

2023 USSCA SUNFISH  
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA  
MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) IS THE  
BLACKBEARD SAILING CLUB LTD (BSC) and  
THE UNITED STATES SUNFISH CLASS ASSOCIATION (USSCA)  
THE EVENT HOST IS THE BLACKBEARD SAILING CLUB  
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Sunfish Class Association Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR RACE SCHEDULE**

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.  
2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day they are to take effect or in the case of a postponement ashore, no later than twenty minutes (20) prior to the lowering of code flag 'AP' on shore.  
2.3 Any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.  
2.4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. The Signal Vessel will signal come within hail by displaying Signal Flag L with one sound. Each boat will receive and acknowledge the oral change.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the windows at the eastern end of the clubhouse of the Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC).  
3.2 The Race Desk will be located in the area below the clubhouse.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

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 flag pole located on the deck at BSC.  
5.2 When code flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) Minutes' in RRS Race Signals 'AP'.

## 6 SCHEDULE

### 6.1 Friday, May 19:

- 1300 Access to BSC facilities
- 1600-1700 Early Check-in
- 1715 Rules Seminar by Jerry Thompson

### Saturday, May 20:

- 0800 Continental Breakfast at BSC clubhouse
- 0830-0930 Check-in
- 0945 Competitors meeting on BSC deck.
- 1125 First Signal. Additional races to follow. No races will be started after 1630.
- 1830 Dinner at BSC clubhouse

### Sunday, May 21:

- 0745 Continental Breakfast at BSC clubhouse
- 0955 First Signal. Additional races to follow. No races will be started after 1330.
- Awards ceremony at BSC clubhouse as soon as practicable after racing.

6.2 This series shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) races. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

## 7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag is the Sunfish Class Flag or numeral pennant 1.

## 8 RACE AREAS

8.1 Race Area #1 is on the Neuse River generally southwesterly of BSC and in the vicinity of Markers 1N, 2, 19, and 17.

8.2 Race Area #2 is on Broad Creek generally easterly of BSC.

8.3 The race area for each day will be posted on the Notice Board by 0900 or in the case of postponement ashore, twenty (20) minutes before lowering of 'AP'.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be as described in Attachment 1 Course Diagrams.

9.2 No later than the Warning Signal the race committee will display the course number (3 or 4) to be sailed.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Orange inflatable tetrahedrons will be used for Mark 1, Mark 2 and Mark 3.

10.2 A yellow inflatable tetrahedron will be used for the first change mark for Mark 1.

## 11 START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark or a staff displaying a yellow flag on a pin boat on the port end.

11.3 A boat not starting within five (5) minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 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.

- 12.2 If a change of course to Mark 1 is signaled, the race committee will set a yellow tetrahedron for Mark 1. If a subsequent change to Mark 1 is signaled, Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 12.3 If there is a change of course signaled for either Mark 2 or Mark 3, they will remain the orange tetrahedron(s).

**13 FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat on the port end and a staff displaying a yellow flag on a pin boat or the course side of a yellow inflatable mark on the starboard end.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall apply.

**15 TIME LIMITS**

Each Race	Finishing
75 minutes	Window
	15 minutes

**16 HEARING REQUEST**

- 16.1 The Protest Time Limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.2 Hearing Request and Scoring Inquiry forms will be available at the Race Secretary Desk.
- 16.3 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Hearings will be held in the BSC Clubhouse.

**17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.
- 17.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the second 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 in accordance with Appendix A5.2.
- 17.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS Appendix A.2.1

**18 SAFETY**

- 18.1 Before the Warning Signal of the first race of the day each boat shall sail past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and verbally check-in. When the race committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number the check-in has been officially completed. Boats failing to properly check-in will be assessed a twenty (20) percent scoring penalty to their best score of the day applied as in RRS44.3(c). This penalty will be applied without a hearing. This modifies RRS A5.
- 18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3 [DP] Support Boat use of ECO Link (aka "Kill Switch")  
Operators of power boats less than 26ft in length shall use ECO link at all times except when docking and launching.

**19. REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**

19.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the official class measurer. Request for substitution shall be made to the class measurer at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

20.2 [DP] If instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

**21 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official race committee and support boats.

**22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

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- (a) Top 3 Finishers
- (b) Highest placed Female Finisher (if top finisher is male) or the Highest placed Male Finisher (if top finisher is female)
- (c) Top Youth Finisher
- (d) Additional special prizes may be awarded at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

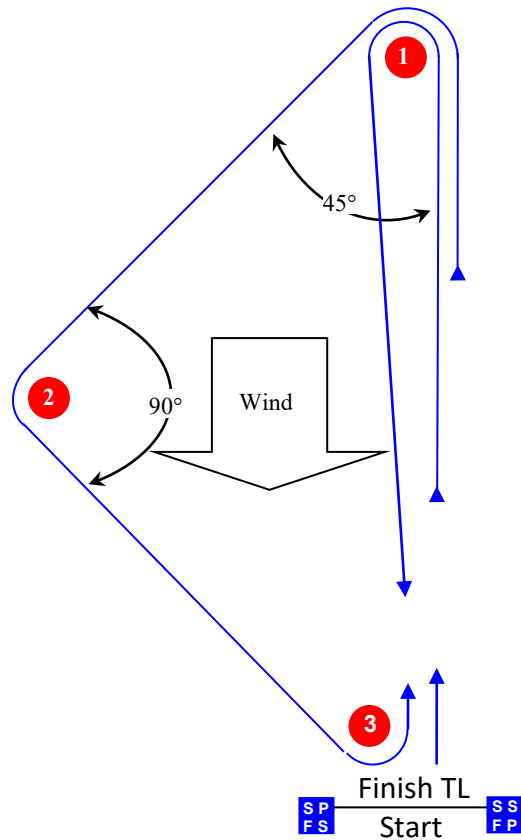
**23 RISK STATEMENT**

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 risk. 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 risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, hypothermia or other causes.

# Attachment 1

## COURSE DIAGRAMS

### Course 3 – Triangular-Windward-Leeward

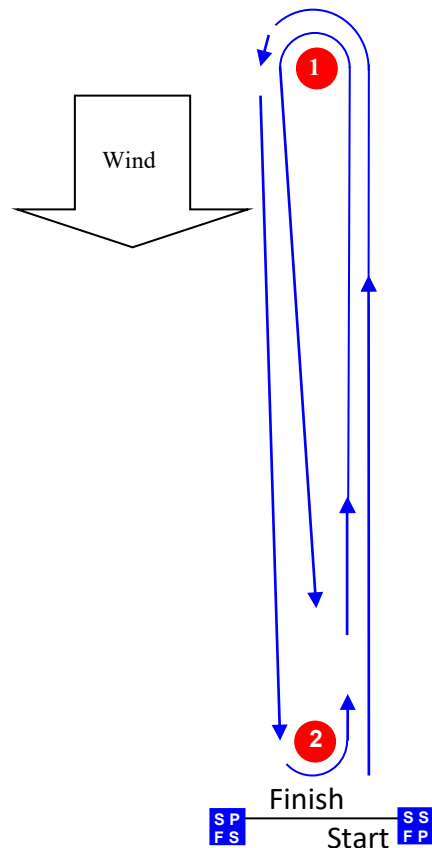


#### Course: Triangular Downwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish

Mark	Description
1	5' Orange Tetrahedron
2	5' Orange Tetrahedron
3	5' Orange Tetrahedron
SS Starting mark starboard end	Staff with an Orange Flag on Signal Boat
SP Starting mark port end	5' Yellow Tetrahedron or Staff with a Yellow Flag on Pin Boat
FS Finishing mark starboard end	5' Yellow Tetrahedron or Staff with a Yellow Flag on Pin Boat
FP Finishing mark port end	Staff with a Blue Flag on Signal Boat

## Course 4 – Windward-Leeward



### Course: Triangular Downwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>4</b>	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

Mark	Description
<b>1</b>	5' Orange Tetrahedron
<b>2</b>	5' Orange Tetrahedron
<b>SS</b> Starting mark starboard end	Staff with an Orange Flag on Signal Boat
<b>SP</b> Starting mark port end	5' Yellow Tetrahedron or Staff with a Yellow Flag on Pin Boat
<b>FS</b> Finishing mark starboard end	5' Yellow Tetrahedron or Staff with a Yellow Flag on Pin Boat
<b>FP</b> Finishing mark port end	Staff with a Blue Flag on Signal Boat