

2022 Don VanVechten Memorial & NY Upstate Regional Sunfish Regatta

June 11-12, 2022

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 prescriptions of US Sailing will apply including Appendix V.
- 1.3 The rules and bylaws of the International Sunfish Class Association will apply. (Class Rules)
- 1.4 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
- 1.5 While on the water, each competitor is required to wear a USCG-approved personal floatation device, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

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
Sat, June 11	0930 1030 1600	Competitor's meeting First Scheduled Warning No Race starts after	RCC grounds Multiple races to follow
Sun, June 12	0930 Around 1300	First Scheduled Warning Awards	Multiple races to follow

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a black Sunfish logo on a white 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 practical.

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 at 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes 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 Race Committee.

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.

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: RCC burgee.



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.

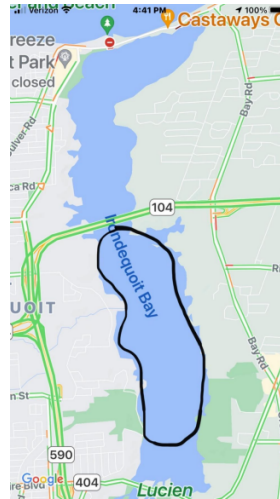
20 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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
<p>Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Downwind Finish</p>	<p>Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Downwind Finish</p>	<p>Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Downwind Finish</p>