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INTERNATIONAL MASTERS

March 26 – 28

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT MIDWINTERS

March 29 – April 1

NOTICE OF RACE



2023 Pan American Games Qualifier

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

In all rules governing this regatta the notation:

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. (*This changes RRS 60.1 (a)*).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. (*This changes RRS A5 and 63.1*)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following are the only prescriptions of US SAILING that will apply: the prescription to RRS 61.4 (no fees for protests), the prescription to RRS67 (results of jury are not liability decisions), and the prescription to RRS 76.1 (non-discrimination).
The prescriptions are contained in their entirety at:
<https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3 Except for International Masters, the Sailing Qualification System for the Pan American Games 2023 will apply and can be found at: <https://panamsailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Vela-11-OCT-22.pdf>
- 1.4 In RRS 90.3(e) the expression “24 hours” is changed by “30 minutes”
- 1.5 **[NP][DP]** RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: “Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), or a personal flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country, properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing.”
 - 1.5.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after ‘racing’: “...except rule 40.1 as amended by NoR 1.5.1”
- 1.6 The last two sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to ‘When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail ‘Protest’. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat(s) being protested or as soon as practicable after she retires.’
- 1.7 **[NP][DP]** Competitors and support persons shall promptly comply with any reasonable request or instructions from the Regatta officials, including the officials in charge of the boat parking, beach master and the harbor/channel traffic.
- 1.8 For the Nationals/Pan American Games Qualifier, an International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule RRS 91(b). Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Each Individual competitor may display advertising subject to WS Regulation 20.3.2

3. GREEN REGATTA

- 3.1 The events are a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta" which means that any document used by the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Measurement Committee and Competitors as a way of communication between them will be online.
- 3.2 There will be no paper format, except for Protest Committee decisions on a hearing request if a party asks for a writer decision.
- 3.3 All communications will be received by each boat in the way established in the Registration Form (email).
- 3.4 A boat may request a communication in paper format only if she is a party in the hearing.
- 3.5 **[NP] [DP]** Rule RRS 47 applies at all times on the water and ashore. Trash may be placed aboard support and RC Vessels while on the water and trash cans. The penalty for breaching rule RRS 47 will be decided by the Protest Committee and could be different than a disqualification. *(This change Preamble of part 4 RRS and rule RRS 47)*
- 3.6 All competitors are encouraged to use refillable water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Each competitor shall be a 2023 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.
- 4.2 Sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2023 shall be classified as a Youth.
- 4.3 For International Masters, participants shall be 40 years of age or older as of March 26, 2023, and must meet the same age requirement to qualify for each of the age divisions:
 - Apprentice Master: 40 to 49
 - Master: 50 to 59
 - Grand Master: 60 to 69,
 - Great Grand Master: 70 to 79
 - Senior Master: 80 or older
- 4.4 Registration for competitors and support persons shall be completed online at:
 International Masters 2023: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25759>
 Nationals at Midwinters Pan Am Games Qualifier: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25760>
 no later than:
 - a) 1800 of March 11th, 2023 for International Master
 - b) 1800 of March 14th, 2023 for Nationals at Midwinters – Pan American Qualifier
- 4.5 Three (3) countries entering the event are required to constitute the Pan American Qualifier.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fees for competitors and support persons are as follows:

	Early Entry Fee Until March 1 st , 2023	Entry Fee From March 2 nd to the date established in NoR 4.4
International Masters	\$135	\$160
National at Midwinters	\$200	\$250

- 5.2 Registration fee includes Regatta T-shirt, hors d'oeuvres at the opening ceremony, one dinner (on ~~Monday~~ **Sunday** for Int. Masters, on Thursday for Nationals), awards ceremony hors d'oeuvres, and morning coffee and bagels. Additional activities will be announced at registration. Lunches for race days may be purchased at registration for \$10/day.

- 5.3 Registration fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs and/or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.
- 5.4 Meal plans available family members, and guests can be purchased for \$80 per event including parties, dinner, morning coffee/bagels, and race day lunches. For the dinner only, tickets are \$30 per event.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Program

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS			NATIONALS AT MIDWINTERS		
Saturday March 25	1000 – 1700	Registration	Wednesday March 29	0900 – 1300 1400 1730	Registration and Equipment Inspection Practice Race Opening Ceremony
Sunday March 26	0800 – 0930 0800 0900 1100 After racing	Registration Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch Competitors' and Coaches Meeting First Warning Dinner	Thursday March 30	0800 0900 – 1000 0930 1100 After racing	Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch Registration and Equipment Inspection Competitors' and coaches' meeting First Warning Dinner
Monday March 27	0800 1030	Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch First Warning	Friday March 31	0800 1030	Breakfast and/or make your lunch First Warning
Tuesday March 28	0800 1030 1600	Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch First Warning Awards ceremony	Saturday April 1	0800 1000 1800	Breakfast and/or Make Your Lunch First Warning Awards ceremony

- 6.2 Four (4) races are scheduled per day. A maximum of one (1) extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the Race Committee is behind the schedule or weather forecasts predict limited sailing during the next couple days.
- 6.3 On Tuesday, March 28th and Saturday, April 1st, no warning signal will be made after 1400 unless as a result of a General Recall.

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & BOATS

- 7.1 Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA rules. Boats may be selected for inspection at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer, or an appointed representative.
- 7.2 **[NP][DP]** Competitors may use their own boats. In case of chartered or borrowed boats, all equipment provided with the chartered or borrowed boats for sailing purposes shall be on the boat while afloat.
- 7.3 **[NP][DP]** Competitors sailing on charter boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.
- 7.4 Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress. *(This changes RRS 62.1)*
- 7.5 **[NP][DP]** Hulls and foils of chartered/borrowed boats shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water.
- 7.6 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or borrowed for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in for the regatta and on the website of the event.

9 VENUE & RACE AREA

- 9.1 The regatta venue will be Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress St., 32502 Pensacola, FL
9.2 The location of the race area is described in Attachment A.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Except for the practice race, Appendix P will apply.
11.2 If a judge believes that there has been a breach of a rule of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark), the judge may make one sound signals but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under rule RRS 44.2, the judge may protest one or more boats.
11.3 If a judge witnesses an incident in the vicinity of the windward mark in which a boat protests another boat as a result of the incident, and no boat takes a penalty, the judge may impose a penalty by displaying a red flag with one long sound signal and hailing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) penalized. A boat so penalized by a judge shall take a penalty promptly per rule RRS 44.2.
11.4 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under NOR 11.3 is not entitled to request a hearing for the same incident. *(This changes rules RRS 60, 62, 63 and 64.1)*

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
12.2 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed per event.
12.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
12.4 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.

13 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 13.1 The organizing authority will not provide support vessels.
13.2 Support vessels include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
13.3 Coach/support vessels must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the Organizing Authority and fly a yellow flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water. Coach/support vessels shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race.
13.4 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 laylines from the marks defining the course.

- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 If a support vessel does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support vessel.
- 13.7 Support vessels may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

14 PRESS / PHOTOGRAPHY BOATS

- 14.1 Press or photography boats may be supplied or authorized by the organizing authority.
- 14.2 Press or photography boats shall be marked with a flag with a letter "P".
- 14.3 Press/photography boats shall stay outside the laylines to the marks defining the course while boats are racing and shall not maneuver so as to interfere with or influence boats racing.
- 14.4 Press/photography boats shall obey instructions related to boat positioning or operations from on-the-water race officials.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in spots assigned by the organizing authority.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

INTERNATIONAL MASTER	NATIONALS AT MIDWINTERS
- Top 10 finishers	- Top 10 finishers
- Highest placed for each category: Apprentice Master: 40 to 49 Master: 50 to 59 Grand Master: 60 to 69, Great Grand Master: 70 to 79 Senior Master: 80 or older	- Highest placed Female (if the top finisher is male) or highest placed Male (if the top finisher is female) - Highest placed Youth - Highest placed Master (40 years or older)

17 PANAMERICAN GAMES QUALIFIER

- 17.1 Nationals at Midwinters event will qualify the top 3 nations (non-previously qualified) to compete at the Pan American Games – Santiago 2023, in the Sunfish™ Class event. Requirements of the Qualification System as defined by the Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF) are applicable.
- 17.2 A competitor may qualify a country for the 2023 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC rules, and that the IOC Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 18.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 19.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20 KEY CONTACTS

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Attachment A RACE AREA

