

51st Annual World's Longest Sunfish Race, Around Shelter Island NY
Southold Yacht Club, Southold NY 11971
July 9, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: **A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.** However 44.1(b) is still in effect.
- 1.3 RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty is not in effect. This changes RRS 44.3.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All competitors must wear a **Coast Guard** approved personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40.1.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day of the regatta. Changes will be posted on the official notice board which will be on the exterior of the windows of SYC so designated.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hailing competitors verbally after a series of short sounds. Not hearing the change will not be a cause for redress.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the exterior of the windows of SYC so designated on the day of the event.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the club house at Southold Yacht Club. Any protest forms or request for redress forms shall be handed directly to Mike Callanan or another Race Official on site.
- 3.3 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.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SYC flag pole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The regatta is comprised of one race. Schedule as follows:

11:27 Warning Sunfish Class, all divisions

11:30 Start Sunfish Class, all divisions

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flag will not be used.

8 START/FINISH AREA

- 8.1 The start/finish area will be in Southold Bay unless the course is shortened by the Race Committee.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course is one circumnavigation of Shelter Island, beginning at the starting line and ending at the finish line. No later than the Skipper's Meeting the PRO will announce whether the course direction will be clockwise or counter-clockwise.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The only marks of the course are those designating the start & finish lines. No other buoys need be honoured.
- 10.2 Any inflatable mark attached to the RC boat or pin vessel shall be considered part of the start/finish mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS Appendix U. This changes RRS 26. However RRS 29.1 Individual Recall will be in effect; the X flag will be used as a visual signal as described in RRS 29.1.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end on the starting line and an orange flag on the pin vessel on the port end of the line.
- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11.5 A boat that does not finish within the Finishing Window will be scored TLE (time limit expired).

12 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

12.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course or abandon the race after the start per RRS 32.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and a finishing mark, which may be a large yellow or orange drop mark.

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is in effect except that a one-turn penalty is in effect when a boat may have broken a rule in Part 2 in an incident while *racing*.

14.2 Appendix V2 Penalty Taken After the Race is in effect.

15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 The Race Time Limit for all boats is 6 hours. Boats failing to finish within the race time limit and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35. The Finishing Window is 1 hour after the first place boat finishes the race. Any boat not finishing within this time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35.

	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
	6 hours	1 hour

15.2 Boats who do not have a reasonable expectation of finishing within the time limit may be offered a tow back to SYC by a safety boat. If such an offer is refused it is understood that the boat will make its way back to SYC on its own.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest and redress filing time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes for the day.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available on the Race Committee bulletin board inside the SYC club house.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on SYC grounds at a place to be

designated on the Official Notice Board.

17 SCORING

17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring. See RRS Appendix A for details.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All competitors must wear a **Coast Guard** approved personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40.1.

18.2 All boats must carry a 20' tow line. A boat's main sheet may serve as its tow line.

18.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee or a safety boat at the first reasonable opportunity on the water. A boat that decides not to start the race must report same to the Check-In desk before 1030 the day of the race. A boat that checks in but does not start the race or that retires shall call or text the PRO at 646-732-1066. If a boat does not return to Southold Yacht Club they must call or text the PRO: 646-732-1066

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 SUPPORT TEAMS

20.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations in the RRS.

20.2 Coaches and other support persons shall stay outside the starting area from the time of the warning signal until 10 minutes after the start.

20.3 Support person vessels shall report to the Race Committee before 10AM, and shall give their contact information to the RC.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Do not dispose of any material into the water.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes are as follows:

Top 10, First Doubles, First Youth, First Youth doubles. All competitors will receive a certificate with their name and individual finish time.

Names inscribed on perpetual plaques maintained at Southold Yacht Club as follows: **WBAZ-FM Plaque:** Overall race winner. **Peggy Wagner Memorial Plaque:** First female finisher. **Heinl-Lyman Octogenarian Plaque:** Oldest Competitor and First Master (age 50+) to finish.

*Note that if the race course is shortened elapsed time will be recorded with an explanatory note and asterisk.

23. TIDE & CURRENT

23.1 NOAA current predictions for Paradise Point can be found at https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaacurrents/Predictions?id=ACT2536_1

23.2 Other current predictions for the area may be found at <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaacurrents/Stations?q=458>

23.3 Tide and current links are provided for informational purposes only. The OA does not accept any responsibility for the information provided. Any errors in such information shall not be a cause for redress.

24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 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.

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