



Notice of Race (NOR) September 23 and 24, 2023

Grand Lagoon Yacht Club
Pensacola, Florida

The Organizing Authority: Grand Lagoon Yacht Club
Endorsed by the United States Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA).

The Gulf Coast Region Championship is a 2024 Sunfish™ World Championship Qualification Regatta for the United States.

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 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 the 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>

1.4 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.”

1.6 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 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

1.8 Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

1.97 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.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will in accordance with Sunfish™ Class Rules.

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’s 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.

4.4 Registration for competitors and support persons shall be completed online at: Gulf Coast Regional Sunfish™ Championship 2023: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/>

4.5 Registration will be complete no later than 1800 of on September 22, 2023.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 The Entry Fees for competitors are as follows:

Early Entry Fee: Prior to 1800 September 10, 2023: \$75 for Adults, \$65 for Juniors.

Late Entry Fee: After 1800, September 10, 2023: \$95 for Adults, \$75 for Juniors.

5.2 Registration fee includes Regatta T-shirt, hors d'oeuvres at the opening ceremony, Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Dinner on Saturday evening, and Lunch prior to the Awards Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Additional lunches/dinners and T-shirts may be purchased for participant guests at the registration table at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.

5.3 Registration fees are to be paid to Regatta Network, and additional guest meals may be purchased at the registration desk at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Program

Friday, September 22, 2023

1600 – 1900 Registration

1900 Opening Ceremony

Saturday, September 23, 2023

0800 – 0900 Continental Breakfast

0800 – 0930 Registration and Equipment Inspection

0930 Competitors Meeting

1100 First Warning

1800 Competitors Dinner at GLYC

Sunday, September 24, 2023

0800 – 0900 Continental Breakfast

0900 Competitors Meeting

1030 First Warning

1500 Awards Ceremony and Lunch

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 either the next couple of days.

6.3 On Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24, 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 Competitors may use their own boats. In the 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 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 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 Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, 10653 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola, FL 32507

9.2 The location of the race area will be Grand Lagoon which 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 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 signal 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.

11.2 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.

11.3 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under NOR 11.2 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 nine (9) 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 nine (9) 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 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 lay lines 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 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 lay lines 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:

- Top 3 finishers
- Highest placed Woman
- Highest placed Youth

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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Appendix A: Sailing area for Gulf Coast Region Sunfish™ Championship

Note: The sailing area are called both “Grand Lagoon” and “Big Lagoon” depending on the chart used.

