

Notice Of Race

2019 AYC CENTERBOARD BLUE CHIP REGATTA

October 26-27, 2019

INVITATION

Austin Yacht Club (AYC) cordially invites you to attend the 2019 Centerboard [Blue Chip] Regatta to be held on Lake Travis on October 26th and 27th, 2019. Classes expected are: Sunfish, Laser, FJ, C420, Optimist Dinghy, Aero, Portsmouth Centerboard, and Portsmouth Catamaran. Finn Class will be hosting their Texas State Blue Chip Championship. WASP and Int Moth competitors are being welcomed. Over 50 boats are expected. Austin Yacht Club is both the Host Club and the Organizing Authority of the Regatta. Austin Yacht Club is a private yacht club, located on Lake Travis at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734.

The only USA Finn Gold Cup World Champion and an OK Dinghy Masters Champion and Laser Master Champion are expected to be in attendance. Additionally, Rob Coutts has been asked to conduct a racing clinic on Friday 25 Oct 2019.

1. RULES – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) .

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The Regatta is open to all Centerboard boats and beach catamarans. AYC will provide up to 18 double-handed Flying Juniors on a “first come, first serve” basis. For FJ boat reservations, contact AYC Sailing Director Keith Denebeim at (512) 266-9804 or keith@denebeim.com .

2.2. Early registration is greatly appreciated. Austin Yacht Club is an all volunteer effort and the cost of the regatta is kept extremely low to maximize participation. We would appreciate all competitors registering by Oct 15, 2019. People registering late or on site may not get some items that require advance planning. Online registration will be accepted until Thursday, October 24, 2019.

2.3. On-site registration may be performed at the registration table in the AYC Clubhouse from 18:00 to 20:00 on Friday, October 25, 2019, and 08:30 to 09:30 on Saturday, October 26, 2019. All competitors must check in on Saturday morning to pick up regatta package and pay any expenses not charged to an AYC account.

2.4. You may register online at

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/2019-ayc-centerboard-regatta/>

3. FEES

3.1. The entry fees are as follows:

Centerboard dinghies & beach cats \$50

Junior Sailors (Laser, FJ, Optimist) \$40

* A junior sailor is someone who won't turn 19 or older during the 2019 calendar year.

The entry fee includes participation in the regatta, one meal wristband. T-shirts will be available for \$15, please use online registration to purchase.

3.2. Complimentary breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning. Additional wrist bands for Saturday dinner are available for \$10. Complimentary breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning. Lunch will provided on Sunday after the races.

4. SCHEDULE

October 15th – last day to early register [To have a good count on participants and ease the burden on-site, we ask you register early]

Friday, October 25, 2019 (On-site Registration)

18:00-20:00 Check-In and Registration

Saturday, October 26, 2019

08:00 - 10:00 in AYC Clubhouse: Breakfast. (bring your own lunch)

08:30 - 09:30 in AYC Clubhouse: Registration and Check-in.

10:00 AYC Clubhouse: Competitor's Briefing.

11:30: Scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race, all lines.

After racing : Dinner & Entertainment

Sunday, October 27, 2019

08:00 - 10:00 in AYC Clubhouse: Breakfast.

10:30 First warning signal for the first race, all lines.

No warning signal after 14:00. Awards to follow racing.

Refreshments and lunch provided in AYC Clubhouse

5. **MEASUREMENTS** – Measurement of boats is not required. All boats competing in a Portsmouth Handicap fleet should submit their valid handicap rating on the registration form, or contact race_commander@austinyachtclub.net to be assigned a rating.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available on the Austin Yacht Club website on or before October 25, 2019, at Friday Registration and race day at the registration desk.

7. VENUE – AYC is a private yacht club located on Lake Travis, Texas, at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428.

7.1. Directions and other information relating to AYC are available on its website located at www.austinyachtclub.net

7.2. Please note that neither pets, drones, fires, firearms nor fireworks are allowed on club property.

7.3. Accommodations – Camping is allowed on the AYC grounds during the regatta. Check the AYC website or contact the AYC office at 512-266-1336 for additional information regarding camping or other accommodations in the area.

7.6. Launching/Retrieving – Ramps for launching/retrieving are available. Parking – Please park boats, trailers and vehicles in designated areas ONLY. Arrangements can be made with AYC office, to keep boats at AYC after this regatta, if competing in LCYC Wurstfest Regatta the following weekend. There is limited pre regatta boat parking.

7.7 AYC is committed to prevent the spread of invasive species, and asks all boat owners, whether sailboats, motorboats, or kayaks, to clean their bilges and their trailers when coming from another lake to Lake Travis, and when leaving Lake Travis headed to another lake. <https://www.texasinvasives.org/>

8. CLASSES

8.1. Classes expected are: Sunfish, Laser, FJ, Optimist Dinghy, Finn, Aero, Wasp / Intl. Moth, Portsmouth Centerboard, and Portsmouth Catamaran.

8.2. Racing area and start lines will be announced at Skipper's meeting.

8.3. The RC is planning to provide Optimists with their own start line and sailing area, to be announced at the Competitor's Briefing.

9. SCORING

9.1. All boats will be assigned to a One Design Class or Handicap Fleet for scoring purposes. Such assignments will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing and will be posted on the official notice board prior to the first race of the Regatta.

9.2. One (1) completed race constitutes a Regatta.

9.3. Classes – three or more boats of the same design may be grouped into one-design classes. All other boats will be divided into classes designated by the Race Committee.

9.4. Scoring will be according to the RRS Low Point System in Appendix A, modified as follows:

9.4.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

9.4.2. When from 5 up to 9 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

9.4.3. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.

9.5. Catamaran Handicap and Centerboard Handicap fleets will be scored with the Portsmouth Handicap Rating System using US Sailing's current Portsmouth Yardstick (DPN) available at US sailing site, latest revision as of Oct 24th.

9.6. Number of races scheduled will be identified in the Sailing Instructions.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION – Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

11. PRIZES – Trophies will be awarded to helmspersons in accordance to the overall size of their respective Class as follows:

11.1. 2 - 3 participants: 1 trophy

11.2. 4-6 participants: 2 trophies

11.3. 7+ participants: 3 trophies

12. ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY – By participating in the regatta, each boat owner, skipper and crew agree to sail and use the Austin Yacht Club facilities at his or her own risk. To the fullest extent permitted under Texas law, each boat owner, skipper and crew unconditionally and irrevocably release and discharges the Austin Yacht Club, their officers, board of directors, agents, and all other persons who assist in maintaining equipment or in organizing and/or conducting races from all claims and legal liability for personal injury, death or property damage incurred in connection with the regatta and caused by negligence.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – For additional information, please refer to the following contacts:

13.1. Event website: www.austinyachtclub.net/

13.2. AYC office: 512-266-1336

13.3. Event Chair James Bland: jfbland@me.com