



**2021 Sunfish  
North American Championships  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes rule 60.1(a)

## **1. RULES**

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

1.1 The racing rules will be changed as follows:

- 1.1.1 RRS 35 is amended to add: Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).
- 1.1.2 RRS 40.1 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device. RRS 40: US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country).
- 1.1.3 RRS A4 is amended to add: The score for TLE is 2 points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit.
- 1.1.4 RRS A4 and A5 are amended to add: A boat that has not met the definition of start 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3 The following are the only prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply:
  - 1.3.1 RRS 60.3(b) is changed to “request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;”
  - 1.3.2 RRS 61.4: US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
  - 1.3.3 RRS 67: US Sailing prescribes that (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages. (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts. (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
  - 1.3.4 RRS 76.1: US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
  - 1.3.5 App V, Alternative Penalties will be in effect.

1.4 **COVID Restrictions and info:** [DP] This regatta is being held with several modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event is a great way to get back together and enjoy being on the water. However, we will follow the CDC, State of North Carolina, LNYC and local guidelines during this event such as social distancing, frequent hand washing and the use of a face mask especially when on land. The safety of our members, guests, and volunteers are the driving force for the modifications to this annual event. There is a release that must be signed prior to competing in the regatta. Our scoring and protest committees may be working remotely. Competitors are strongly encouraged to register early for the event in case there will be no on-site registration due to guidelines in place of early June. Ensure that email and mobile number information is provided during registration in order to obtain up to date information from the Organizing Authority. Any person refusing to comply with a reasonable request by a race official may be subject to a RRS 69 hearing.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1830 the evening before racing and no less than one hour before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect. Any change in the racing schedule will be posted by 1830 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying the “L” flag and attempting to hail competitors prior to their Warning Signal.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official online notice board is located at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21847#\\_docs](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21847#_docs)
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Race Management Center (RMC).

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at the RMC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Day	Date	Time	
Thursday	6/10/21	1430	Practice Race
Friday	6/11/21	0900 1100	Competitors Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Saturday	6/12/21	0930	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	6/13/21	0930  1300 After racing	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Additional races to immediately follow No warning signals made after this time Awards Ceremony

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 Class flags will be as follows:

Classes	Class Flag
Sunfish	Sunfish

## 7. COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed are illustrated in Addendum 1 which shows the course designations and the number of legs. The distance from Mark 1 to Mark 1a and the distance from Mark 2 to the finish for the even numbered courses (WL2, WL4, and WL6) will not be counted in determining the number of legs of the course.
- 7.2 All marks are to be rounded to port.
- 7.3 The course designation will be displayed on both sides of the race committee signal boat.
- 7.4 If a gate mark is not present, all boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1 The starting mark will be the staff with an orange flag in a white buoy.
- 8.2 Marks 1 and 2 will orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.3 Mark 1a will be a small green tetrahedron.
- 8.4 The finishing mark will be the staff with a blue flag in a white buoy.
- 8.5 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. If the course is changed again, the original marks will be used.

## 9. SAFETY CHECK-IN

[DP] Each boat shall check in before its first warning signal each day. Competitors shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the “Orange” flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.3 A mid-line buoy may be used on the start line. This is not a mark of the course and can be hit without penalty. If used, this mark will be set back a little from the line.
- 10.4 The starting signal for each race may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number orally and via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.
- 10.6 A boat that has not met the definition of *start* within 5 minutes after her warning signal will be scored DNS.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE AND SHORTENED COURSES

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (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

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the “Blue” flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 12.2 [DP] Boats that retire before finishing shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.
- 12.3 If the race committee finish boat displays Code Flag “A” with no sound signal while boats are finishing, it means ‘No more racing today’.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see rule 35) and Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 If no boat has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes. Boats in failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two points more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window.

#### **14. HEARING REQUESTS**

14.1 Hearing Request Forms will be available at the RMC.

14.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The race committee will blow a horn to signify the beginning of the protest period. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

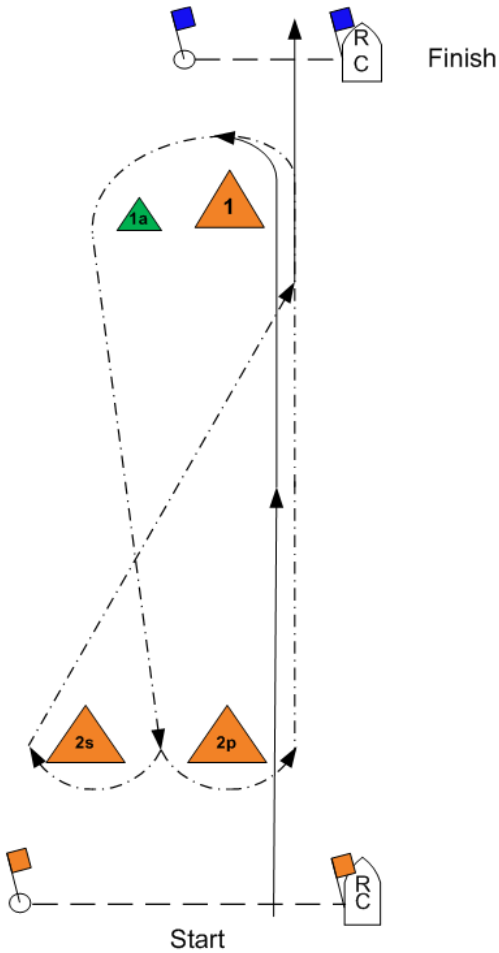
14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the upstairs of the clubhouse.

#### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

[DP] [NP] Each boat shall be equipped with all required safety gear and is subject to inspection by the race committee.

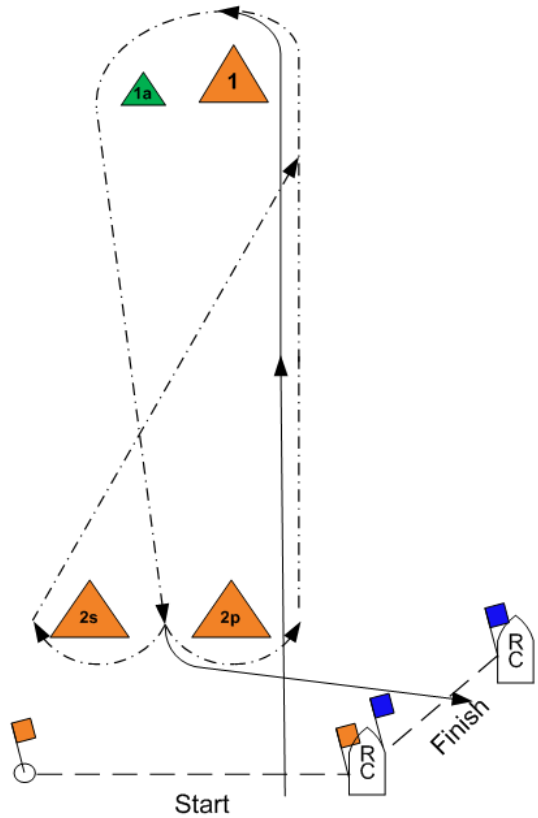
# ADDENDUM 1

Course Diagrams are Approximate and Not to Scale



**Windward Finish**

- Course 'WL3' Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
- Course 'WL5' Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish



**Leeward Finish**

- Course 'WL2' Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
- Course 'WL4' Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
- Course "WL6": Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish

