Preliminary

Notice of Race

SEISA 2017 West
Spring Series 1 & 2

Hosted by: Bay Access at
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas 77586
January 28 & 29, 2017

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1. Rules
   1.1. These regattas will be governed by the Racing Rules of sailing 2017-2020, the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SEISA District Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
   1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Bay Access in conjunction with SEISA.

2. Event
   2.1. These regattas are SEISA Level 2 Regatta, split teams allowed (8th – 12th grade).
   2.2. A maximum of 18 teams in A/B division format may register. Registration is first come, first served in accordance with the SEISA district rules. The Regatta Chair (See Section 18) shall date and time stamp all registrations.
   2.3. Multiple teams from a single high school may be allowed, subject to the preference rules in Section 3.5.2.
   2.4. These regattas are part 1 of a 2017 SEISA West Spring Series, with a 2nd and 3rd weekends anticipated to be held over the Spring Season on 2017 in Texas. This information will be updated in a future update of this NOR as well as an announcement and posting of the SEISA West Spring Series in the near future to the SEISA schedule in the near future at: http://seisa.hssailing.org/schedule/2016/2017/seisa-s

3. Eligibility
   3.1. All competing schools shall be current active members in good standing with ISSA and SEISA.
   3.2. Eighth grade students associated with a High School team are eligible to compete. Seventh grade students or below are not eligible to compete.
   3.3. Each team must have a designated adult chaperone to accompany competing sailors who may be an advisor, coach or parent. **The chaperone should be onsite at all times during racing/sailing and should be versed in the school's policies and requirements regarding concussions and medical emergencies.**
   3.4. A Complete team is comprised of no fewer than four sailors who are full time students in the school they represent (a "Complete Team"). A Complete Team shall register as 2 skipper and 2 crew.

3.5. "Split" Teams are allowed (aka half-team). A Split Team shall identify itself as a Split Team on its registration and indicate its division of preference. (Please see SEISA District Rules under Team Compositions for complete description at: http://seisa.hssailing.org/about/seisa-district-rules)

3.5.1. As registrations are received, the Regatta Chairman shall notify the person identified on the registration as the Team Representative that a registration has been received, when it was received, and whether or not the registration is complete or incomplete. Additionally, the Regatta Chairman shall post a list of entries on the SEISA website and/or the Bay Access site.

3.5.2. Registration preference will be given first to the first eligible Complete Team representing a separate high school to register for the event and second, to a registration from a high school already registered with a Complete Team.

3.6. **In the event fewer than 10 full teams register, the regatta format may be changed to Single Division format at the discretion of the OA and will be announced at Check In**.

4. Entry and Communication

4.1. Eligible schools must enter by fully completing an entry / registration form and delivering it to the Regatta Chairman on or before 1700 p.m. on **January 25th, 2017** (the "Registration Deadline"). **Additionally**, regatta fees, damage deposits and liability release forms executed by their parents or legal guardians will be required of all sailors at or before **site check-in** on **January 28, 2017**. All checks for entry fees and damage deposits should be made payable to: **Bay Access**. Entry form is available at seisa.hssailing.org. Late registrations or incomplete entries as of the Registration Deadline may be permitted at the discretion of the Regatta Chair.

4.2. Teams will rotate boats per the rotation schedule distributed at the competitor's meeting.

5. Entry Fee and Damage Deposit

5.1. There will be an entry fee of $25.00 per sailor. (for 1 or both days)

5.2. A damage deposit of $100.00 per boat, made by a separate check from the entry fee, must accompany the entry form.

5.3. Checks should be made payable to **Bay Access**.

6. Schedule

6.1. Saturday – Jan 28, 2017 – 2017 SEISA West Spring #1 Regatta

0900-0930 Check in/Rigging
1000 Mandatory Competitors Meeting
1045 First warning. Racing throughout the day. Lunch during rotations. There is no dinner provided.

6.2 Sunday – Jan 29, 2017 – 2017 SEISA West Spring #2 Regatta

0900 Check in/Report Time
1000 First warning. Racing throughout the day. Lunch during rotations
1400 FIRM No race will be started after 1500.

7. Boats

7.1. The regatta will be sailed in FJ's provided by Bay Access.

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7.2. Standing Rigging may not be adjusted by sailors, this includes shrouds, forestays and luff wires on jibs. Competitors may tape any area of the boat. Mainsheets may be used 4:1 or 3:1.

8. Race Area

8.1. The race area will be on Clear Lake immediately outside of the Lakewood Yacht Club break walls. Rotations will occur off the large power boat slips immediately inside the break wall.

9. Safety

9.1. US Coast Guard approved life jackets in good repair must be worn while on boats at all times, except for a brief period of time in order to add or remove clothing.

9.2. Except for team pinnies, life jackets shall be worn outside of all clothing. Pinnies are encouraged, but not required at this event.

10. Sailing Instructions

10.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online by Friday Jan 27, 2017 at 5pm. If they are not available by this time, paper copies will be available to each team at the Check in, Sat Jan 29, 2017

11. Races

11.1. 10 or more races are scheduled each day. Three races minimum for a complete regatta.

12. Courses

12.1. The Race Committee will determine courses in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

13. Scoring

13.1. Each regatta will be scored using ISSA Procedural Rules. There will be no throw outs. Protest procedures will be per ISSA Procedural Rules with amplifying details outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

13.2. Results will be available for viewing at scores.hssailing.org

13.3. Series Scoring – will be announced in an NOR for 2017 SEISA West Spring Series.

14. Housing

14.1. Limited housing may be available upon request. Contact the Regatta Chair.

15. Food and Beverages

15.1. Lunch will **NOT** be provided. **All competitors and coaches shall provide their own lunches and their own re-fillable water bottle.** No dinner provided.

16. Coaching

16.1. A competitor may receive coaching, assistance, equipment or sustenance only while on shore or on dock. When boats do not return to the dock after each race, the PRO of the Event may designate an area where all of the above may take place, provided at least one coach from each team has equal access to the area, which may be a boat or float. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from (reporting

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Saturday registration to end of sailing Sunday), other than the coach in a designated coaching area, unless explicitly permitted by the Regatta Chairperson or the PRO of the Event (for the purpose of assisting in Race Operations). The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

17. Prizes.
    17.1. Results will be announced at the end of protest time each day.

18. Official Notices
    18.1. No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, 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. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source alleging such a breach, a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors and the chairperson of the protest committee shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1. If a hearing under RRS 69.1 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.1(b) may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team.

19. Rights to Use Name and Likeness:
    19.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20. Regatta Contacts
    20.1. SEISA Rep is Joann Willits – joann@wti.cc; 832-216-7726 (mobile)
    20.2. Regatta Chair is Leigh Zittrer
        20.2.1. All written communications shall be made to the Regatta Chair at:

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Please place the Regatta Chair's name on any written correspondence.

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