2021 USSCA Mid Atlantic Coast CHAMPIONSHIP

May 21 – 23, 2021

Organizing Authority: Toms River Yacht Club

Endorsed by the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA)

# **Sailing Instructions**

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- **1.2** The regatta is organized under the authority of the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) in conjunction with the Toms River Yacht Club (TRYC) and has been sanctioned in accordance with the ISCA Bylaws.
- **1.4**. In accordance with ISCA rules, 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.
- **1.6.** If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the whiteboard easel located on the lower level of the Clubhouse.

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted 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 south end of the property.
- **4.2.** When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

## **5.1.** Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Activity
Friday May 21	1800 – 1930	Pre-registration, Chartroom open for sailors
Saturday May 22		
Competitors' Meeting	0900	
Harbor Gun	0930	
First Scheduled Warning	1030	5 races scheduled
Sunday May 23		
Harbor Gun	0930	
First Scheduled Warning	1030	2 races scheduled

1400 No Warning after this time

**5.2** The racing schedule may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee to allow for the maximum number of races to be sailed.

#### 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a red Diamond shape, code flag "F"

## 7. RACING AREA

Races will be sailed on the "Wanamaker Course" at the mouth of the Toms River.

## 8. THE COURSE

- **8.1.**The diagrams in Attachment 1 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. The courses will be windward-leeward (W) + the number of legs, or triangle (T) + the number of legs.
- **8.2.** No later than the warning signal, the course designation will be posted by the RC.
- **8.3** If a gate Mark (2s or 2p) is missing, the remaining Mark shall be left to port.

#### 9. MARKS

- **9.1**. Rounding Marks will be orange inflatable balls or a large orange ball.
- 9.2. Mark 1a (offset) will be a small orange ball.
- **9.3.** A change mark will be a yellow inflatable ball.

#### 10. THE START

- **10.1.** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- **10.2.**The start/finish line, located downwind of the leeward mark(s), will be between a race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and a yellow inflatable mark at the port end.
- **10.3.** The RC will attempt to hail premature starters. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 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 lay a new mark (or move the gate or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- **11.2** If the Race Committee decides to change the axis of the course, and the change is less than ten (10) degrees, it may do so without making any signals indicating that a change is being made. Additional Marks may be moved to maintain the course shape. This changes RRS 33.

## 12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable Mark. The finish will be located below the leeward Mark(s).

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**13.1**. Appendix V will apply.

#### 14. TIME LIMITS

Time limits are as follows, with permission of the ISCA:

- **14.1** A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5.
- **14.2** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be one (1) hour. If no boat completes 1 leg in thirty (30) minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- **14.3** Any boats that do not finish within fifteen (15)minutes of the first finisher will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and will be scored two (2) more points than the last boat to have finished within the time limit. This changes Class Rule VIII (3), RRS 35, 63.1, A-4.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- **15.1.** Boats shall report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC signal boat upon finishing and remain in the area until acknowledged by the RC. The protesting boat shall not hinder any boats still finishing.
- **15.2.** Protest forms are available in the Toms River Yacht Club Regatta Room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- **15.3.** The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee finish boat docks after the last race of the day. The docking time and official starting time for protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- **15.4.** Hearings will be heard as posted.
- **15.5.** On the final day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty (30) minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 16. SCORING

- **16.1**. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- **16.2.** A maximum of seven (7) races will be sailed.
- **16.3.** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- **16.4**. When five (5) to seven (7) 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, A5 and A11.

#### 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- **17.1.** 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 boat, on starboard, hail her sail number and obtain verbal acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- **17.2**. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee Signal Boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### 19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the Class Measurer.

## 20. EVENT ADVERTISING

This regatta is designated category C as defined in ISAF Regulation 20.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

- **22.1**. The organizing authority will not provide support boats.
- **22.2** Coach/team leaders and other support staff shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee has signaled a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 22.3. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race on channel 71.
- **22.4.** The racing area is defined as 100 meters from any of the boats that are racing and 100 meters outside the laylines from all marks defining the course.
- **22.5.** The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.
- **22.6.** 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.
- 22.7. Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

## 23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## 24. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in the spots assigned by the organizing authority and remain there for the duration of the regatta, except by written permission from the Regatta Organizing Authority.

## 25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in 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 follow:

- a) Top five finishers
- b) Highest placed Youth
- c) Highest placed Master (50+)

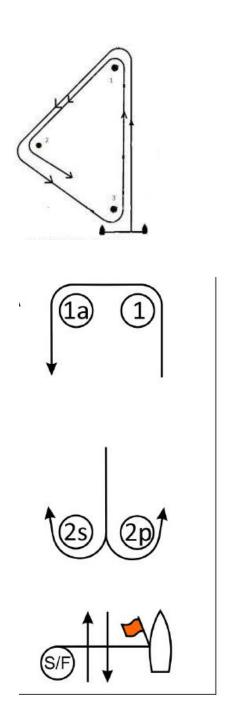
## 27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and The International Sunfish Class Association 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.

# **ATTACHMENT 1 COURSES**

T Triangle

W Windward/leeward – NOTE: offset is always a mark of the course.



# Covid 19 Assessment, Consent and Release Form 2021 Mid Atlantic Coast Championship

Assessment for the Purpose of Participating in the Regatta

I confirm that I am not presenting any of the following symptoms of Covid-19 listed below, that I will update these confirmations immediately before the commencement of the regatta, and I undertake that I will withdraw from the regatta if at the time of the event I am presenting any of the following:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Dry cough
- Runny nose Sore throat

I further confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that I have not been exposed within the last 14 days to anyone suffering from the Covid - 19 virus.

Disclosure and Agreement

I understand that by participating in this regatta I may be exposing myself to a person or persons who may be contagious but not exhibiting visible symptoms of Covid - 19. I agree to be bound by any restrictions put in place by the Toms River Yacht Club in holding this event, including, but not limited to social distancing and the wearing of a face mask while on land at the regatta.

Waiver of Liability

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns, to indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its employees and volunteers, and do hereby release them from any and all claims of liability for loss, personal injury, sickness, death or damages of any kind, and in particular with any sickness or illness associated with Covid-19, arising from, (i) participation in the 2021 Sunfish Class Mid Atlantic Coast Championship, (ii) any safety or rescue efforts undertaken by the Club, its employees, volunteers, or other persons or agencies assisting in such safety or rescue efforts, whether on land, in or on the water, or (iii) other actions taken in good faith for the safety, well being and health of the Club, its members, employees, volunteers and guests.

Signature:	•	Date	