



Notice of Race
Sunfish Class
2016 US Nationals at Midwinters
March 23 - 26 2016
United States Sailing Center - Martin County
Jensen Beach, FL



1. Organizing Authority

The organizing authority is the US Sailing Center, Martin County (USSCMC) and the US Sunfish Class Association (USSCA).

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 2.2 The text of RRS 30.3 is deleted and replaced with the wording of Appendix L 11.5 (U-Flag rule)
 - 2.3 Appendix T, Section A *Penalties While Racing* will apply.
 - 2.4 Appendix T, Section B *Post Race Penalties* will apply.
 - 2.5 Appendix T, Section C *Expedited Hearings* will apply.
 - 2.6 Boats still racing when the time limits expire will be scored TLE.
- The full text of all rule changes will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must be current members of the ISCA. Competitors must furnish proof of class membership and age. Class memberships may be purchased on site from the USSCA representative. Entries must be made on-line through Regatta Network. Link may be found on the USSCMC website.
<http://www.usscmc.org/content/upcoming-regattas> Registration and payment must be received no later than March 17, 2016 to avoid a late fee.

4. Fees

The entry fee will be \$120 and includes breakfast and lunch each day, post-race refreshments, and a dinner at USSCMC on Friday. Also included is use of the USSCMC facility for practice the day before and/or entry in team racing on Wednesday, and a regatta souvenir. A late fee of \$50 will apply to entries received and/or paid for after March 17, 2016.

5. Advertising

Advertising is permitted only in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and the prescriptions of the ISCA.

6. Schedule

Wednesday, March 23

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| 1100-1500 | Competitor Check In |
| 1200 | Team Race Skippers Meeting |
| 1300 | First warning signal for team races, races to follow |

Thursday, March 24

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| 0900-1030 | Competitor Check In, Breakfast Buffet and lunch bar open. |
| 1030 | Skippers Meeting |
| 1200 | First warning signal, races to follow |
| After Racing | Post Race Refreshments |

Friday, March 25

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| 0800-1000 | Breakfast Buffet and lunch bar open. |
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1100 First Warning signal, races to follow
1900 Dinner at USSCMC
After Racing Post Race Refreshments
Saturday, March 26
0800-1000 Breakfast Buffet and lunch bar open.
1030 First warning signal, races to follow
1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.
After Racing Post Race Refreshments
6.2 Twelve races are scheduled, no more than 4 races may be sailed in one day.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be the waters of the Indian River East of the ICW and the Sailing Center. An alternate sailing area North of the Jensen Beach Causeway may be used.

8. Courses

7.1 Courses will be Windward/Leeward or Triangles using drop marks.
7.2 The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 45-60 minutes. A different time to finish will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 61.1(b).

9. Scoring

9.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
9.2 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.
9.3 The score for TLE shall be one point more than the number of boats who finished the race within the time limit. This changes RRS A 4.1.
9.4 The worst race score will be discarded when six or more races are completed.
9.5 This regatta qualifies the top 4 competitors to attend the Sunfish World Championship. Full details are posted online at: https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/UNITED_STATES_SUNFISH_CLASS_NOTICE.pdf

10. Safety and other items.

10.1 Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods necessary to add or remove clothing. This changes RRS 40.
10.2 Before the first warning signal every day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.
10.3 A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible. Competitors who leave the racing area before the final finish of the day must check in at the communication table immediately upon return to shore.
10.4 The penalty for a breach of the safety rules shall be a 20% scoring penalty without hearing in the race the boat completes that is closest to the time of infraction. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. Awards

Awards will be given to the top 5 finishers, the highest placing Grand Master, the highest placing Junior and the highest placing woman.

13. Boat Charters

13.1 A link has been provided for Sunfish Owners to charter their privately owned boats to Sunfish Competitors. [Use this link to a Google doc](#)
13.2 The Tackle Shack. Andy Le Vine andy@tackleshack.com 727-546-5080
13.3 The Dingle Shop. Jim Kohler at info@dingyshop.com 631-264-0005.

14. Local Accommodations

Please consider supporting those who support the USSCMC. The following hotels are support our Regatta Season and are offering special Regatta Rates...

Holiday Inn Port St. Lucie: 772-337-2200 or 800-459-5044

Best Western PLUS: 772-287-6200

Hampton Inn Stuart 772-692-6922

There is no camping allowed on the USSCMC Grounds.

15. Further Information

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