

NOTICE OF RACE

Cannonball Run Regatta

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA & LASER DISTRICT 15 (Texas) REGATTA

August 22nd & 23rd, 2015

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INTRODUCTION:

This year the Cannonball Run Regatta will consist of four regattas which will be run simultaneously on separate courses by separate Race Committees and under separate Sailing Instructions:

- TSA Youth Circuit Regatta for Optimists Green Fleet
- TSA Youth Circuit Regatta for Optimists Red, White and Blue Fleets
- ILCA-NA Laser District 15 (Texas) Regatta + TSA Youth Circuit Regatta for all 3 Laser rigs (Full, Radial and 4.7).
 - Youth competitors (age 20 or under) will sail with adults and be eligible for scoring in both ILCA and TSA Series.
 - Class awards will be made in both the ILCA Series and the TSA Youth Circuit Series.
- TSA Youth Circuit Regatta for Double Handed (Collegiate, Club or International 420) will sail on the Laser course as a separate fleet.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply to Youths and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3 Laser District 15 Racing Circuit Conditions apply to the Laser fleet and are available on the web site at <http://laserd15.org/>. A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.4 The rules for all TSA Youth classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The Laser Fleet will be sailed in accordance with ILCA rules. Grand Prix points will be awarded provided 10 or more current members of ILCA have entered. Go to ILCA-NA website for details: <http://www.laser.org/>. Youth sailors may race and receive points in the TSA Youth Series in the event that their boat does not meet ILCA class rules.

2. **ADVERTISING:** These regattas are classified as a Category A Event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The regattas are open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate and 420 International 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 Optimist regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than fifteen years old and who do not turn fifteen years of age during this calendar year.

3.3 Laser D15 Championship Regatta is open to all sailors (youth and adult).

3.4 420s enrollment 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.

3.5 Optimists are sailed in four fleets:

3.5.1 Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15

3.5.2 White Fleet: Age 10 and under

3.5.3 Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12

3.5.4 Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15

3.5.5 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.

4. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$55.00 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 and lunch 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 Palacios Yacht Club.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

5.1 Participants are encouraged to register online at www.txsailing.org. Participants may register by mail by downloading a registration form at www.palaciosyachclub.org and mailing with remittance (cash or check only) to: Palacios Yacht Club, 454B Main Street, Palacios, TX 77465. Participants may also register on site at the registration desk before the skippers meeting, see also 5.2.

5.2 Onsite registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted starting on Friday afternoon Aug. 21, 2015 at 5:00pm; and on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, between 8:00am and 9:30am at the Race Committee Trailer parked at the South Bay boat ramp. Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents of youth sailors 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** no later than 9:30 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 Committees, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If six 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 each regatta is:

Friday, Aug 21, 2015

Late afternoon – evening - The City Park will be open to allow unloading of boats and registration.

Saturday, Aug 22, 2015

0800-0930 Breakfast (Location TBA)

0800-0930 Registration (Race Committee Trailer)

0930 Skipper's Meeting at the City Park beach (Attendance Mandatory)

1030 First Signal, additional races to follow

1130 Lunch will be served on the water

1700 Racing ends for the day

Sunday, Aug 23, 2015

0800-0900 Breakfast

1000 Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

1300 No Warning signal after this time

Lunch ashore after last race

1400 Awards ceremony

6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1300 on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 0930 on Saturday of the regattas at the City Park beach is mandatory.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Each of the three regattas will have its own Course, its own Race Committee and its own Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may also be posted on the TSA website for all youth sailors and on the Laser District 15 website for the D15 Regatta.

8. VENUE: Races will be conducted on the waters of Tres Palacios Bay (Palacios end of Matagorda Bay), east of the Palacios Channel, and courses will be laid out such that the channel need not be crossed.

9. SAFETY: A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal buoyancy device shall 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. Sailors shall not enter into the Palacios Channel while racing.

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 and Laser D15 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.

11. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS: Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed. There will be 3 places awarded for each class. Laser Youth will be awarded 3 places for each class in the TSA Youth Series. There will also be an overall award for the Optimist Red/White/Blue classes. Each competitor in the Optimist Green fleet will receive a participation award.

12. LODGING: Arrangements made by Participant.
See <http://www.palacioschamber.com/index.html>

13. FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information or directions please contact PYC, Barney Gulley, PO Box 632, Palacios, TX 77465 by mail or by E-mail to barneygulley@hotmail.com or by telephone 832-444-2042