



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

United States Sunfish Class Association
2024 Women's North American Championship
Saturday September 7 & Sunday September 8
Hosted By: The Dinghy Shop
334 S. Bayview Ave, Amityville NY. 11701
Organizing Authority: South Bay Watersport Association

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and all current International Sunfish Class Association Class Rules.

1.2. The following Prescription of US Sailing are the only prescriptions that will apply: RRS 25.1, 32, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 88.2, Appendix P, Appendix R , and Appendix V1.

1.3 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for a sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. This modifies RRS 40.1.

2. Communication:

2.1. Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and courtesy copies may be posted on the Regatta Network Notice Board.

2.2. The Official Notice Board is located at the Hospitality Room at the Dinghy Shop and courtesy copies will be posted on the Regatta Network Notice Board

2.3. [DP] All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels.

2.4. [DP] From the first preparatory signal until after the competitors complete the race, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls not available to all boats, except in an emergency, this includes any type of GPS capable watch or iWatch

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted 1 hour prior to the scheduled first signal of the day, except that any change in schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole outside of The Dinghy Shop

4.2. When flag AP is displayed onshore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. The course:

- 5.1. The diagram in Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which the marks are to be passed.
- 5.2. The course will be displayed by a visual signal on board the Race Committee boat that states the letter and the number of legs on the course.
- 5.3. Missing gate mark - if one of the leeward gate marks is missing or out of position, a boat shall round the remaining mark to port.

6. Marks:

- 6.1. Marks 1 and 2s and 2p will be large yellow marks
- 6.2. Offset mark will be a red ball
- 6.3. The start mark will be a large yellow mark
- 6.4. The finish mark will be a red ball

7. The Start:

- 7.1. Races will be started using RRS 26
- 7.2. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2
- 7.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the start/finish mark
- 7.4. A series of short sound signals may precede the warning signal of each race. These are not timed signals

8. Changes to the next leg of the course:

- 8.1.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and .2NM in length) to the course during the race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.

9. The Finish

- 9.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.

10. Hearing Request

- 10.1. Hearing Request forms shall be submitted in writing within the protest time limit. Forms are available in the Hospitality Room at The Dinghy Shop.
- 10.2. Protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has docked and sounds a horn following the last race of the day
- 10.3. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This will inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses along with the hearing location.

11. Safety/Official Boats

- 11.1.[DP] A competitor leaving the racing area before racing is completed shall notify an Official Boat as soon as possible.

11.2. Official Boats are designated as follows:

11.2.1. The RC Signal Boat and Mark Boats will display a blue RC Flag

11.2.2. The Judge Boat will display a Judge Flag

11.2.3. Mark/Safety Boats will display an Orange Flag

12. Disposal of Trash

12.1. Competitors are reminded the RRS 47 Trash Disposal is in effect

13. Disclaimer of Liability

13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. Time Limits & Penalty Systems

14.1. If no boat has rounded the windward mark 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes. If no boat meets the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finished, and not subsequently retiring, are penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the Time Limit (SI 13.2) plus one (1) point. Such score shall not exceed the number of entries plus (1) point. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. Scoring

15.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. One race will constitute a regatta. A maximum of twelve (12) races will be sailed. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race

16. Schedule:

- Friday, September 6
 - 0900 - 1500 Registration and check in
 - 1300 Practice race
 - 1600 Ferry to Welcome Dinner
- Saturday, September 7
 - 0700-0800 Registration and check-in
 - 0800-0900 Breakfast
 - 0900 Skippers meeting
 - 1030 First signal for first race of the day - subsequent races back to back with lunch break on the water
 - 1800 Dinner

- Sunday, September 8
 - 0730-0830 Breakfast
 - 0930 First signal for first race of the day - subsequent races back to back with lunch break on the water
 - No warning signal to be made after 1500
 - Awards to follow last race of the day

ADDENDUM A - COURSE DIAGRAM

LRA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LRA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
LRA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
LRA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish

