



# United States Sunfish Class Association



## 2021 SUNFISH WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 24-26, 2021 Columbia, SC, USA

### Sailing Instructions

Posted 06/30/2021. Please check Regatta Network for updates.

Organizing Authority: Columbia Sailing Club - Endorsed by United States Sunfish Class Association

#### COVID -19 Statement

The Columbia Sailing Club (CSC) is holding this regatta with several modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Competitors should be prepared to follow the CDC, State of South Carolina and local recommendations during this event such as social distancing, frequent hand washing and the use of a face mask, especially on land. The safety of our members, guests and volunteers are the driving force for the modifications to this event. We will monitor the situation daily and make appropriate changes as needed. Competitors and support persons will be required to comply with all current local, state and federal guidelines related to COVID-19 while on the host club grounds or participating in racing. This includes, but is not limited to, any venue-specific requirements promulgated by the NoR, SIs or any amendments thereto. The Organizing Authority (OA) may terminate the event at any time if they observe significant disregard for any local, state or federal guidelines, or venue-specific requirements. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

#### 1 RULES

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- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Rules and By-Laws of the International Sunfish Class Association Rules will apply.
- 1.3 **[DP] [NP] [SP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 In any rule governing the Regatta: the notation **[NP]** means that any infraction to the rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat (*Changes rule RRS 60.1 (a)*) and the notation **[SP]** Denotes a rule to which a penalty may be applied by the RC without a hearing (*Changes rule RRS 63.1*).

#### 2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online (ONBO) located at: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21514#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21514#_newsroom) . Competitors will be informed by text or email (indicated in the registration form) when a Notice to competitors is posted on the ONBO.
- 2.2 Changes to the *rules* will be posted on the ONBO before 0900am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). When the L flag is raised with one sound on the Race Committee Signal Vessel (RCSV). All competitors must come by RCSV stern on starboard and acknowledge the change.

### **3 GREEN REGATTA**

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- 3.1 The Sunfish Women's North American Championship is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta" which means that any document used by the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Measurement Committee and Competitors as a way of communication between them will be online.
- 3.2 There will be no paper format, except for Protest Committee decisions on a protest or request for redress if a party asks for a written decision.
- 3.3 All communications will be received by each boat in the way established in the Registration Form (email).
- 3.4 A boat may request a communication in paper format only if she is a party in the Protest or *Request for redress*.
- 3.5 **[DP] [NP] [SP]** Rule RRS 47 applies at all times on the water and ashore. Trash may be placed aboard support and RC Vessels while on the water and trash cans. The penalty for breaching rule RRS 47 will be decided by the Protest Committee and could be different than a disqualification (*This changes Preamble of part 4 RRS and rule RRS 47*).
- 3.6 All competitors are encouraged to use refillable water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

### **4 ADVERTISING**

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- 4.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

### **5 SCHEDULE**

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<b>Friday, September 24</b>	1200 – 1800	Check-In (Reminder: no onsite registration)
	1400	Practice Race
<b>Saturday, September 25</b>		
	0900	Check-In closes
	0930	Competitor's Meeting
	1030	First Warning
<b>Sunday, September 26</b>		
	0930	First Warning
	1400	No warning signal will be made after 1400, except as a consequence of a General Recall. Awards Ceremony as soon as possible.

### **6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located in front of the CSC club house porch.
- 6.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. (*This changes "Race Signals"*)

### **7 CLASS FLAG**

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- 7.1 Class flag will be a yellow flag with a black Sunfish logo.

### **8 RACING AREA**

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- 8.1 The racing area will be on Lake Murray between the Lake Murray Dam and the Spence Islands.

### **9 THE COURSE**

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- 9.1 The course will be windward – leeward described in Addendum B.

## **10 MARKS**

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- 10.1 The windward mark and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 New marks used according to SI 12 will be yellow cylinders.
- 10.3 The offset mark will be a red ball.
- 10.4 The starting marks described in SI 11.1 will be two RC vessels or an RC vessel and a yellow tetrahedron.
- 10.5 The finishing marks described in SI 13.1 will be two RC vessels or an RC vessel and a yellow tetrahedron.

## **11 THE START**

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- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCSV at the starboard end, and a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC vessel or the course side of the starting mark on the port end.
- 11.2 As a courtesy, the RCSV may, after the starting signal, hail the sail numbers of OCS boats via loudhailer. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the failure of the RC to hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress (*This changes RRS 62.1(a)*).

## **12 CHANGED OR SHORTENED COURSE**

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- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old marks as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on port and the RC vessel on starboard (*This changes rule 28 RRS*).
- 12.3 No course will be shortened to fewer than two windward legs, the second of which will be at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  as long as the first (*This changes rule 33 RRS*).
- 12.4 A new weather mark will not have an offset mark for the rest of the race even though the original offset mark may still be in the water.

## **13 THE FINISH AND TIME LIMIT**

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- 13.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel or the course side of the finishing mark on the port end.
- 13.2 The time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark will be 20 minutes, and for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 60 minutes. If either of these limits is not met, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) as described in the SCORING section below. (*This changes RRS 35 and A11*)

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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- 14.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V will apply. See Addendum A for the full text.

## **15 HEARING REQUEST**

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- 15.1 Hearing requests shall be filed by using the USSailing Racing Rules app and send by email to: (email address to be posted on ONBO) within the appropriate Time Limit. For more details about the app, see SI 28 below.
- 15.2 Appendix T will apply.
- 15.3 Time to protest:
  - a) The Protest Time Limit shall be sixty (60) minutes for each fleet after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The resulting time will be posted at the ONB.
  - b) A request for reopening shall be delivered:
    - i) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
    - ii) No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the last day and after finishing the qualifying series. (*Changes rule RRS 66*)
- 15.4 Notices will be posted on the ONBO not later than 30 minutes after 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, beginning at the posted time.

- 15.5 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post on the ONBO the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may only request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be posted on the ONBO to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).

## **16 SCORING**

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- 16.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 16.2 A maximum of eight (8) 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) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.
- 16.5 The time limit for the first boat to pass the first mark will be 20 minutes, and for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 60 minutes. If either of these limits is not met, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.6 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of her flight sails the course and finishes, will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE shall be scored last to finish plus 2. No score shall be greater than DSQ. (*This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10*)
- 16.7 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and notify the boat that she will be scored in the place she would have finished including TLE.

## **17 [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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- 17.1 Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA rules.
- 17.2 Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the USSCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.
- 17.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the most current International Sunfish Class Association rules.
- 17.4 On the water, a boat can be instructed by the measurer or their designate to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **18 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**

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- 18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Principal Race Officer before the next race. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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- 19.1 **[DP]** While on the water, each competitor is required to wear either a USCG-approved Personal Flotation Device or a flotation device that complies with the regulations of their own country at all times, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The device shall be in good condition and must be 100% dependent on foam for flotation. (*This changes the preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40*)
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, or if not possible, notify the Organizing Authority immediately upon reaching shore.

## **20 SUPPORT BOATS**

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- 20.1 The OA will not provide support boats.
- 20.2 Coach/support boats must register prior to the competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the OA. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the RC channel.
- 20.3 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.

- 20.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC 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 laylines from the marks defining the course.
- 20.5 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 above the extensions of the finish line.
- 20.6 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.
- 20.7 All sailors must sail to the race course on their own. Boats shall not be towed to or from the race course unless code flag T is displayed on a RC vessel and may also be announced on the RC channel. When code flag T is displayed a tow shall not exceed 5 knots.
- 20.8 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
- 20.9 **[SP]** No drones are allowed closer than 500 meters from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for breaching this rule the Protest Committee may impose a discretionary penalty to all boats associated with the owner / operator of the drone. This rule does not apply to the OA drones.
- 20.10 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats if instructed.

## **21 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

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- 21.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS G3.

## **22 BERTHING**

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- 22.1 Boats will be kept at the Columbia Sailing Club in areas assigned by the Organizing Authority.

## **23 PRIZES**

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- 23.1 The top US finisher in this regatta will qualify for the 2021 International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) World Championship.
- 23.2 Prizes will be given as follows:
- a) Top five finishers
  - b) Highest placed Youth
  - c) Highest placed Master

## **24 RISK STATEMENT**

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- 24.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Columbia Sailing Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, employees and race officials for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.
- 24.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## **25 MEDIA RIGHTS**

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- 25.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA, including US Sailing, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, 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.

## **26 US SAILING RACING RULES APP**

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- 26.1 The US Sailing Racing Rules app is available for Apple and Android OS and can be downloaded at no cost.
- 26.2 US Sailing App download links:  
Apple: [US Sailing Racing Rules on the Apple Store](#)  
Android: [US Sailing Racing Rules - Apps on Google Play](#)
- 26.3 To get familiar with the app, there is a tutorial video on how to use the App that can be found here:  
[Videos - U.S. Sailing Racing Rules App \(c22sail.com\)](#)



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## ADDENDUM A – US SAILING APPENDIX V

### V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty.'

### V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES

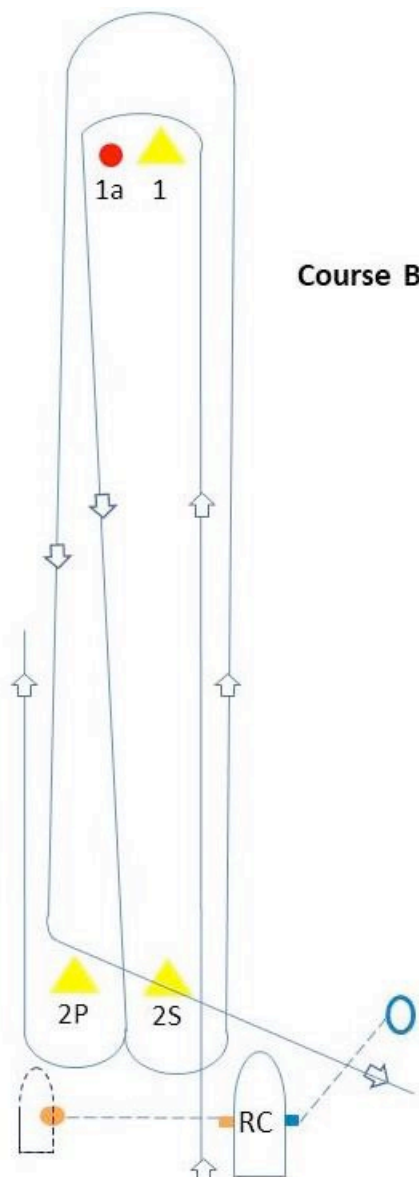
- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). however, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by deliver to the race office a written statement that she accept the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

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## ADDENDUM B – COURSE



Course B: S 1 1a 2 1 1a 2S F  
(2P can be ignored  
final run)