



## 2021 US Sunfish Masters Championship October 8-10, 2021

### Sailing Instructions

**Organizing Authority: Rochester Canoe Club, 2050 Bay Shore Blvd, Rochester, NY 14622**  
**Sanctioned by US Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA)**

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 RRS 60.1(a)

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US SAILING Prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R will apply. In addition, Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

#### 2 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.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board on the lower level of the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes mobile phones.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 The signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the East side 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 OF RACES

Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Fri, Oct 8	1300	Practice Race(s)	
Sat, Oct 9	0930 1045	Competitor's meeting First Scheduled Warning	RCC grounds Multiple races to follow
Sun, Oct 10	0945 1400	First Scheduled Warning No Warning after this time	Multiple races to follow

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a black Sunfish logo on a yellow background.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area is detailed in Attachment 1.

## 8 THE COURSES

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

8.2 If a gate mark (2s or 2p) is missing the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be large orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 Mark 1a (offset) will be a small yellow tetrahedron.

9.3 The new mark, as used in SI 11, will be a large yellow tetrahedron.

9.4 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a small yellow tetrahedron.

9.5 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a small yellow tetrahedron.

## 10 THE START

10.1 Starts will be held in accordance with Rule 26.

10.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, multiple sounds will be made approximately one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.

10.3 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a yellow tetrahedron.

10.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10.5 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**

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.

**12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of a yellow tetrahedron.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Appendix V will apply.

13.2 Penalties for breaking a rule other than those of Part 1, Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42 will be determined by the protest committee. Penalties may be less than disqualification. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

**14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
60 minutes	20 minutes	35 minutes

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or at the Race Time Limit, whichever occurs first, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing. The score will be equal to the number of boats which sail the course and finished plus two (2) points. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

14.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available from the Protest Desk located in the RCC club house.

15.2 The protest time limit is **45** minutes after the RC signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or when RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

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 as witnesses.

15.4 Hearings will be held in the RCC clubhouse or grounds.

15.5 Breaches of NoR 1.5, and 12 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat, changing RRS 60.1(a).

15.6 The Race Committee will post a list of Race Committee actions prior to the end of the protest time limit.

15.7 Scoring Inquiries should be submitted to the PRO. The form may be obtained at the Protest Desk. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the expiration of the protest time limit, or 30 minutes after posting of the day’s race results on the official notice board, whichever comes later.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 [NP]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. A boat not complying with this instruction may receive a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c) for the first race of the day. This changes RRS A5.1.

16.2 [NP]A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable A boat not complying with this instruction may receive a 20% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c) for the boat's last completed race. This changes RRS A5.1.

## **17 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

17.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Race Committee Vessel: Blue flag with red 'RC' and white border

Judge Vessel: White Judges flag

17.2 Failure of an official vessel to display the designated flag shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **18. TRASH DISPOSAL**

[NP]Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

## **19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

[NP]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.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of boats, or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee. Boats shall use the sail numbers entered on the registration form and shall not change the numbers on its sail or use a sail with a different number during the regatta without prior written approval of the Protest Committee.

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

# Attachment 1 - Approximate Racing Area



## Attachment 2 – Course Diagrams

W 3	W 4	W 5
Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish