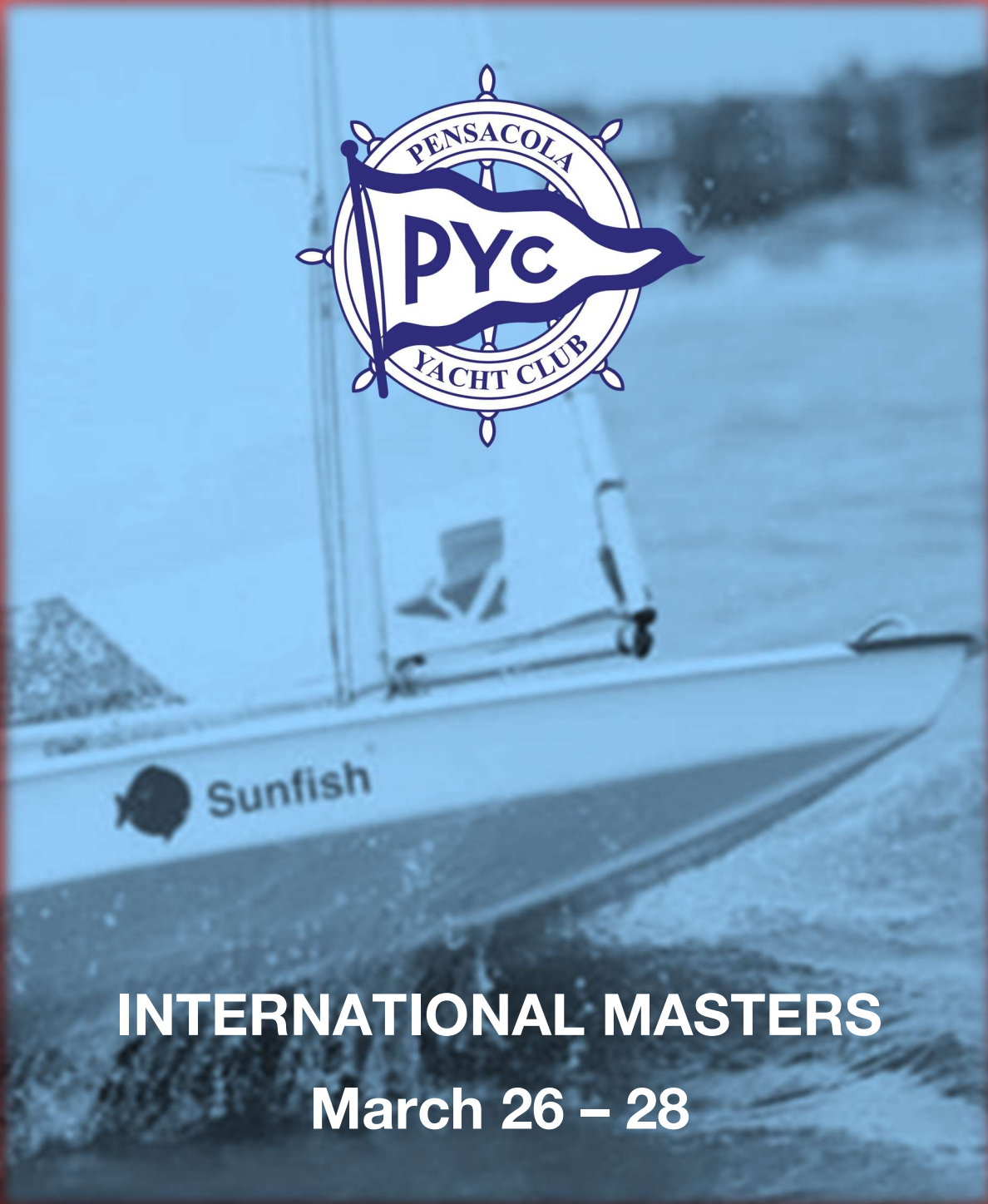




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March 26 – 28

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The Organizing Authority is the Pensacola Yacht Club as endorsed by United States Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA)

1 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

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

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online (ONBO) at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5782/event?name=sunfish-international-masters-2023>
- 2.2 Principal radio VHF channel will be 69, except when the Race Committee Signal Vessel displays flag "V" (RRS 37) in which case VHF 72 will be used.
- 2.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

3 CHANGES TO RULES

- 3.1 Changes to the *rules* will be posted on the ONBO before 0830am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the main yard at Pensacola YC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' (*This changes RRS 25.2 and Race Signals*)

5 CLASS FLAG

- 5.1 The class flag is a white flag with a red sunfish logo.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, the course designations, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 6.3 If a Leeward Gate Mark (2s or 2p) is missing the remaining mark shall be left to port.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1, 1a and Leeward Gate will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons
- 7.2 New marks used according to SI 9 will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron.
- 7.3 The starting marks will be RC vessels with an orange flag.
- 7.4 The finishing marks will be RC Vessels with a blue flag or an RC vessel with a blue flag and red round buoy.
- 7.5 An RC vessel signalling a change of course, according to SI 9, shall be treated per RRS 31. (*This Changes rule RRS 31*)

8 THE START

- 8.1 The start line will be between the staffs displaying orange flags on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and Pin Vessel.
- 8.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed at least one (1) minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 8.3 The race committee may display a board at the stern of the Race Committee Signal Vessel showing the number of the OCS/UFD boats. Any improper action or omission associated with this display board is not subject to redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a))*
- 8.4 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *(This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2)*

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 If during a race the Race Committee changes the position of mark 1 and signals that change in accordance with RRS 33, mark 1a (offset mark) will no longer be a mark of the course for the remainder of that race. After rounding the repositioned mark 1, boats should sail directly to the leeward gate.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the Race Committee Signal Vessel and Pin Vessel or a staff displaying blue flag on a Race Committee Vessel and a red round buoy.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 11.1 The mark 1 time limit, race time limit, the finishing window and target times are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 mins.	75 mins.	15 mins.	45-50 mins.

- 11.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 11.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing. The score for TLE is the number of finishers plus 2. *(This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10)*
- 11.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1(a)).*

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONBO.
- 12.2 Hearing requests shall be delivered, within the appropriate time limit, at the following link https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=5782.
- 12.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the race office beginning at as soon as possible.
- 12.4 Rule 42 infringements will be posted by the Protest Committee on the ONBO before the protest time limit expires.

- 12.5 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post on the ONBO the boats that are disqualified or penalized under A5. A boat so notified may only request for redress within 30 minutes after that posting.
- 12.6 Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be posted on the ONBO to inform boats under rule 61.1 b).
- 12.7 Class Rule 2.5 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. *(This changes RRS 60.1 (a)).*

13 [SP][NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 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 from the race committee.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the ISCA Measurer or designate before the first race or by the Race committee (Principal Race Officer or his designate) thereafter. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2 Any substitution granted via SI 14.1 will be posted on the Official Notice Board Online.

15 OFFICIAL VESSEL

- 15.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:
 - Race committee signal boat with a blue flag and white letters RC.
 - Jury boats with a white flag and black letter J.
 - Safety vessels will display an orange flag.

16 BERTHING

- 16.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in boat park

17 KEY CONTACTS

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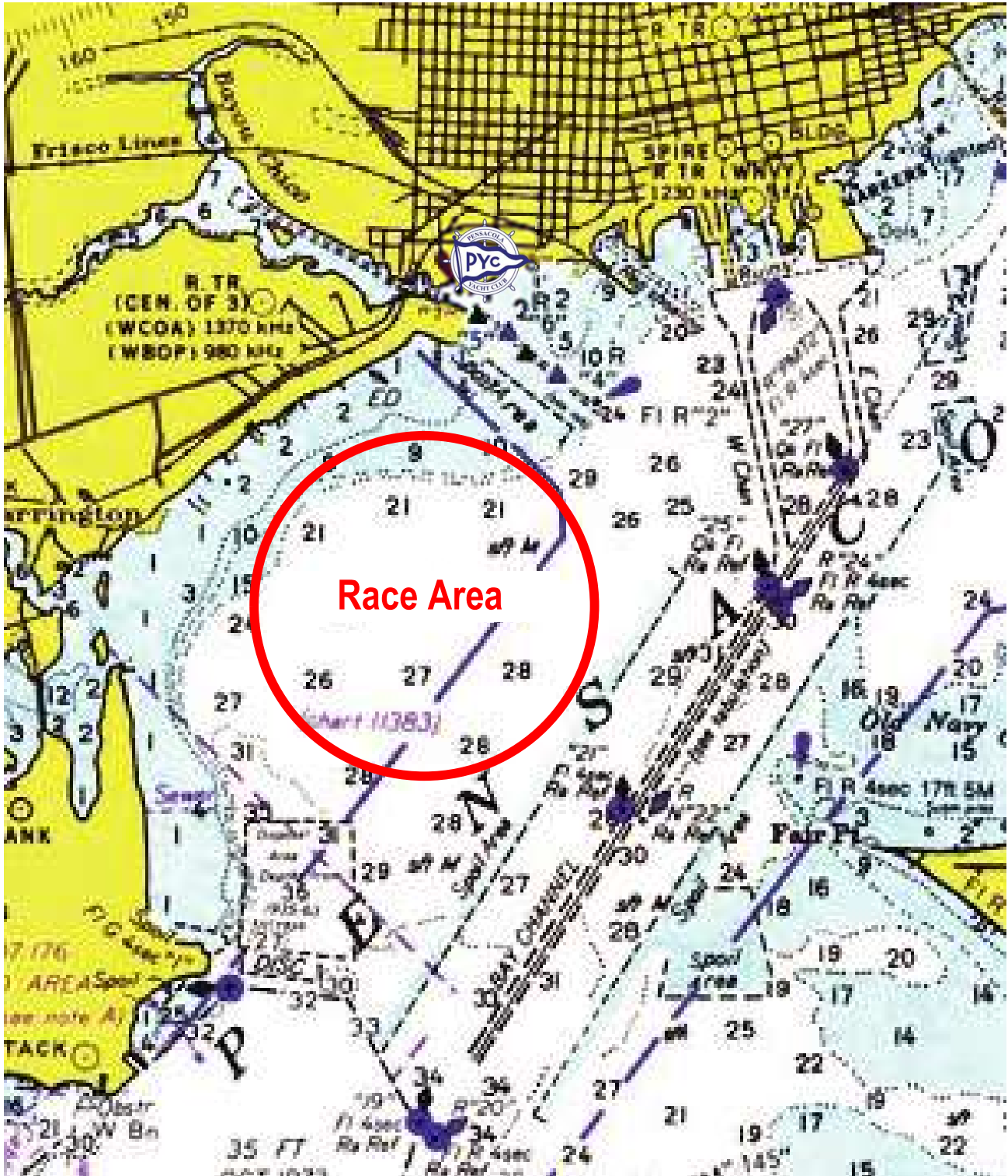
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Name: John Butine

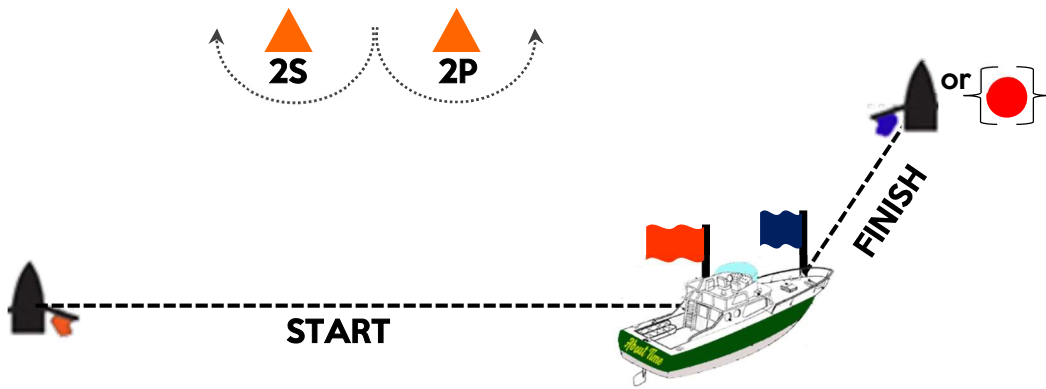
PROTEST COMMITTEE


Chairman	John Farris (USA)
PC Member	Ted McGee (USA)
PC Member	Cesar Travado (ESP)

Attachment A RACE AREA



Attachment B COURSE



COURSE AND ORDER TO PASS THE MARKS	MARKS
Start – 1 – 1a – Gate (2s/2P) – 1 – 1a – Gate (2s/2P) – Finish	 1, 1a, 2S and 2P (Inflatable Orange)
Marks are to be rounded to PORT , except that boats shall sail between the gate marks (2S/2P) from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.	