



Notice of Race (NOR)

US Sunfish Class Association™ Nationals

March 15-18, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC)
Endorsed by US Sunfish Class Association™ (USSCA™)

- *This event is part of a series of midwinter regattas*
 - *US Sunfish Class Association™ (USSCA™) Nationals – March 15-18, 2025*
 - *US Sunfish Class Association™ (USSCA™) Team Race – March 19, 2025*
 - *International Sunfish Class Association™ (ISCA®) International Masters – March 20-22, 2025*
- *Separate registrations, NORs, and Official Notice Boards are available for each event*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and ISCA™ Class Rules
- 1.2. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) is in effect.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of [ISCA™ Class Rules](#).
- 1.5. In any rule governing the regatta, 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.
- 1.6. [DP] Each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. This modifies RRS 40.1.

2. ADVERTISING

The OA may require boats to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Each competitor's country must be a 2025 member of ISCA™.
- 3.2. Each competitor shall be a 2025 member of his/her respective country's national ISCA™ class association.
- 3.3. Eligible competitors must register online through Regatta Network. The Regatta Network link is located in the section 19 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE.
- 3.4. An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made, and the competitor has checked in.
- 3.5. Payment is required at time of registration.

4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1. Entry Fee: \$200 USD.
- 4.2. Late Registration Fee will be assessed per the SCHEDULE: \$50 USD.



- 4.3. Skipper’s registration fee includes regatta favor and regatta meal plan per the 5.2 SCHEDULE. One regatta favor per skipper if registered for both USSCA™ Nationals and ISCA™ International Masters.
- 4.4. Support Boats
 - 4.4.1. Must register through Regatta Network for \$50 USD which includes one meal plan and boat storage at BWYC.
 - 4.4.2. Support Boat Late Registration Fee will be assessed per the SCHEDULE: \$25.
- 4.5. Guest Meal Plans
 - 4.5.1. May be purchased though Regatta Network for \$50 USD.
 - 4.5.2. Additional Meal Plan Late Fee will be assessed per the Registration deadlines in the SCHEDULE: \$25 USD.
- 4.6. Meal Plan – Each Registration Regatta Fee and purchased Support Boat and Guest meal plan includes:
 - 4.6.1. Continental Breakfast during race days, opening reception and one dinner.
 - 4.6.2. Lunch for competitors is not included, please bring your own.
 - 4.6.3. After racing - snacks, beer, non-alcoholic drinks such as seltzer and soda.
All fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer, currency conversions, and/or banking costs or commissions.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Early Arrival and Late Departure

5.2. Competitors who wish to arrive prior to 0800 CST Thursday March 13 or depart after 1700 CST Monday March 24, 2025, must contact the Regatta Logistics Manager. Contact information is in the section 20 CONTACT INFORMATION. **USSCA™ Nationals**

NOTE: All times are CST

Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Fri Feb 28	2359	Early Registration closes, Registration late fee starts	
Mon Mar 10	2359	Sailing Instructions posted to Official Notice Board	
Thu Mar 13	2359	Support Boat and Additional Meal Plan Purchase registration closes	
Sat Mar 15	1000-1600	Check-in (Competitors and Support Boats)	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	1400	Practice Race	
	1730	Opening Reception (Dinner)	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
Sun Mar 16	0700	BWYC Gates open	
	0800-0900	Check-In (Competitors and Support Boats) & Breakfast. Registration Closes.	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	0900	Competitors’ Meeting	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	1025	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	BYO lunch. Water will be available on the course.
	After Racing	Snacks, post racing beer, non-alcoholic drinks such as seltzer and soda	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	After Racing	Dinner	BWYC lounge (upstairs)



Mon Mar 17	0700	BWYC Gates Open	
	0800-0900	Breakfast	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	0830	Competitor's Meeting	
	0955	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	BYO lunch. Water will be available on the course.
	After Racing	Dinner	BWYC lounge (upstairs)

Tue, Mar 18	0700	BWYC Gates Open	
	0800-0900	Breakfast	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	0830	Competitors' Meeting	BWYC lounge (upstairs)
	0955	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	BYO lunch. Water will be available on the course.
	1430	After this time, no races will be started	
	After Racing	Crawl to Dinner & Awards	Off Site

6. CHARTERS

- 6.1. Charters are available through the Dinghy Shop 631-264-0005 or info@dinghyshop.com.

7. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Boats and equipment must be compliant with current [ISCA™ Class Rules](#) as approved by World Sailing. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA™ Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.
- 7.2. National Letters are not required, but if used, must comply with [ISCA™ Class Rules](#). Numbers drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal.
- 7.3. Each boat must carry a tow line that is at least 25 feet. This cannot be the main sheet or halyard that is being used to sail your boat.

8. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Official Notice Board is located online using the Regatta Network link in the section OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE.
- 8.2. Sailing Instructions for the Regatta will be available online on the Official Notice Board no later than the date and time in the SCHEDULE.
- 8.3. There will be no paper copies of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

9. COMMUNICATION

- 9.1. The RC may utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. Once the starting signal is displayed, there will be no communication with the competitors, except in an emergency. The channel will be announced in the Sailing Instructions or at the competitors' meeting.
- 9.2. Other than permitted in 9.1, while racing, 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.

10. VENUE



- 10.1. The regatta will be sailed from Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, 1 Yacht Club Drive, Bay St Louis, MS 39520.
- 10.2. Racing will take place on Bay St Louis.
- 10.3. Empty trailer parking will be available.
- 10.4. No dogs allowed on site.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply as modified below.
- 11.2. One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 11.3. A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled.
- 11.4. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.
- 11.5. 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.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. The OA will not provide support boats.
- 12.2. [DP] Support Boats must register through Regatta Network. See section REGISTRATION AND FEES.
- 12.3. [DP] Support Boat dock storage must be coordinated with the Regatta Logistics Manager.
- 12.4. [DP] Support Boats must check-in (see SCHEDULE) and obtain a flag with a number provided by the OA. A \$20 cash deposit to be refunded when the flag is returned shall be required to obtain the flag. The flag must be always displayed while on the water.
- 12.5. [DP] Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and during the race monitor the VHF channel which will be communicated at the Competitors Meeting.
- 12.6. [DP] All Support Boats 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.
- 12.7. [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.
- 12.8. [DP] 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.
- 12.9. If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty [DP] may be applied to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
- 12.10. Support boats may be required to assist in the event of an emergency when requested or when Race Committee displays code flag V with one sound in accordance with RRS 37.
- 12.11. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
- 12.12. Unless otherwise approved by the Race Committee, no competitors shall be towed to or from the racecourse. All competitors must sail to the racecourse on their own.



13. BERTHING

Boats will be kept at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and in areas assigned by the OA.

14. AWARDS

Awards for the USSCA™ Nationals will be given as follows:

- 14.1. Top ten finishers.
- 14.2. Four US berths for the 2026 ISCA™ World Championships will be awarded as per the [USSCA™ Worlds Qualifier Class Notice 2025-2028](#).
- 14.3. Top 3 women finishers
- 14.4. Highest placed Youth (less than 19 years old during the calendar year 2025).
- 14.5. Highest placed Master (40+ as of March 16, 2025).

15. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors shall follow the [ISCA™ Ethics and Code of Conduct \(adopted December 2023\)](#).

16. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA, race officials, whether certified by US Sailing or not, and USSCA™ 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.

It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the competitors who are under the age of 18 at the start of the competition to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is on-site, authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and support persons give absolute right and permission to the OA and USSCA™ for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media or to be used in press information.

18. INSURANCE

The OA recommends that each competitor should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

19. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE

The Official Notice Boards and event website, including registration, is Regatta Network:
USSCA™ Nationals: [LINK TO BE PROVIDED](#).

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

Regatta Chairperson: Clinton Edwards, (228) 342-6582, clintonedwards@bellsouth.net
Regatta Logistics Manager: Todd Edwards (225) 413-4453, todd@seascryptreporting.com



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information is not a part of the Notice of Race but may be helpful in planning your visit.

- Camping
 - Overnight camping is allowed on BWYC property.
 - The OA will not be providing housing with local host families.
- Places to Stay
 - Camping will be allowed on site.
 - Places to Stay: Driftwood Motel. www.driftwoodmotelbsl.com Promo code "ISCA" for 35% discount (limited availability). Contact Eugene Schmitt at Eugene Schmitt at eugene.schmitt@svn.com to modify/change reservation.
 - Distance from closest Airports: GPT (Gulfport)-30 minutes. MSY (New Orleans)-60 minutes.