



# *Sunfish 2020 Florida Regional Championship*

## *November 7 & 8, 2020*

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Class Rules of the USSCA and the International Sunfish Class.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 63.2 and 63.4 shall also apply.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the west exterior wall on the lower level of the Clubhouse.

## **3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the west end of the property.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Up to eight races are scheduled for the Championship. Additional races as practicable will be started following the completion of each race at the sole discretion of the race committee.
- 5.2 Saturday, November 7
  - 1100 Competitors Meeting (Pavilion below the clubhouse)
  - 1200 First Warning Signal
- Sunday, November 8
  - 1000 First Warning Signal (additional races to follow.)
  - 1500 No Warning Signal after this time

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flag will be the Sunfish Emblem on a yellow background.

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay south of the Clubhouse.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The attached diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be signaled by the letter "W" or "T" on a board on the starboard side the committee boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 The windward, leeward and reach marks will be orange inflatables.
- 9.2 New marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.3 The start/finish mark will be a red inflatable mark.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 All starts will be in accordance with Rule 26
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat start later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS. The timing and order, or omission, of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear a hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will replace the original mark with a new mark of the alternate color or move the finish line and will signal the direction of the change at the mark at the beginning of that leg.
- 11.2 In the event of a subsequent change the new mark will be replaced by the original mark in the new position.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Room. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 14.3 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by and protests reported to the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these penalties will be 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Regatta Room, beginning as soon as practicable.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 14.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

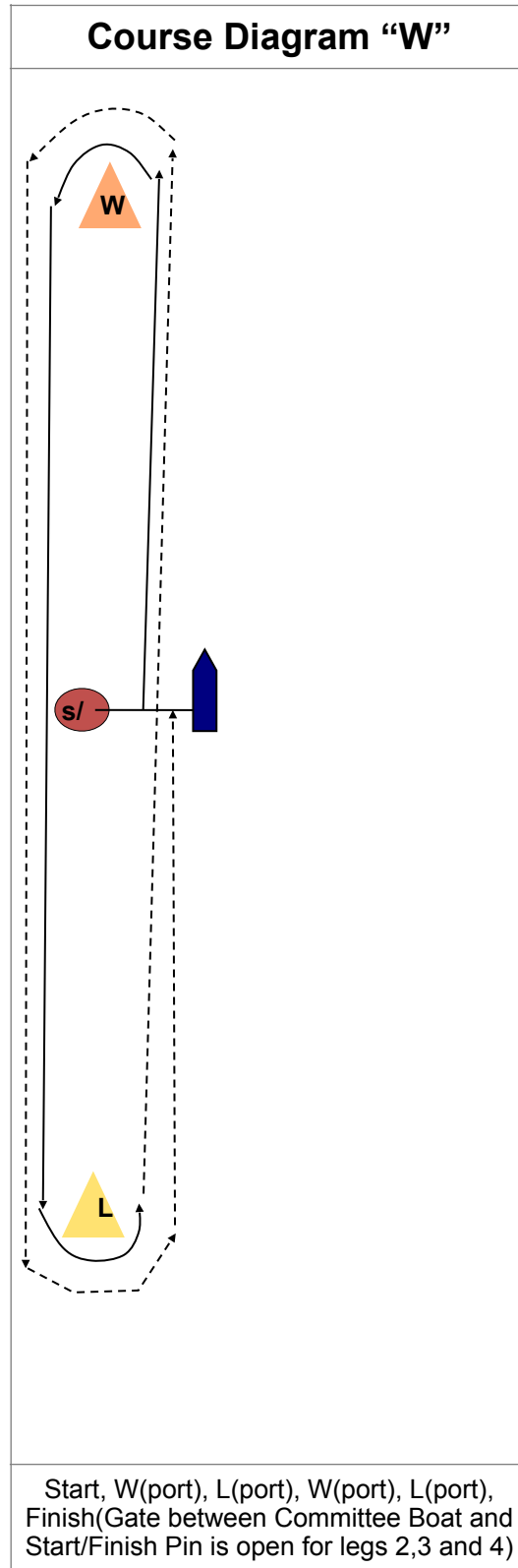
## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

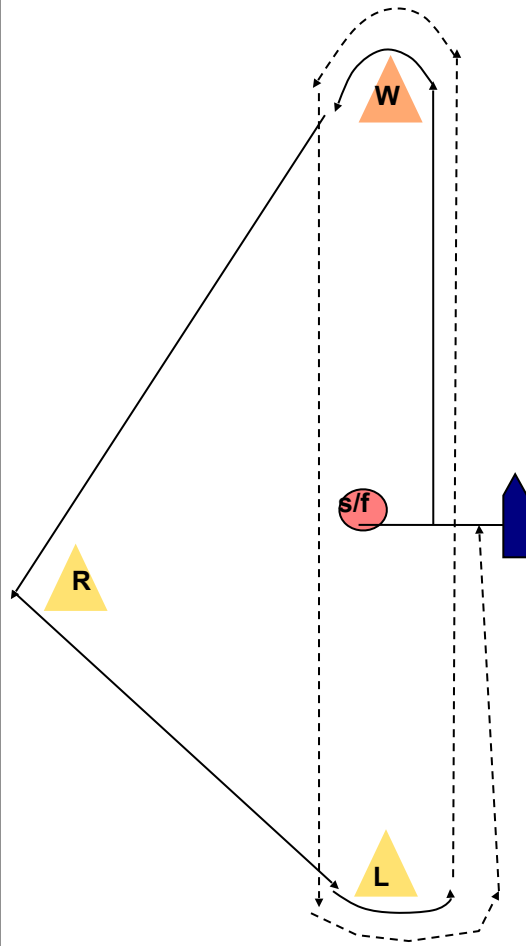
## **16 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY**

- 16.1 Competitors are prohibited from discharging ANY refuse overboard, including cans, bottles, and plastic.
- 16.2 PFDs shall be worn at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and Rule 40.
- 16.3 All boats are requested to check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal for the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the signal and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 16.4 A boat that retires from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible.

# COURSE DIAGRAMS



# Course Diagram "T"



Start, W(port), R(port), L(port),  
W(port), L(port), Finish (Gate between Committee Boat and  
Start/Finish Pin is open for legs 4 and 5)