

# NOTICE OF RACE

## TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

### The Chocopalooza Regatta and the 2020 KO Sailing Texas State Optimist Champs

Rush Creek Yacht Club, 320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, TX 75032, TX

November 14 - 15, 2020

#### 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.
- 1.5 All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6 Competitors, guests and regatta volunteers will be expected to follow COVID-19 Texas State and local county guidelines in effect at the time of the regatta, including wearing a mask at all times inside the RCYC Clubhouse.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Standard, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club) 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.
- 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:
  - 2.3.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
  - 2.3.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under
  - 2.3.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
  - 2.3.4 Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15
- 2.4 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. ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is \$65.00 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for registrations after Friday at midnight one (1) week prior to the Saturday

of the regatta. The entry fee includes a giveaway, the following meals for each sailor: lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$25.00

#### 4. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 4.1 Pre-Registration is required and may be completed online at <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 4.2 Competitors will be assigned a club representative who will conduct their check in. Competitors will be informed via email by Thursday, 12 November, who their assigned club rep will be.
- 4.3 Check-in at the regatta will be conducted with assigned club representatives, on Saturday, November 14, 2020, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. 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. SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

##### Friday, November 13, 2020

12:00-21:00 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

##### Saturday, November 14, 2020

08:00-09:00 Check in with club representative  
09:30 Skippers' Meeting - Green Fleet at the RCYC Doolin Center  
Skippers' Meeting - Opti White/Blue/Red at the RCYC Flagpole  
Skippers' Meeting - Laser/C420 on RCYC Back Deck  
10:30 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow  
Between Races Lunch will be served on the water  
18:00 Dinner

##### Sunday, November 15, 2020

09:30 Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow  
Between Races Lunch will be served on the water

- 5.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 13:30 on Sunday.
- 5.4 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday is mandatory.

#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be provided ONLINE at the TSA Website (<http://www.txsail.org/>) and posted on the Notice Board.

#### 7. VENUE:

Races will be conducted on the waters of Lake Ray Hubbard.

**8. COURSES:**

All fleets will typically sail windward/leeward, triangle, box, or Olympic-style courses.

**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 related to 12.1 and 12.2 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. Opti Green Participation and first through third in each class and Opti Overall will be awarded as well as the 2020 KO Sailing Texas State Optimist Champion. Laser and Doublehanded trophies will be awarded based on participation.

**12. LODGING:** There are numerous hotels in the Rockwall area.

**13. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** From Interstate 30, exit Ridge Road (FM-740) in Rockwall, and head south. After passing Amy Parks–Heath Elementary, stay straight through the four way stop onto Hubbard Drive. Turn right onto Rush Creek Drive. RCYC is at the end of Rush Creek Drive. The address is 320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, TX 75032.

**14. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

For further information please contact Alex Porter at [rcyc.edu@gmail.com](mailto:rcyc.edu@gmail.com), or via cell (972) 375-8477. Please first send him a text with any questions, and he will contact you.