

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

2019 CANNONBALL RUN REGATTA

Palacios Yacht Club
454B Main Street, Palacios, Texas

August 17th-18th, 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 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.

2. ADVERTISING:

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

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, I-420 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.

4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$60 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. An additional Late Registration Fee of \$10 will be charged after August 12th 2019. 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. Make all registration checks payable to Palacios Yacht Club.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

- 5.1. Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online at www.txsail.org.
- 5.2. Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Friday August 16th, 2019, between 1700 and 2000 the City Park Beach parking area and on Saturday, 17th, 2019, between 0800 and 0930 at the Palacios Coastal Educational Pavilion

(Pavilion). 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 0930 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, 16th, 2019

1700-2000 Early Registration at the City Park Beach parking area. City Park Beach will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, 17th, 2019

0800-0930	Breakfast at the Pavilion
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0930	Skipper's Meeting at the Pavilion (Attendance Mandatory)
1100	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be on the water. Sailors "build your own" from supplies before leaving shore.

Sunday, 18th, 2019

0800-0900	Breakfast at the Pavilion
0930	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
1330	Lunch served ashore after the last race of the day

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 regatta at the Clubhouse is mandatory.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Sailing Instructions will be provided **ONLINE** at the TSA Website (txsail.org) and posted on the Notice Board.

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

9. **COURSES:** All fleets will typically sail windward/leeward, triangle, Olympic or "L" courses.

10. **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.

Shoes must be worn by all competitors while in the water.

Sailors shall not enter into the Palacios Channel while racing.

11. DISCIPLINE :

11.1.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.

- 11.2.**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.
- 11.3.**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.
- 12. TROPHY PRESENTATION:** 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 three (3) places awarded for each fleet within a class, except for Optimist Blue which will receive five (5). There will be an overall award for the top seven (7) places in the Optimist Red/White/Blue fleets. Each competitor in the Optimist Green fleet will receive a participation award.
- 13. LODGING:** Arrangements made by participant. See the Palacios Chamber of Commerce "Hospitality Category" page at <https://palacioschamber.com/business-directory-palacios/> for a list of accommodations available. See also Palacios Yacht Club website at www.palaciosyachtclub.org.
- 14. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:** The Palacios Coastal Educational Pavilion (Pavilion) and the City Park Beach are located at 6th St. and South Bay Blvd. in Palacios, Texas.
Trailers may be parked in the grass parking lot located just north of the boat ramp parking lot. Do not use the ramp parking lot except for equipment drop-off and launching.
- 15. FURTHER INFORMATION:** Online information is available at the Palacios Yacht Club website www.palaciosyachtclub.org
Note: Extra breakfast and lunch meals for non-competitors will be available for purchase at the Pavilion.
The free ice service (offered previously) not be available this year. We thank the ice donor for their past support.
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