



2022 Sunfish Championships

International Masters – Mar 12 - 15, 2022

US Nationals at Midwinters – Mar 18 -20, 2022

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Clearwater Yacht Club, Clearwater, FL

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 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 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.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each competitor shall be a 2022 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.
- 3.2 All **Masters** participants shall be 40 years of age or older as of March 13, 2022, and must meet the same 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 and online approval of the waiver have been made.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry Fee for International Masters: If paid in full by 1700 on February 13, **\$115 plus 7% sales tax, total \$123.** If paid by 1700 on February 27, **\$145 plus tax, total of \$155.**
- 4.2 Entry Fee for US Nationals at Midwinters: If paid in full by 1700 on February 13, **\$115 plus 7% sales tax, total \$123.** If paid by 1700 on February 27, **\$145 plus tax, total of \$155.**
- 4.3 **Entries close at 1700 on February 27, 2022.**
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Refunds, less a \$25 administrative fee, will be given if a request is received by 1700 on February 27.
- 4.6 Registration is open on Regatta Network. Please note that initially your status may be “waitlist” until payment is made.
To register for International Masters – <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23705>
To register for US Nationals at Midwinters – <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23706>
- 4.7 Registration fee includes, for all race days except for team racing day, continental breakfast - lunches may be purchased at registration for \$10.00 each for the same days.

5 SCHEDULE

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

Masters Date	Midwinters Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Sat, Mar 12	Thu, Mar 17	1500 - 1800 1300	Check-in Practice race (Masters only)	May be by phone NO practice race for Midwinters
Sun, Mar 13	Fri, Mar 18	0800 – 0900 0930 1130 After Racing	Check-in Competitor Meeting First Scheduled Warning Q&A with top 3 finishers	May be by phone May be Zoom More races to follow May be Zoom
Mon, Mar14	Sat, Mar 19	1000 After Racing	First Scheduled Warning Q&A with top 3 finishers	More races to follow May be Zoom
Tue, Mar 15	Sun, Mar20	1000 1400 After Racing	First Scheduled Warning No Warning after this time Awards	More races to follow May be Zoom

6 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 ISCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at Regatta Network.

8 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed from Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767. Racing will be in the Gulf of Mexico, north of Clearwater Pass, or if, in the sole discretion of the race committee, conditions warrant, in Clearwater Harbor, southeast of CCSC.

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

11.1 The organizing authority will not provide support vessels.

11.2 Support vessels must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing and fly a flag (a \$30 cash deposit will be required) with a number provided by the Organizing Authority at all times while on the water. Support vessels shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 72 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 vessels 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 vessels 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 vessels (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal and before the competitor completes the race.

11.7 If a support vessel 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 the support vessel.

11.8 Support vessels may be required to act as safety vessels 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 CCSC in areas assigned by the organizing authority.

13 PRIZES

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

- 13.1.1 Top three finishers in each age division.
- 13.1.2 Top five overall finishers.
- 13.1.3 One berth for the 2023 Sunfish World Championships will be awarded as per the International Class Notice: <https://www.sunfishclass.org/about/international-class-notice> .
- 13.2 Prizes for the **US Nationals at Midwinters** will be given as follows:
 - 13.2.1 Top five finishers.
 - 13.2.2 Four US berths for the 2023 Sunfish World Championships will be awarded as per the USSCA Notice: https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/UNITED_STATES_SUNFISH_CLASS_NOTICE_2020-2022.pdf
 - 13.2.3 Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female).
 - 13.2.4 Highest placed Youth (less than 19 years old during the calendar year 2022).
 - 13.2.5 Highest placed Master (40+).

14 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. 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.

15 **INSURANCE**

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

16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 Clearwater Yacht Club www.clearwateryachtclub.org
- 16.2 Event Organizer: Kelley Lesperance klesperance204@gmail.com

Additional Information

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

- Overnight camping and RV parking is not available on site.
- Local Hotels: Hotel rooms are available in many price ranges.
- Other housing: Limited housing in homes, on boats, etc. may be available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Kelley Lesperance klesperance204@gmail.com
- Listings of rooms, apartments, and homes at <https://www.airbnb.com>
- Distance from closest Airports:
 - Tampa International: 20 miles
 - Clearwater/St. Pete Airport: 12 miles
- Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.