

- 19.1. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water may either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

20. SAFETY:

- 20.1. 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.

20.2. A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.

21. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

21.1. Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least Two Hundred (200') feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start a race until after the competitor has finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, in its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.

21.2. Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.

21.3. Optimist Green Fleet: Notwithstanding 21.1, coaching of Green Fleet Optimist skippers while racing is permitted, however coaching shall be limited to skippers in the bottom half of the fleet in any given race. Coaches shall provide fair and consistent support to all competitors, not just their team or sailor.

Above all, HAVE FUN!

Thank You

