



United States Sunfish
Class Association



2020 Sunfish Midwinters for the US National Championship

November 12 – 15, 2020

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway, Clearwater, FL 33767

Endorsed by United States Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA)

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.1. The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendices R and V will apply and are contained in their entirety at:

https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/2017-2020_US_Prescriptions_-_final_10.4.2016.pdf

1.2. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.3. RRS 35, A4 and A5 are changed as follows: Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

1.4. RRS A4 and A5 are changed: A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

1.5. Competitor's attention is drawn to the US Federal Law Title 33, Subpart B, Personal Floatation Devices, that may be enforced by local or federal law enforcement agencies which requires that while practicing for or racing in competition, each boat must carry for each competitor aboard, either a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. Failure by a competitor to heed this advice is not protestable.

1.6. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require boats to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Each competitor shall be a 2020 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.

3.2 Sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2020 shall be classified as a Youth.

3.3 Sailors reaching the age of 40 by the first day of the regatta shall be classified as a Master.

3.4 Entries must be completed online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com> **no later than 1700 On November 12**. An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver(s) have been made.

3.4 The Sunfish Midwinters for the US National Championship will be sailed concurrent with the International Masters Championship. Eligible competitors may register for both.

3.5 If fewer than 20 boats are registered by 2359 on October 29, the regatta will be cancelled.



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4. FEES

- 4.1 **Entry Fee:** \$176.55 (\$165 plus 7% sales tax) if received by 2359 on October 29. \$214.00 (\$200 plus 7% sales tax) if received after October 29. For dual registration with Masters, please add \$26.75 (\$25 plus 7% sales tax). Fees paid at the venue must be by credit or debit card – cash cannot be accepted. A full refund will be granted to entries cancelled by 2359 on October 29.
- 4.2 Skipper's registration fee includes: Regatta favor, post racing refreshments, continental breakfast and make your own lunch. **This may be modified based on the then current Covid-19 best practices and or government regulations.**
- 4.3 Registration fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.
- 4.4 Meal plans are available for coaches, family members, and guests. They may be purchased for \$64.20 (\$60.00 plus 7% sales tax).

5. SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 12

- 1200 – 1700: Registration and Check in
- 1400: Practice race
- 1700: Welcoming

Friday, November 13

- 0830 – 0930: Check in
- 0930: Skipper's Meeting
- 1130: First Warning, more races to follow
- After Racing: Regatta dinner at CYC

Saturday, November 14

- 0800: Breakfast, Lunch provided
- 1000: First Warning, more races to follow
- After Racing: Refreshments, Q & A with top 3 finishers

Sunday November 15

- 0800: Breakfast, Lunch provided
- 1000: First Warning, more races to follow
- 1400: No warning signal after this time
- After Racing: Pizza and Awards

6. MEASUREMENT

Boats and equipment must be compliant with current International Sunfish Class Association Class Rules as approved by World Sailing: <http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/SUN2015CR171214-%5B18151%5D.pdf>. Boats may be selected for remeasurement at any time during the regatta by the USSCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website.





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8. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed from Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767. Racing will be in the Gulf of Mexico or in Clearwater Harbor at the sole discretion of the race committee.

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, will apply as modified below.
- 10.2 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 A maximum of nine (9) races will be sailed.
- 10.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.5 When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.
- 11.2 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
- 11.3 Coach/support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing and fly a flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
- 11.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the lay lines from the marks defining the course.
- 11.5 Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line.
- 11.6 No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.
- 11.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
- 11.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

12. BERTHING

Boats will be kept at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center in areas assigned by the organizing authority.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:



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- a) Top ten finishers
- b) Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female)
- c) Highest placed Youth
- d) Highest placed Master (40+)

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 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 the regatta. **Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.**

15. INSURANCE

The organizing authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Clearwater Yacht Club

www.clwyc.org/regatta

Clearwater Community Sailing Center: www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org

Event Organizer: Kelley Lesperance klesperance204@gmail.com

Regatta web page: <https://www.sunfishclass.org/regattas/regatta-details/2471/>

Charter boats: Tackle Shack info@tackleshack.com (727) 546-5080

The following information is not a part of the NoR, but may be helpful in planning your visit to Clearwater:

The most up to date Covid19 information is available at <http://www.floridahealth.gov> .

Overnight camping or parking of RVs is not available at the yacht club or sailing center. There is a KGOA approximately 30 to 45 minutes away depending on traffic, and several mobile home parks with RV parking available. Please Google the applicable topic.

Local Hotels: Hotel rooms are abundant and are available in many price ranges. Generally, the hotels on the mainland are less expensive than on Clearwater Beach. For suggestions, please see www.clwyc.org .

Other housing: There are many listings of rooms, apartments and homes at <https://www.airbnb.com>

Distance from closest Airports:

- Tampa International: 22 Miles
- Clearwater/St. Pete Airport: 15 Miles



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Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.

Weather:

- Predominant Breeze: Easterly in the morning, building to a moderate/heavy Northwest sea breeze in the afternoon.
- Average historical wind speed: 11 knots.
- Average day temperature: 74°F
- Average night temperature: 61°F
- Tide: 2 Ft
- Current: ½ to 1 kt.
- The information provided may vary from year to year. For more information, please see the following websites:
 - <https://www.windfinder.com/>
 - <http://www.sailflow.com/>

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