



2017 Texas Youth Race Week July 13-14, 15-16

Clinic July 12

Hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to rule 89.2)

The optimist regattas July 13-14 and 15-16 will be organized by Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) in conjunction with the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (the “USODA”), *collectively* known as the organizing authority (OA). The Laser, i420, c420, and Feva regattas will be organized by LYC. All events are a US Sailing Junior Olympic event.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. “USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships”, including the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’, will apply, and can be found at www.usoda.org. Competitors and all *Support Persons*, as defined by RRS, shall abide by the USODA ‘Code of Conduct’. This includes behavior both on and off the water including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, LYC and the City of Seabrook.
- 1.3. Rule 61 is changed as follows:
 - a. The red protest flag required in Rule 61.1(a) shall be attached to the sailor’s lifejacket in a manner that allows it to be concealed before it is needed and after the protested boat has acknowledged her foul.
 - b. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is deleted.
 - c. The following new rule is added to rule 61:

61.5 Informing the Race Committee

In addition to meeting the requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, notify the race committee finish boat of her intent to protest and the sail number of the boat(s) she is protesting.

- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. P2.2, “Second Penalty” will be changed to, “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee finish boat that she is retiring”. P2.3 will be deleted.



- 1.5. In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its US Sailing prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket, or for international competitors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding national authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All lifejackets must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 40 and RRS Part 4 Preamble.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is restricted per World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, 20.4 and Table 1.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. International Optimist Dinghies, Lasers, i420s, c420s and Fevas may enter by completing online registration and paying all entry fees. In addition, all Optimist Dinghies shall complete the USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist on-site during Check-In to complete entry.
- 3.2. Membership in US Sailing is required for each competitor (helmsman and crew for double-handed classes). Laser, i420, c420, and Feva competitors may sign up at registration. If you are already a member, bring your membership card to registration - it will be checked. Sailors can join online at <http://membership.ussailing.org>. All helmsmen must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) that is a member of its Regional Sailing Associations (RSA) and US Sailing.
- 3.3. The Laser, i420, c420, and Feva 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.
- 3.4. All optimist competitors shall be members of their respective national class organization, such as the USODA and have been born on or after January 1, 2002. The organizing authority may require satisfactory proof of such membership and age. Sailors who are not USODA members are invited to join USODA by selecting membership found in the left margin of www.usoda.org. Members of other IODA organizations and NCAs should contact USODA via email at usoda@usoda.org.
- 3.5. The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first day of the regatta July 13 and July 15.

4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. All entry fees shall be paid during online registration. For optimists competing in the July 13-14 and July 15-16 regattas register at www.usoda.org (see NOR 4.2). For Lasers, i420s, c420s, and Fevas register at www.regattanetwork.com. For the Clinic on July 12th register at www.regattanetwork.com.

For the **Optimist** events,

- a) The entry fee is U.S. \$65 per event or \$130 to sign up for both events if paid by June 30.
- b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 (\$90 per event or \$155 for both events) shall be paid for registrations completed July 1 through July 10.
- c) Registration will be closed **July 10 at 1200 hours CDT**.



For the **Lasers, i420s, c420s** and **Fevas**,

- a) The entry fee is U.S. \$65 per sailor per event or \$130 per sailor to sign up for both events if paid by June 30.
- b) A late fee of U.S. \$25 per sailors (\$90 per event or \$155 for both events) shall be paid for registrations completed July 1 through July 10.
- c) Registration will be closed **July 10 at 1200 hours CDT**.

For the **Clinic**,

- a) The entry fee is U.S. \$10 per sailor if paid by June 30.
- b) The entry fee is U.S. \$20 per sailor if paid between July 1 and July 10.

- 4.2. Optimist registration for both events must be done on-line at www.usoda.org in the Members Only area accessed via login ID and password. Competitors shall have completed **all** parts of the online registration including completion on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm their registration by checking the entry list on the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.3. Laser, i420, c420, and Feva registration must be done on-line at www.regattanetwork.com. Competitors shall have completed all parts of the online registration including completion on the online Waiver and Medical forms in order to be registered for the Event. Each competitor shall confirm they are registered by checking the registration list on the Regatta Network website. If a competitor is not listed as registered on Regatta Network website, then the competitor is not registered and the late fees described above will apply. **Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another event.**
- 4.4. Registration requests after registration is closed are subject to approval by the OA.

5. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- 5.1. The optimist regattas will be fleet racing. There will be an Optimist Championship Fleet and Green Fleet that will race as a single division on separate lines.
- 5.2. The Laser: Full, Radial, and 4.7, i420, c420, and Feva fleets will be fleet racing, and will have one line with three or more fleets, to be announced. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Each Optimist sailor shall be present at Check-In. The USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form is required to complete Check-In.
- 6.2. Lunch will be provided to competitors on each scheduled race day.
- 6.3. Program and Schedule; **Green Fleet – see note below.**

Tuesday, July 11

1700-1900 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge



Wednesday, July 12

- 0800-1000 Check-In (Clinic ONLY) @ LYC Lobby
- 0900-1000 Breakfast in Ballroom followed by Nutrition Program
- 1030 Rig
- 1100-1400 Starting Clinic
- 1730 Competitors Dinner @ Ballroom with speaker Luther Carpenter, US Sailing Senior Olympic Coach
- 1800 Parents Social @ LYC Lounge
- 1700-1900 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Lobby

Thursday, July 13

- 0900-1000 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge
- 1015 Coaches' Meeting
- 1030 Competitors', Coaches', and Parents' Meeting (Mandatory)
- 1100 Harbor Start
- 1200 First Warning

Friday, July 14

- 1015 Coaches' Meeting
- 1100 Harbor Start
- 1200 First Warning Signal
- After Racing Competitors Dinner and Awards ceremony @ LYC Ballroom

Friday, July 14 *(For those sailors who did not already Check-In for all four days)*

- 1700-1800 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge

Saturday, July 15

- 0900-1000 Check-In: Competitor and Coach/Spectator Flag @ LYC Seahorse Lounge
- 1015 Coaches' Meeting
- 1030 Competitors', Coaches' and Parents' Meeting
- 1100 Harbor Start
- 1200 First Warning Signal

Sunday, July 16

- 1015 Coaches' Meeting
- 1100 Harbor Start
- 1200 First Warning Signal
- After Racing Competitors Dinner and Awards ceremony @ LYC Ballroom

Green Fleet – The sailors schedule will be the same through the competitors meeting at which point a second, separate meeting for Green Fleet Sailors will be conducted and the remainder of the schedule for that fleet will be announced.



7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Optimist competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment shall occur only with the written or verbal approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 7.2. Each optimist competitor shall submit an acceptable USODA Self-Certification Safety Checklist form during the regatta site Check-In. This form shall inform the race committee that all equipment is present and in working order.
- 7.3. The race and or protest committee may inspect or measure any equipment and/or sail at any time regardless of whether it has been previously measured.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing Instructions may be available online, and final official sailing instructions will be available onsite at Check-In.

9. VENUE AND BERTHING

- 9.1. The racing area will be Galveston Bay or Clear Lake.
- 9.2. All optimist boats shall be kept at Lakewood Yacht Club. All boats other than optimists MAY be kept at LYC, TCYC, or HYC.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be included in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply for both events. The number of boats entered in the Championship Fleet will be defined as the number of registered boats which subsequently completed competitor Check-In at the regatta venue. See NOR 6.1. This modifies rule A4.2.
- 11.2. One (1) completed race shall constitute the regatta for each event.
- 11.3. Scoring for all fleet racing events is based on number of races completed at each venue:
 - a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all of her race scores.
 - b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. Scoring based on overall finishes in both events for all boats:
 - a) A competitor's finish place for each venue will be combined to determine her Texas Youth Race Week overall score. The lowest overall score will determine the overall winners of the Texas Youth Race Week in each boat.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times while on the water.
- 12.2. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end its bow line.



13. ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 13.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 13.2. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their competitor.
- 13.3. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 13.4. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

14. COACHES AND SUPPORT (PARENT OR SPECTATOR) BOATS

- 14.1. One coach boat for every seven (7) sailors and fraction thereof from a sailing program may be registered. (For example, a program with eight (8) sailors would be allowed to register two coach boats.) Requests for an additional coach boat shall be emailed to usoda@usoda.org by July 11, 2017 and are subject to USODA Regatta Committee approval.
- 14.2. All coach and support (parent or spectator) boats shall register (see NOR 6.3) and promptly display a numbered flag supplied by the OA while on the water. A \$20 security deposit will be required which will be returned at the end of the event with the return of the flag.
- 14.3. Each coach boat shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 14.4. The conduct of coaches, parents serving on race committee (including safety patrol), registered support boats, and all other boats will be governed by the sailing instructions and RRS.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given in the Laser, c420, i420, and Feva as follows:

Overall: 1st through 3rd place (or 5th if more than 25 boats)

Top Girl: 1st place

Prizes will be given in the optimist fleet races as follows:

Overall: 1st through 10th place

Red Fleet: 1st through 5th place

Blue Fleet: 1st through 5th place

White Fleet: 1st through 5th place

Top girl: 1st through 3rd place (for all 4 days)

Green Fleet: Participation awards for all competitors.

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority, and may be based on criteria other than the regatta.



16. QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

This regatta is a 2018 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 25% of team trials eligible Championship Fleet competitors that have registered and competed in both events, as defined by the USODA, based on the final results using the total number of boats that registered for the first regatta at LYC and second regatta at LYC in both the Championship and Green Fleets, may receive invitations to compete in the 2018 USODA Team Trials.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian, in accordance with NOR 4.2 and 4.3.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration (Optimist): USODA Executive Director, Genoa Fedyszyn, usoda@usoda.org

Registration (Laser, c420, i420, Feva): Elizabeth Morrell, Ehmmorrell@gmail.com

Regatta Chair: Keen Butcher, 713-259-1798, tyrwchair@gmail.com

Lakewood Yacht Club: 2425 E NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586, (281) 474-2511

Accommodations and Charter Boats: Information available on the Texas Youth Race Week website <http://texasyouthraceweek.com/>