



2021 Sunfish US Masters Championship

October 8-10, 2021

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: [Rochester Canoe Club](#), 2050 Bay Shore Blvd, Rochester, NY 14622

Endorsed by International Sunfish™ Class Association (ISCA)

Endorsed by US Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA)

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, 70.5(a), 76.1 and Appendix R will apply and are contained in their entirety at:
<https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.
- 1.6 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will be in effect.
- 1.7 Competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State of New York guidelines as well as the Rochester Canoe Club policies that are in effect at the time of the regatta regarding coronavirus and COVID-19.
- 1.8 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).
- 1.9 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).
- 1.10 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at Regatta Network by October 1, 2021.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each competitor shall be a 2021 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.
- 3.2 All participants shall be 40 years of age or older as of October 8, 2021 and must meet the age requirement to qualify for each of the age divisions: Apprentice Master 40+, Master 50+, Grand Master 60+, Great Grand Master 70+, and Senior Master 80+.
- 3.3 An entry is not complete until payment has been made.

4 FEES

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, a preliminary go/no-go decision will be made by the board of USSCA and RCC on September 1. Further assessments will be made throughout September to determine if the event can be held safely for the competitors and RCC.

- 4.1 Entry Fee: **\$60.00**
- 4.2 All registration and storefront fees must be received by 10 PM, October 8, 2021, after which time registration will be closed.
- 4.3 Registration is open on Regatta Network. Early registration is encouraged to determine intent to race. Please note that initially your status will be “waitlist” until payment is made.
To register for US Masters – [click here](#)
- 4.4 Skipper’s registration fee includes: racing, regatta favor, and breakfast counter service.
- 4.5 Lunches can be ordered separately for \$8.00/day.
- 4.6 All fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.
- 4.7 Refunds will be given less a \$10 administrative fee if the regatta is cancelled. No other refunds will be given.

5 ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require boats to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

6 SCHEDULE

NOTE - Based on COVID-19 conditions at the time of the event, all gatherings such as competitor meetings, Q&A sessions and protest hearings may be held virtually using Zoom.

US Masters Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Thu, Oct 7	1100 - 1600 1100+	Early Check-in Sailing on the Bay!	RCC Clubhouse Enjoy!
Fri, Oct 8	1100 - 1600 1100 1300	Check-in Sunfish Clinic Practice Race(s)	RCC Clubhouse Mike Ingham & Doug Kaukeinen
Sat, Oct 9	0800 - 0930 0930 1045 After Racing	Check-in & breakfast available Competitor’s meeting First Scheduled Warning Q&A with top 3 finishers	RCC Clubhouse May be Zoom Multiple races to follow May be Zoom
Sun, Oct 10	0800 - 0900 0945 1400 After Racing	Breakfast available First Scheduled Warning No Warning after this time Awards	RCC Clubhouse Multiple races to follow RCC Clubhouse or grounds

7 MEASUREMENT

Boats and equipment must be compliant with current International Sunfish Class Association Class Rules as approved by World Sailing: <https://www.sailing.org/28326.php>. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the USSCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

8 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed from the Rochester Canoe Club, 2050 Bay Shore Blvd, Rochester, NY 14622. Racing will be on Irondequoit Bay.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10 SCORING

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, will apply as modified below.

10.1.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

10.1.2 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed.

10.1.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.

10.1.4 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 race.

11 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

11.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.

11.2 Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing. Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF channel designated by the RC during the race.

11.3 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance. Failure to comply may be misconduct and result in expulsion from the event.

11.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the 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.

11.5 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 to windward of the extensions of the finish line.

11.6 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.

11.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.

11.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

11.9 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. 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

12 BERTHING

Boats will be kept at the Rochester Canoe Club in areas assigned by the organizing authority.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race in the RRS. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disease or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

The organizing authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

15 PRIZES

Prizes for the **US Masters Championship** will be given as follows:

- 15.1 US Sunfish Masters perpetual daggerboard awarded to top finisher.
- 15.2 Top three overall finishers.
- 15.3 Top three finishers in each age division.
- 15.4 Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female).
- 15.5 One berth for the 2022 Sunfish World Championships will be awarded as per the USSCA Class Notice:

https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/UNITED_STATES_SUNFISH_CLASS_NOTICE_2020-2022.pdf.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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| 16.1 Rochester Canoe Club | https://rochestercc.org |
| 16.2 Event Organizers: | Doug Kaukeinen & Deirdre Santos-Kaukeinen |
| 16.3 Web Page for US Masters: | Regatta Site |
| 16.4 Charter boats: | Shoreline Sailboats |

Additional Information

The following information is not a part of the Notice of Race but may be helpful in planning your visit to Rochester.

- Limited overnight camping during the regatta is available at RCC in designated areas. Limited RV parking is available in designated areas. Contact a regatta coordinator to register. Registration is required.
- Local Hotels: Hotel rooms are available in many price ranges.
- Other housing: Due to Covid 19 restrictions, housing is not being offered by the club's membership. However, there are many listings of rooms, apartments and homes at <https://www.airbnb.com>
- Distance from local Airport: Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester Int Airport (ROC): 15 Miles
- Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.