



United States Sunfish
Class Association



2020 USSCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT MIDWINTERS

November 13–15, 2020

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi - USA

Organizing Authority:

BAY WAVELAND YACHT CLUB

1 Yacht Club Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. 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. Competitors shall wear a properly secured personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing clothes. US competitors must wear USCG approved PFDs. Competitors from outside the US may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority or a USCG approved PFD.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

In order to limit competitor gathering, notices to competitors will be posted through emails to competitors addressed to the competitor's email provided through registration.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be emailed before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be emailed by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Bay Waveland Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Activity
Fri., Nov. 13	0900	Competitor Check-in Open
	1130	Skipper's Meeting
	1300	First Scheduled Warning Signal, races to follow
Sat., Nov. 14	1000	First Scheduled Warning Signal, races to follow
Sun., Nov. 15	1000	First Scheduled Warning Signal, races to follow
	1500	No warning signal after this time



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5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds at least one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a red Sunfish insignia.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be in the Bay of St. Louis.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, including the angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

9.1. Original marks will be orange tetrahedrons. In the event that only one mark is in place for a gate, it shall be left to port.

9.2. The starting mark will be an orange ball.

9.3. The finishing marks will be the orange flag on the RC vessel, and an orange ball.

9.4. New rounding marks, when used in accordance with SI 11, CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.2. The start line will be between the RC vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.

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

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the gate or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of an orange buoy.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. Appendix V will apply.

13.2. Penalties for breaking a rule will be determined by the protest committee. Penalties may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), as per SI 16.5 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5, and A11.





15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available in the Club Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks following the last race of the day.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be held on the upper level of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. Breaches of SI 17, 20, and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 16.2. A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed.
- 16.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4. When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats which sail the course and finish plus two (2) points. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5 and A11.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Covid 19 Precautions: Competitor shall practice social distancing and wear masks in accordance with local municipal mandates. Wearing mask is not mandatory while on the water.
- 17.2. Check-in Procedures: Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal vessel on starboard tack, hail her sail number and obtain acknowledgement of the race committee. Boats that fail to check-in may be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.
- 17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. Failure by any competitor to inform the race committee either by hail, or by telephone to (727) 512-3264 that they have retired from racing may result in a 20% penalty in the competitor's last completed race. This also changes RRS A5.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by an USSCA Measurer or his designate to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

22.SUPPORT VESSELS

- 22.1. The organizing authority will not provide support vessels.
- 22.2. Coach/support vessels must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing





with the organizing authority.

- 22.3. Coach/support vessels shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race on VHF channel 72.
- 22.4. Support vessels include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
- 22.5. Support vessels 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.
- 22.6. Support vessels 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 beyond the extensions of the finish line.
- 22.7. No communication from the support vessels (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal and until the competitor completes the race.
- 22.8. No competitor shall be towed to the racecourse. All sailors must make it to the racecourse on their own. Boats shall not be towed from the racecourse unless flag W is displayed on a race committee vessel. When flag W is displayed a tow shall not exceed 5 knots.
- 22.9. If a support vessel 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 vessel.
- 22.10. Support vessels may be required to act as safety vessels upon instruction from a race official.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows subject to entry numbers:

- a) Perpetual trophy to top finisher
- b) Top five finishers
- c) Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is female)
- d) Highest placed Youth
- e) Highest placed Sunfish Master (40+)
- f) Highest placed Apprentice Master (40-49)
- g) Highest placed Master (50-59)
- h) Highest placed Grand Master (60-69)
- i) Highest placed Great Grand Master (70-79)
- j) Highest placed Senior Master (80+)

27. 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.

28. REQUESTS FROM OFFICIALS

Team Leaders, coaches, support personnel and competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Course 1

Start – 1 – Offset – 2 – 1 – Offset – 2 – Finish
(if set) *(if set)*



Course 1G

Start – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2 – Finish
(if set) *(if set)*

