

2024 Sunfish US Masters Championship

Revised Notice of Race (NOR) *[Published March 24, 2024]*



August 16, 17 & 18 2024 – The Milwaukee Yacht Club – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) and The US Sunfish Class Association (USSCA) shall act as the Organizing Authorities for this regatta.

KEY DATES

Registration Open: January 30, 2024

Regular Registration Closes/Late Registration Opens: July 31, 2024 @23:59 PM

Late Registration Closes: August 17, 2024@ 0830

This official Notice Of Race (NOR) will be available on The Milwaukee Yacht Club web site, www.milwaukeeyc.com, and will also be available upon request from the Milwaukee Yacht Club by calling 414.271.4455.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association.
- 1.2 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.
- 1.3 In any rule governing the championship the notation [DP] means that the penalty for breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. [NP] means that an infraction to the rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 [DP] Each competitor is required to wear a lifejacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and appropriate size for the sailor. Except while actively adding or removing clothing, competitors shall wear an appropriately sized U.S. Coast Guard Approved PFD. For International competitors only, competitors shall wear an appropriately sized PFD/Buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40.

2. ADVERTISING

The OA may require boats to display advertising per World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each competitor MUST be a current (2024) member of the ISCA [<https://www.sunfishclass.org/>].
- 3.2 All MASTERS participants shall be 40 years of age or older as of August 17, 2024 and must meet the same age requirement to qualify for each of the age divisions: Apprentice Master 40+, Master 50+, Master 60+, Great Grand Master 70+ and Exalted Master 80+.
- 3.3 Boats shall register by completing the online registration at [Link to Registration](#). Acceptance of a boat's entry shall be contingent upon the completion of the online entry form and appropriate registration fee. For assistance with registration, contact the MYC Office Manager, at 414.271.4455.

Entry is not complete until payment, proof of insurance and approval of the waiver have been made, and the competitor has completed check in at MYC.

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3.4 Questions or issues relating to registration in the series, online registration or this NOR shall be directed to info@milwaukeeyc.com, or the Office Manager, at 414.271.4455.

4.0. FEES

- 4.1 Regular registration fee for US Masters National Championship: **\$220.00**
- 4.2 There will be a late fee of **\$50.00** if payment is received after August 1, 2024.
- 4.3 Registration is open on the MYC website – [\[Link to Registration\]](#)
Early registration is encouraged for planning purposes.
- 4.4 Registration fee includes regatta favor, breakfast and lunch on all both racing days, and dinner on Saturday. Lunches will be distributed on the water. Water refills will also be available from RC and support boats.
- 4.5 Coaches / Guests may purchase meal plans at the check in that will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday per schedule for \$75 for the regatta.

5. SCHEDULE

Thursday August 15, 2024	Early Check In – 1200 to 1700
Friday August 16, 2024	Regular Check In – 0900 to 1600 Practice Race – 1400
Saturday August 17, 2024	Breakfast - 0800 – 0930 Late Check in – 0800 to 0830 Competitor Meeting -0900 First Warning – 1100 Dinner in the Boathouse – 1800
Sunday August 18, 2024	Breakfast - 0730-0830 Competitor Meeting 0830 First Warning – 1000 No warnings after 1400 Food at the Boathouse after racing Awards – As soon as reasonable after racing

6. MEASUREMENT

Boats and equipment must be compliant with current International Sunfish Class Association Class Rules as approved by World Sailing. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the USSCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

7. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The official Notice Board will be at the Boathouse of the Milwaukee Yacht Club. Unofficial notices may be found online at [<https://www.milwaukeeyc.com/on-the-water/regattas>]
- 7.2 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the MYC website at [[insert link](#)] and on the Official Notice Board as of Noon on August 1, 2024
- 7.3 Official and unofficial notices, scores, etc. will be available during the event through posted QR codes with links to the official online Notice to Competitors.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, East of the Milwaukee North Gap. In the event of inclement weather, the course may be moved to an area inside of the Milwaukee break wall.

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9. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward or triangle, or combinations thereof and as shown in diagrams attached to, and described in, the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply as modified below.

10.1.1 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.

10.1.2 A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled in the series.

10.1.3 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her score. When four (4) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race. This Changes RRS A2.1

11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.

11.2 [DP] Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing and fly a flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water. Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.

11.3 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance.

11.4 [DP] Support boats 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.

11.5 [DP] Support boats 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, they must remain 50 meters below the finish line.

11.6 No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.

11.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.

11.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official

11.9 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

12. BERTHING

All boats shall be kept in the MYC yard as directed by the OA's Dockmaster.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

13.1.1 Top Three Finishers in each age division.

13.1.2 Top Three Finishers overall.

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14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS PART 1, 3. Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race in the series.

15. INSURANCE

It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

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.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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