

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
BETSY SCHMIDT MEMORIAL
SUNFISH® REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, August 20, & Sunday, August 21, 2021
Lewes Yacht Club, 2701 Cedar St. Lewes, DE 19958
regatta@lewesyc.com**

**Organizing Authority: Lewes Yacht Club
Endorsed by the United States Sunfish Class Association V1.2**

1. **Rules** - The rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US SAILING will govern the race, except as altered by these sailing instructions (SI) or as posted on the Regatta Bulletin Board. By competing in this event you agree to abide by local COVID-19 regulations in effect.
2. **Notices to competitors** will be posted on the official notice board on the first floor of the clubhouse.
3. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions** – Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect. The RC may make changes orally on the water to these sailing instructions before the warning signal of the affected race.
4. **Signals Made Ashore** – Signals made ashore will be displayed on a staff on the clubhouse upper deck that faces Delaware Bay.
 - a. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule:

Schedule: Friday, August 19

1100-1800 Check in and registration

1430 Practice race

1700-2000 Dinner is available by reservation in the upstairs dining room.

Schedule: Saturday, August 20

0700 – 0930 Breakfast

0800 – 1000 Registration

0930 Skippers Meeting

1040 First Signal for first race of the day Subsequent races back to back with lunch on the water

1700 Happy Hour

1830 Dinner Pool Party to follow

Sunday, August 21

0700 – 0900 Breakfast

1010 First Signal for first race of the day Subsequent races back to back Lunch and awards to follow the last race of the day. No race will be started after 1300.

6. **Racing Areas** – racing will be on the Delaware Bay.
7. **The courses** – The course will be windward leeward (course W) or a triangle (course T). See course diagrams at the end of these SI. The RC vessel will display the course followed by a number indicating the number of legs to be sailed. The distance between Mark 3 and Mark 1 will be approx 3/4 nm. If there is a gate, boats shall pass between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.
8. **Marks** – All marks shall be passed to the port side of the competitors' boats. Rounding marks will be red. New marks will be green.
9. **The start** – Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. The RC may make a series of short sound signals (not a timed signal) shortly before the warning signal is raised for each race to alert competitors that the starting sequence is about to begin.
Class Flag – A flag with an image of the Sunfish logo will be the class flag
 - a. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange shape on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange shape on a port end race committee vessel. The port end of the starting line may be a mark and not a vessel.
 - b. Competitors are required to check in at the RC signal vessel before their first race of each day.
 - c. Recalls-If the RC displays signal flag X (individual recall) with one sound, one or more boats were OCS at the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the communication, an untimely communication of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the communication shall not be grounds for granting redress. If you suspect that you were OCS, return to the pre-start side of the starting line and start correctly.
 - d. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS/DNC.
10. **Change of the next leg of the course** – To change the next leg of the course the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled as per RRS rule 33 with green and red shapes and/or “+” and “-” displayed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
11. **The Finish—The finish line is open. When finishing cross the finish line only once per race.** Your score for a race will be your placement the last time you crossed the finish line. Once a boat has finished a race she shall stay well clear of the finishing area.
 - a. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange shape on the RC vessel and a staff displaying an orange shape on the pin vessel. The port end of the finish line may be a mark and not a vessel.

- b. If flag “A” is displayed (with no sound) there will be no more racing that day, otherwise remain in the starting area for additional races.

12. Time Limits – The time limit is 45 minutes for the first boat to finish courses T4 or W3. The time limit for courses T6 and W5 is 70 minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored TLE (time limit expired) without a hearing and will be scored two (2) points more than the last boat to finish successfully. In no event, however, will TLE be scored more points than the number of starters.

If no boat has passed its first mark within 30 minutes after its starting signal the race may be abandoned.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress – Protest forms are available in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the jury within the protest time limit.

- a. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks.
- b. Notices will be posted on the official board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14. Scoring – The Low Point Scoring System will apply. One completed race will constitute a regatta. If five or more races are completed, there will be one throw out.

15. Safety Regulations – Life jackets are required to be properly worn while racing.

A boat retiring will attempt to notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. Awards – Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall finishers as well as top Master, top Junior and Top opposite sex. The highest placing USSCA finisher will receive a bid to the 2023 Sunfish World Championship.

17. Disclaimer Of Liability - Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

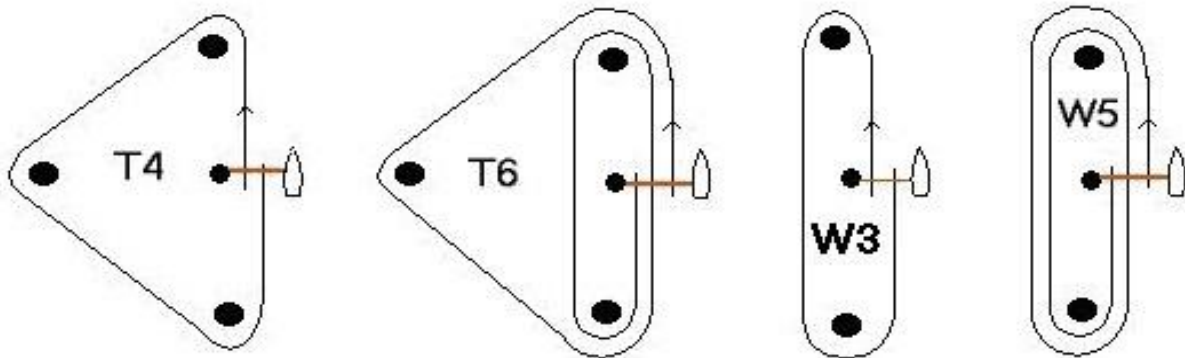
18 Radio Equipment – A competitor shall neither make nor receive radio or cell phone transmissions while racing that are not available to all competitors except in the case of notifying the race committee of a safety issue or of a competitor’s retirement from the race.

19 Special Notes -

- a. Race committee support vessels shall rank as obstructions.
- b. Any boat receiving ‘hands on’ assistance from rescue/mark vessels will be scored DNF. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

- c. If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.
- d. If there is a conflict between the NOR and these SI the SI will prevail.
- e. Additional fleets may be racing on the same courses as the Sunfish fleet and may start at the same time.

COURSE DIAGRAMS: Be sure that you sail the correct number of legs.



Sailing Order: S-1-2-3-F S-1-2-3-1-3-F S-1-3-F S-1-3-1-3-F
S=Start F=Finish Courses will be designated "T4" "T6" "W3" or "W5".

Tides at Roosevelt Inlet:

Times are local EDT. Tidal current is *significant* in the racing area especially the ebb. The ebb tide flows from the Roosevelt Inlet towards the large rock breakwaters near Cape Henlopen.

Saturday 08/20/22	0944 Low	1623 High
Sunday 08/21/22	1040 Low	1721 High