

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

[Insert Regatta Name]

[Insert if Applicable: 2026 TEXAS JUNIOR ILCA CHAMPIONSHIP or 2026 TEXAS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP]

Organizing Authority: [Insert Club Name]

[Insert Club Address]

[Insert Regatta Dates]

NOTICE OF RACE

POSTED [Insert Date(s), 2026]

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 1.3. The rules for all classes are modified so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4. A competitor must notify the Race Committee (RC) of their intent to protest another boat, at the finish line, before talking to a coach or a parent. If this instruction is not followed, the protest will be found to be invalid. This is in addition to and modifies the requirements of class rules and RRS 60.1.
- 1.5. [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.6. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. A link to the event site for Sailing Instructions will be provided online at the TSA Website (<http://www.txsail.org/>) and posted on the Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board [located at _____ and/or URL.]
- 3.2. Support Persons' boats (including coaches and parents) (support boats) shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

[edit types of boats and whether host club will provide any boats, as appropriate]

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, ILCA 4, 6, and 7, Open Skiff, and Double-Handed (420 Club, 420 Collegiate, I-420, FJ or other double handed boat as designated by the host club) classes. [edit if host club will provide any boats] All classes are "bring your own boat". A minimum of three boats is required to form a class.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty (20) years old and who do not turn twenty (20) years of age during this calendar year.
- 4.3. Optimists are sailed in four (4) fleets:
 - Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through December 31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15

- 4.4. For Optimist White, Blue and Red fleets, the 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 December 31 of that year.
- 4.5. Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be completed online via the regatta website accessed through <http://www.txsail.org/>.
- 4.6. [IF APPLICABLE] Registration for the regatta will end at 12:00 (noon) on Wednesday, [date], before the regatta. Late registration may be accepted by the OA at their discretion; however, meals and/or regatta giveaways may not be available to late registrants.
- 4.7. All sailors are required to check in on-site, even if the sailor pre-registered [Registration and] Check-in at the regatta will be conducted at the registration table on Saturday, _____, 2026, between ____ a.m. and _ 9:30__ a.m. at the [Clubhouse].
- 4.8. 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. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$____ 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 [e.g. one regatta T-Shirt and] the following meals for each sailor: [breakfast, lunch and dinner] on Saturday and [breakfast and lunch] on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$____.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

- 7.1. The schedule for the regatta is:

See "Guidelines" section 19.1. : Sail as many races as the conditions will permit. Stay on the water as long as possible. Our sailors have worked hard and often have traveled a long way to attend your regatta and have come to race. Running races up to the time limit on both Saturday and Sunday is encouraged. The scheduled start times can be adjusted to account for local conditions, proximity of the race area, and the time of year.

Friday, [date]

17:00-21:00 The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, [date]

08:00-09:30 Breakfast

08:00-09:00 Check-in at the [Clubhouse]

09:30 Competitors' Meeting at the [Clubhouse] (Attendance Mandatory)

10:30 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

Between Races Lunch will be served [on the water/at the Clubhouse]

18:00 Dinner

Sunday, [date]

07:30-09:00 Breakfast

09:30 Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

- 7.2. Six (6) or more races are scheduled.
- 7.3. No initial warning signal for a race will be given after 13:30 on Sunday.
- 7.4. Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 09:30 a.m. on Saturday of the regatta at the [Clubhouse] is mandatory.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Races will be conducted on the waters of [specify lake, bay, etc.]

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may include windward/leeward, triangle, box, or Olympic-style courses.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
- 10.1.1. One (1) completed race is required to constitute a regatta.
 - 10.1.2. When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 10.1.3. When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1. [DP] RRS 40.1 is in effect so that each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD), in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation (i.e., inherently buoyant) and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. A pinnie may be worn outside of the PFD.
- 11.2. [DP] All Support Persons operating a boat must employ a safety kill-switch lanyard as required by Texas state law, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors in and on the water. If a Support Person's boat is required to use a kill switch and is not equipped with, or is not using, a kill switch, the Support Person may be subject to protest.

12. RISK STATEMENT, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 12.1. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. 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.
See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.
- 12.2. 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.

13. MISCONDUCT AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 13.1. All competitors and support persons (including coaches and parents) are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event until such time as they leave for home or the airport. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69 and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).
- 13.2. Prohibited Substances
- 13.2.1. Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03 B and 10.03 C, for Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any Texas Sailing Association Junior event, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. Marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; 2. Any alcoholic beverages. This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale.
 - 13.2.2. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.1. If a competitor is found to have breached one of these elements, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, be removed from the regatta venue and sent home. When a competitor withdraws from part of an event due to a violation of any section of NOR 13, the scores of all

completed races shall stand for the purposes of determining the seeding or subsequent rounds or stages in the event. However, that competitor's boat/team will no longer be eligible to compete in the event, shall be removed from the final event scores, and each boat/team with a worse finishing place in the event shall be moved up one place.

- 13.3. Hearings related to NOR 13 will be held in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M6 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 a Chairperson of the Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit 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 hearing process.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. *This regatta has been designated by the Texas Sailing Association as [the "2026 Texas Junior/Girls Championship" for all classes or the "Texas Junior ILCA Championship" for the ILCA 4, 6 and 7 classes.]*
- 14.2. Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed. *[Insert the number of places to be awarded trophies and any special trophies that will be awarded.]*

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1. For further information please contact *[Insert Name phone and email address]* .