

Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions and Regatta Guidelines

Each year the Texas Sailing Association ("TSA") Texas Youth Racing Circuit consists of 12 to 15 regattas at various Texas sailing clubs. These Conditions apply to those regattas.

1. Boats

- 1.1. The events are open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Standard, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate, I-420, FJ or other double handed boat as designated by the host club) classes.
- 1.2. All classes are typically "bring your own boat". Some clubs may choose to provide double handed boats if they are available.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Circuit regattas are open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty (20) years old and who do not turn twenty (20) years of age in the calendar year.
- 2.2. Sailors are eligible to race Optimists through December 31 of the year in which they turn age 15.

3. US SAILING Membership

- 3.1. Each youth participating in the Circuit should be a member of US SAILING. Host clubs should provide opportunity for registration to US SAILING at each regatta.
- 3.2. US SAILING membership is mandatory for all participants in the Texas Youth Race Week event because it is an official US SAILING Junior Olympic Event. Optimist sailors are also required to have USODA membership at Texas Youth Race Week.

4. Circuit Schedule

- 4.1. The schedule of the regattas for this year can be found on the TSA website at <http://www.tx sail.org/>.
- 4.2. When scheduling, attempt to stay away from three-day weekends. Opti and Laser classes schedule large regional regattas on those weekends. Also, the weekend before, and during the Opti Team Trials (usually early May) should be avoided, if possible.

5. Classes

- 5.1. Optimists are sailed in four divisions: 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; and Red Fleet: Age 13 - 15. Skipper's age on the first day of a regatta determines his or her fleet for that regatta (consistent with USODA requirements). Skippers move fleets on their 11th and 13th birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in the Red Fleet through December 31st of that year. Sailors who change fleets during the year will still receive participation points for each regatta sailed. Optimist Red, White, and Blue sailors will be assigned a fleet for TSA year-end scoring purposes. The fleet assigned is the appropriate fleet for the last regatta of the year. Example: A sailor sails four (4) individual regattas in Blue fleet and then four (4) in Red fleet as directed by the age requirement above. For the TSA annual scoring, the sailor will be placed in Red fleet (based on their age at the year-end TSA regatta) and the best seven (7) scores of the eight regattas sailed will be used as their score. Green fleet scores are handled separately and do not contribute to the year-end standing of Opti RWB sailors. For proper scoring of Optimist Red, White and Blue see Scoring below.
- 5.2. Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and Double-Handed boats (420 Club, 420 Collegiate, I-420, FJ or other double handed boat as designated by the host club) are sailed as senior fleets. Club 420 with trapeze and spinnaker is the double-handed boat of choice, but College 420, I-420, FJ or other double

handed boat as provided by the host club can be sailed. Individual regattas should designate the double-handed boat that will be sailed at their event and if the boats will be provided by the club.

- 5.3. **Texas Junior Laser Championship:** Each year one TSA Youth Circuit Regatta, or other appropriate regatta held in Texas, will be designated by the TSA as the "Texas Junior Laser Championship." Eligible classes for the Championship shall be Laser Standard Rig, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7. A perpetual trophy for each class will be provided by TSA to be displayed at the Austin Yacht Club. The name of the First Place Finisher in each class at the Championship regatta will be added to each trophy.
- 5.4. **Texas Girls Championship:** Each year one TSA Youth Circuit Regatta, or other appropriate regatta held in Texas, will be designated by the TSA as the "Texas Girls Championship." Eligible classes for the Championship shall be Laser Standard Rig, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7, Optimist RWB and Double-Handed. A minimum of 3 boats with female skippers (skippers and crew for double-handed boats) sailing in a given class is required to make a class. The race officials may combine Optimist Classes to make a girls' class as appropriate. A perpetual trophy for each class will be provided by TSA to be displayed at the Grapevine Sailing Club. The name of the First-Place Finisher in each class at the Championship regatta will be added to the trophy each year.
- 5.5. **KO Sailing Texas State Optimist Championship Trophy:**
- The trophy shall be presented to the top cumulative point's scorer (no discarded races) for the combined Red / White / Blue Optimist fleet registered for the Texas Sailing Association TSA End of Year Regatta at the designated host club. This is in keeping with the mission of KO Sailing to promote youth sailing on the Texas Coast and throughout the region. Therefore, the recipient shall be a resident of the State of Texas and registered for the TSA End of Year Regatta.
 - This trophy shall be presented to an Optimist Sailor, Girl or Boy. The recipient will receive a keeper trophy to signify his or her qualification as "Texas State Optimist Champion".
 - This trophy shall not be retired even if one person wins multiple, consecutive championships.
 - The trophy shall reside and be prominently displayed at the KO Sailing main store location but shall be present and displayed at the End of Year Regatta at the designated host club.
 - Should at any time, KO Sailing decides that this trophy should no longer be presented for any reason, upon receipt of a letter to this effect to the Host Club, the trophy shall be retired by KO Sailing.
 - This trophy shall be awarded annually at the TSA End of Year Regatta, by KO Sailing, or at some other trophy presentation pertaining to Texas State Junior Sailing at KO Sailing's discretion.
 - Each year the Principal Race Officer for the Optimist fleet of the above mentioned regatta and KO Sailing, shall conclude the annual recipient of this trophy. Should there be no races completed for the above-mentioned event, the Trophy shall not be awarded for that year.
 - The keeper trophies will be provided by KO Sailing.
- 5.6. **Texas Youth Race Week – US SAILING Junior Olympic Event** – is an official Texas Youth Racing Circuit event. There are additional specific requirements for this event as noted in these Conditions.

6. Host Club Support & Contact information

- 6.1. The names of and contact information for the Regatta Chairman and the regatta PRO('s) should be supplied to the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s) at least one month prior to the regatta.
- 6.2. Each participating yacht club is required to contribute \$5 per participant in the regatta, with a maximum of \$350, to defray costs of circuit expenses, season's awards and trophies. The funds should be sent to the TSA Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt of the invoice from the TSA Treasurer.

7. Modifications to the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 7.1. Racing Rule A2, Series Scores, is modified to specify the number of throw outs permitted. (One [1] throw out after 5 races and 2 throw outs if 10 or more races completed)
- 7.2. The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 7.3. Unless superseded by the event-specific requirements, the rules for all Laser classes are altered to allow sails to be used from alternative manufacturers that conform to the same dimensions as those of approved manufacturers.
- 7.4. Unless superseded by the event-specific requirements, the rules for the Optimist Fleet are altered to allow sails to be used from alternative manufacturers that conform to the same dimensions as those of approved manufacturers.
- 7.5. Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.
- 7.6. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area should notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 7.7. Before any protest is heard, an arbitration meeting using Appendix T, Arbitration, will be conducted.
- 7.8. The person who served as arbitrator may not serve on the protest committee.
- 7.9. For the US SAILING Junior Olympic Event – Texas Youth Race Week, Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, modified as follows:
 - P2.2 is changed to “second time and subsequent times.”
 - P2.3 is deleted.
 - P3 is changed to read: “If a boat has been protested under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, the penalty or penalties are cancelled.”

8. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Regatta Guidelines and other Forms

- 8.1. The TSA Youth Circuit has standard forms for Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, Entry Form and Medical Consent Form including a standard NOR and a standard SI for the US SAILING Junior Olympic – Texas Youth Race Week event. Host clubs are required to review these documents and incorporate them into their regatta to the extent possible. These forms are available for download on the TSA website. Guidelines for the Regatta Chairman, PRO's and Race Committees are also posted on the TSA website. These Guidelines should be consulted and followed to the extent possible. Questions concerning the Guidelines or recommended regatta procedures should be directed to the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s).
- 8.2. Each club's Notice of Race (NOR) and registration material should be emailed at least one month before the scheduled date of the regatta to the Youth Committee Chair(s) (see contact information below). After review, the NOR and related registration materials will then be forwarded to the TSA webmaster for posting on the TSA website.

9. Local Knowledge

- 9.1. Before beginning an event, the host club should familiarize all competitors with the waters, wind and seasonal weather conditions in which the races are to be held, emphasizing obstructions (if any), tidal currents and conditions, and probable location of marks.
- 9.2. The race committee should position race courses to minimize the effect of local knowledge.

10. ~~Circuit Scoring~~

- ~~10.1. The scoring for the Circuit uses the low point scoring system as set for the Racing Rules of Sailing. Only the junior's final place for each regatta will be counted toward his/her season standing in that particular boat class in the Circuit – not his/her individual races. In the event there are fewer than three (3) participants competing in a given class in a regatta, then for Circuit season scoring purposes, those juniors participating will be scored for that regatta by using the average of their finishes in all those regattas in which they compete having three (3) or more participants in the class. For example, if a sailor sailed in thirteen (13) regattas, ten (10) of which had three (3) or more participants in the class, then the average of the finishes in those ten (10) regattas will be the sailor's score for each of the other (3) regattas sailed where the total participants were less than three (3). Regatta finishes excluded from the Season Standings as not being among the sailor's best (7) seven finishes (or best five (5) finishes for the Laser and Double-Handed classes) are included in the calculation of average finish for purposes of scoring regattas with less than three (3) participants.~~
- ~~10.2. For a sailor to be counted as having competed in a regatta for purposes of Circuit scoring, the sailor must have completed registration, paid all applicable fees, and checked in at the regatta registration. Sailors who register in advance but do not complete on-site registration at the regatta will not be scored.~~
- ~~10.3. If a regatta does not complete enough races to be considered an official regatta (for example, due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances) all sailors who completed on-site registration will be counted as having attended the regatta for participation purposes, but will not be scored within a specific fleet.~~
- ~~10.4. At each Circuit regatta Optimist Red, White and Blue fleets shall be scored as a whole, with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine red, blue, and white awards.~~
- ~~10.5. At each Circuit regatta Laser (Standard, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (Club 420, College 420, I-420 and FJ) fleets shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position regardless of whether the sailor meets the age requirement of a junior sailor as provided under "Eligibility" above. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine the finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of the TSA Youth Circuit standings and for junior place finishes and junior awards at each regatta. Awards for participating Laser Standard Rig, Laser Radial and Double-Handed sailors who exceed the junior age eligibility limit are at the host club's discretion.~~
- ~~10.6. If multiple double-handed classes participate in a single regatta (for example, a fleet of Club 420 and a fleet of Collegiate 420), all competitors in both fleets will be scored in the double-handed Circuit results with the finish positions scored in their respective fleets.~~

11. Regatta Trophies and Participation Awards

- 11.1. Trophies should be awarded to at least the top three in each class, and deeper if the class is large. As a general guide, at a minimum the top third of the sailors in classes larger than three should receive place awards.

- 11.2. All Green Fleet Optimist sailors should receive participation awards, which may take the form of certificates or other such recognition. While the Optimist Class discourages place awards for Green Fleet, the finishes of Green Fleet sailors may be recognized by some form of place award or recognition, if all Green Fleet sailors receive a participation award.

~~12. Scores~~

- ~~12.1. The final results of each regatta should be sent to the TSA Youth Circuit Official Scorer within one week after the event. For purposes of the Circuit, the results will be tabulated by the TSA Youth Committee and are final.~~
- ~~12.2. Regatta results and season standings will be posted on the TSA website as soon as possible after receipt of each regatta's scores.~~

~~13. Season Standings~~

- ~~13.1. For Opti-RWB, each sailor's best seven (7) regatta scores are scored for the season results~~
- ~~13.2. Laser fleets and double-handed fleets will score the competitors top five (5) regattas to determine rankings for the TSA overall circuit position. Any sailor that sails more than five (5) regattas in their Laser fleet or double-handed fleet, shall keep their five (5) best finishes for the fleet which will count toward their overall TSA circuit results. All sailors in these fleets must still compete in at least seven (7) TSA events (in any boat) to earn a participation award and in order to be considered for an award in the overall Laser or double-handed Circuit. A sailor that sails only five (5) or six (6) TSA regattas, will be scored below sailors that complete seven (7) TSA circuit events (e.g. five (5) events in their fleet plus two (2) additional events in any fleet).~~
- ~~13.3. For the Double-Handed fleet standings, if an unbreakable tie is determined in the Season Results, the tied sailors will be awarded the same outcome and the next available place will be awarded to the sailor behind the tie. (e.g. Sailors A and B tie for 1st with 10 points. The next sailor in the standings is Sailor C with 12 points. Sailors A and B will both be awarded 1st place trophies and Sailor C will be awarded a 2nd place trophy. The remaining sailors will be placed 3rd through the end of the roster.)~~
- ~~13.4. For the purposes of breaking ties in accordance with 2017-2020 RRS Appendix A8.2, the "last race" is defined as the last regatta of the series where they competed head-to-head, and the "next to last race" is defined as the next to last regatta where they competed head-to-head, etc. Only non-excluded scores will be used to break ties.~~
- ~~13.5. For Opti-RWB, Laser, and Double-Handed Fleets: To qualify for a Season Standings award, a sailor must satisfy the requirements of competing in each of the two defined regions. The circuit will be divided into two regions with the goal of each region hosting four (4) or more events per year. For a region hosting four (4) or more events, each sailor must compete in a minimum of two (2) events in that region. For a region holding less than four (4) events, a sailor must compete in a minimum of one (1) event in that region.~~
- ~~13.5.1. For Laser fleets and double-handed fleets, the competitors top five (5) regattas per Section 13.2 in any region determine rankings for the TSA overall circuit position.~~
- ~~13.5.2. For purposes outlined in the above, the regions are defined as:~~
- ~~— COASTAL: Houston YC; Lakewood YC; Palacios YC; Seabrook SC; Texas Corinthian YC; Corpus Christi YC; Rockport YC~~
 - ~~— LAKE: Austin YC; Lake Canyon YC; Corinthian SC; Dallas Corinthian YC; Fort Worth BC; Grapevine SC; Rush Creek YC~~

14. Circuit Participation Awards

~~14.1. Each sailor who competes in at least seven (7) Circuit regattas qualifies for a season participation award.~~

14.2. **Scholarship Award:** Up to two scholarship awards may be presented each year to deserving sailors who submit an application. In order to be considered for a scholarship, the applicants should be a high school junior or senior. Applications are called for by and should be submitted to the Youth Co-Chairs. Applicants may be asked to provide a recent grade report and a statement about their educational goals. In awarding scholarships, consideration is given to: TSA participation as well as grades and educational goals. In the event of multiple applicants, a vote will be taken of TSA officers. The Scholarship Awards are presented at the end of year awards event. To receive scholarship funds, the recipient will submit proof of a college expense (tuition, room/board, books) to the TSA Treasurer for reimbursement.

14.3. **Friendship Award:** The Friendship Award, our highest honor, is a perpetual trophy presented each year to recognize a sailor on the TSA Youth Circuit who during this and prior years has exhibited the spirit of sportsmanship and is respected by his or her competitors and adults not just for sailing ability but also for character. Nominations are called for by and should be submitted to the Youth Co-Chairs. The award is given to a high school junior or senior but may be given to a freshman or sophomore. In the event of multiple nominations, a vote will be taken of TSA flag officers. The Friendship Award is presented at the end of year awards event.

15. Safety

15.1. 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 with one exception: a pinnie may be worn over the lifejacket.

15.2. Any local requirements related to safety either at the facility or on the water should be explained in detail to the regatta participants at the first opportunity.

16. US SAILING Certified Race Officials

16.1. The use of US SAILING Certified Race Officers and Judges is strongly recommended.

16.2. For the US SAILING Junior Olympic–Texas Youth Race Week Event, Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, is in effect and on-the-water judges are required.

17. Youth Participation on Protest Committees

17.1. Where possible, all protests in a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta are to be heard by a protest committee that will include non-interested Youth participants with adult members overseeing and advising the youth.

17.2. US Sailing Judges who are currently certified or have been certified in the past are STRONGLY encouraged to be on the Protest Committee.

18. Discipline

18.1. 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). The penalty shall be that the contestant after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home. Any additional costs associated with enforcement of the penalty will be borne by the contestant.

- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. The regatta organizers and/or Protest Committee are encouraged to work with the parents and coaches directly related to the individuals when conduct may warrant actions as a part of the regatta but not warrant a RRS 69 hearing.
- 18.4. Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the RRS, Rule M5, Misconduct (Rule 69). The officers for hearing a violation of Race Conditions provisions 18.1 or 18.2 will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and a representative from the TSA Youth Committee or their designee if available. The local regatta chair shall serve ex officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have an open right to express his or her views during the hearing process.

19. Guidelines for Regatta Chairs, PRO's and Race Committees

In order to enhance the quality and promote increased familiarity and participation in the Circuit, the TSA Youth Circuit Committee, requests that the Regatta Chairs, PRO's and Race Committees of our venue hosts (i.e., the local sailing and yacht clubs) adhere, as nearly as possible under local circumstances, to the following guidelines for running Circuit Regattas:

- 19.1. The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions require "to the extent possible" the use of the standard TSA Youth Circuit Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions, which are published on the TSA website at <http://www.tx sail.org/> The NOR is designed for you to customize times, dates and race schedule for your regatta (please do not alter regatta racing rules, TSA eligibility or Opti fleet participation rules). Sample Registration Forms and Medical Consent forms are also on the website as are the "Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions". The host club's Regatta Chairman should forward drafts of the NOR and registration forms to the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s) by email no later than one month before the scheduled date of the regatta. After reviewing the Chair(s) will arrange for the final drafts of the NOR and registration forms to be distributed to the TSA Youth Committee email list and posted on the TSA website. **Our goal is to have the NOR and registration forms distributed and posted on the TSA website one month before the scheduled date of the regatta.** The Sailing Instructions should be prepared as soon thereafter as possible and forwarded to the Chair(s) no later than one week before the regatta.
- 19.2. Texas Youth Race Week is an official US SAILING Junior Olympic Event. For this event on the water judges are required for the enforcement of Appendix P (as amended). In addition, the Sailing Instructions for this event will use the on the water judges to enforce on the water rule infraction notification for the Opti fleets. The use of US SAILING Certified Officials is strongly recommended for all events. A listing of certified Race Officers is available on the US SAILING Web site at: http://ussailing.org/racemgt/ro_search.htm
A listing of certified Judges is available on the US SAILING web site at: http://www.ussailing.org/judges/Judge_Search.htm
- 19.3. Please try to keep your regatta fees as low as possible, in the range of \$55 to \$65, including two breakfasts and two lunches plus a T-Shirt or other giveaway. Late fees, if used, should be no more than \$25 and effective one (1) week prior to the Saturday of the regatta. (E.g. "Friday at midnight") In lieu of a late fee, clubs may opt to forfeit the T-Shirt or other giveaway for a late registration.

- 19.4. Each participating yacht club is required to contribute \$5 per participant in the regatta, with a maximum of \$350, to defray costs of circuit expenses and season's awards and trophies. The funds should be sent to the TSA Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt of the invoice from the TSA Treasurer.
- 19.5. Please keep your Saturday morning registration open until the time of or very shortly before your skipper's meeting. Registration should never close earlier than 2 hours before the scheduled first warning signal, if possible.
- 19.6. The Skipper's meeting is mandatory and should be used as an opportunity to:
 - a. Familiarize all competitors with the waters, wind and seasonal weather conditions in which the races are to be held, emphasizing obstructions (if any), tidal currents and conditions, and probable location of marks.
 - b. Emphasize any potential safety hazards and to strongly encourage all competitors to wear protective footwear while on any wooden pier, dock or club facility and when wading in any shallow water.
 - c. Promote good sportsmanship and the concepts of fair sailing.
 - d. Remind competitors that per the Racing rules of Sailing (Part 1, Rule 4) it is ultimately their decision on whether to race or not.
- 19.7. The use of three race courses, one for the Optimists Red, White and Blue, one for Optimist Green, and one for all other fleets, is required per the Conditions.
- 19.8. For Optimist red, white and blue fleets, 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 red, blue, and white awards.

For Laser (Standard Rig, Radial Rig or 4.7 Rig) and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate, FJ or other double-handed boat as provided by the host club) fleets, the regatta shall be scored as a whole with all boats receiving scores according to recorded finish position regardless of whether the sailor meets the age requirement of a junior sailor under the Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions. "Overall Scoring" shall be used to determine the finish place of each junior aged sailor for purposes of the TSA Youth Circuit standings and for junior place finishes and awards at the regatta.

Per TSA's standard NOR and SI's, the Low Point System (Appendix A, Rule A4) must be used to score all races. Appendix A, Rule A2, Series Score, will be modified to allow one (1) throw-out if five (5) or more races are completed, and if ten (10) or more races are completed there will be one (1) additional throw out – two (2) total – for scoring purposes. Completion of one (1) race shall constitute a TSA Youth Circuit Regatta.

- 19.9. Arrange for a volunteer to take photos of the sailors and awards presentation to send to *Optinews* and other publications.
- 19.10. Caution coach and spectator boats about interfering with the sailors by creating wakes or infringing on the race course. Coach boats conferring with sailors who have finished should stay clear of the laylines so as not to interfere with boats approaching the finish.
- 19.11. Conducting the Races
 - 19.11.1. Sail as many races as the conditions will permit. With that goal in mind, please adjust your race courses so that the majority of individual races for Optimist Red/White/Blue, Lasers and 420s last 30-45 minutes. Our sailors have worked hard and often have traveled a long way to attend your regatta and have come to race. Please make every effort to get and keep them on the water a long time. Running races up to the time limit on both Saturday and Sunday is encouraged.

- 19.11.2. All yacht clubs hosting a Texas Youth Circuit Regatta are expected to provide the race committee and sufficient support and rescue boats for the conditions that may exist. Typically, this includes one signal boat and two mark-set and/or rescue boats on each course. Position your rescue boats outside of the racing area but as close as possible to the majority or the racers.
- 19.11.3. Opti Green courses may be shorter than other fleets with race lengths of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes each.
- 19.11.4. Make every effort to start the first race promptly at the published time for the First Warning Signal and try to keep the time interval between subsequent races to a minimum.
- 19.11.5. If the course needs to be reset between races, be prepared to accomplish that as soon as possible after completion of the previous race to avoid having the kids waiting an excessive amount of time between races. With two (2) mark-set boats on each course this can be done quickly.
- 19.11.6. We would like to get in at least 6 races during the regatta and several more than that if possible. Our standard NOR states that “6 or more” races are scheduled. But if it is possible under the conditions to run up to 10 or even more races over a two-day period, then do so.
- 19.11.7. We recommend the use of apps such as “*Weather Bug*” to identify “nearest lightning strike”. This phone app can be downloaded for free and is used by Little League Baseball. We recommend that if lightning is ten miles or less, the sailors are to get off the water. This distance may need to be extended if the time from the race course to the harbor is longer. Please remember that all race committee boats, parent boats and coach boats should be used to expedite the exit.
- 19.11.8. Minimum wind Limit - Races should start in no less than 4 knots of wind. Starting a race in less breeze should only be done in special circumstances and with consultation with the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s) or other TSA representatives.
- 19.11.9. Maximum Wind Limit – Races for Opti Red/White/Blue, Lasers and Doublehanded boats should adhere to the Go/No Go chart below. Many of your sailors compete at the national and international level and need to compete in stronger winds. For the Green Fleet, when the bottom 1/3 of the fleet has retired, the middle 1/3 of the fleet is bailing, and the top 1/3 of the fleet are flogging their sails, it is time to go in.

19.11.10. Go/No Go Chart

Accumulate the points for each of the four categories. If It is less than 60 points, sail. If it is 60 to 70 points, it is the race committee's discretion. If the point count is greater than 70, there will be no sailing.

#1 Wind Speed

MPH	Points
8	0
9	1
10	5
11	10
12	14
13	19
14	24
15	28

MPH	Points
16	30
17	31
18	33
19	35
20	36
21	38
22	39
23	41

MPH	Points
24	42
25	44
26	46
27	47
28	49
29	50
30	52
31	53

MPH	Points
32	55
33	57
34	59
35	62
36	65
37	68
38	70

#2 Ambient Temperature

Degrees	Points
60	2
58	4
56	6
54	8
52	10
50	11

Degrees	Points
48	13
46	14
44	16
42	18
40	20
38	22

Degrees	Points
36	28
34	38
32	46
30	58
28	66

#3 Water Temperature

Degrees	Points
66	4
64	5
62	6
60	8
58	9

Degrees	Points
56	10
54	11
52	13
50	14
48	16

Degrees	Points
46	23
44	30
42	36
40	42
38	48

#4 Weather Conditions

Other Conditions	Points
Sunny	-5
Overcast	0
Rain	+10
Lightning	+71

19.11.11. To expedite scoring, it is recommended to take pictures of the results of each race from the Signal Boat and email and/or text to the on-shore scorer

19.11.12. The Signal Boat or Safety Boat from each course should stay on the course and follow the last competitors into the harbor.

19.12. With the exception of the regatta racing rules, the Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions, TSA eligibility or Opti fleet participation rules, these are guidelines only and should not be taken as directives should the host venue PRO/Race Committee consider in its discretion that to do so would raise a concern for the safety or well-being of the youth sailors. Host venue PRO and Race Committees are encouraged to address any questions (particularly any safety concerns) about the implementation of these guidelines with the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s) or other TSA representatives.

19.13. If you have questions regarding these Guidelines or want further information or advice regarding race management or how to prepare for your regatta, feel free to contact the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s).

- 19.14. Unless there is a specific requirement due to an event held in conjunction with a TSA event, please use the Regatta Network registration and scoring tools. If there are questions on its use, please contact the TSA Youth Committee Chair(s).