



## NOTICE OF RACE 2009 JUNIOR SERIES

1. **RULES** - The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012*.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Austin Yacht Club ("AYC") members' children, junior members, and guests are cordially invited to participate in AYC's 2009 Junior Series ("Series"). The Series is open to any junior sailor who will not turn nineteen years of age in 2009.
- 2.2. AYC is both the Host and the Organizing Authority of the event.
- 2.3. The Series is open to Club Flying Juniors, Optimist Dinghies, and Lasers. Registered boats will be grouped into one-design classes for the purposes of racing and scoring. Laser and Optimist fleets may be further divided into classes depending on registration numbers and skill levels.
- 2.4. A minimum of three (3) boats will be required to form a class on each race date. This restriction **may** be waived if the availability of boats results in a low number of competitors in certain classes.
- 2.5. Membership in a Class Organization is not a requirement for participation.
- 2.6. The Optimist Class is open to any junior sailor who will not turn 16 prior to 12/31/2009.
- 2.7. On-site registration will be available on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 until 13:00, and on each subsequent race day from approximately 13:00 until 13:30. Registration is only required for the first race date on which a competitor enters; subsequent races may be sailed without renewed registration. All sailors are strongly encouraged to register, however AYC reserves the right to extend the time of registration or waive the requirement entirely without prejudice to a competitor.
- 2.8. Competitors who wish to use Club boats are encouraged to reserve the boats prior to registration. Optimists must be reserved as there are a limited number of hulls available. These boats will be made available on a "first-come first-serve" basis. **BOATS MUST BE RESERVED SEPARATELY FOR EACH RACE DATE – DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBERS OF BOATS THERE WILL BE NO "SERIES-LONG" RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED.**
- 2.9. No reservations are required for sailors who will bring and compete in their own boats.
- 2.10. Optimist Dinghies must be reserved by completing the form at <http://sailpbj.wufoo.com/forms/green-fleet-signup-form/> with a reservation for the September 26<sup>th</sup> date.
- 2.11. Lasers must be reserved by e-mailing Bill Hawk at WHawk (at) Austin.rr.com.
- 2.12. No reservation is required for the use of FJs. Sailors are encouraged to team up prior to the event date to ensure two-person crews are suitably formed. Individual sailors who wish to compete in an FJ may be matched the morning of an event, but there is no guarantee that a suitable crew or skipper will be available.
- 2.13. Each competitor will be required to sign liability waivers for entry. Competitors wishing to use Club boats must agree to be responsible for repair or replacement of any damaged or lost parts. Only one set of forms will be required for the entire Series.

3. **FEES** – There are no entry fees for the Series.

### 4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Races will be held on the following dates:

Saturday September 26, 2009  
Saturday October 17, 2009

Saturday November 14, 2009

Saturday December 13, 2009

Subsequent race dates may be added by the 2010 AYC Sail Training Commander and Board.

- 4.2. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and PRO. Any races not sailed on the scheduled day may be rescheduled.
  - 4.3. The Competitor's Briefing will be held on Saturday September 26, 2009 at approximately 13:00 in the AYC Clubhouse.
  - 4.4. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 14:00. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.
- 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The sailing instructions will be available in the AYC Clubhouse and at registration prior to the start of the Competitor's Briefing on September 26<sup>th</sup>. SIs will be available online at [www.austinyachtclub.org](http://www.austinyachtclub.org) prior to the October race date.
- 6. VENUE** - AYC is a private yacht club located on Lake Travis, Texas, at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428. Directions and other information relating to AYC are available on its website located at [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net). Please note that neither pets nor fireworks are allowed on club property.
- 7. THE COURSES** - Courses will be windward/leeward or variations of such as described in the sailing instructions.
- 8. SAFETY** – All competitors shall be required to wear USCG-approved PFDs at all times while on the water. PFDs shall be worn outside all clothing. Wet or dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose.
- 9. DISCIPLINE:**
- 9.1. All competitors, coaches, and parents are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event.
  - 9.2. 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 series and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.
- 10. SCORING**
- 10.1. Each boat will be scored using her sail number.
  - 10.2. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will be used
  - 10.3. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Series event.
  - 10.4. Helmspersons or crew will be allowed to participate in more than one Class during the Series.
  - 10.5. Individual race dates will be scored as separate events for the purposes of trophies and prizes.
  - 10.6. Cumulative scoring will be maintained for the entire Series based on finishing positions each week of competition.
- 11. COMMUNICATIONS** – During each race, a boat shall neither make nor receive communications from parents, coaches, or other parties, either in person or via radio, which are not available to all boats. This restriction does not apply to Opti Green Fleet competitors.
- 12. PRIZES** – Trophies will be awarded each race date commensurate to the number of boats assigned to each class. Overall Series prizes will be awarded at the end of the Series based on overall cumulative score.
- 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its officers, committee persons, members, or any associates thereof will not accept any liability for and are in no way liable for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

**14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – For additional information contact AYC at 512-266-1336 or email Bill Hawk.