

Sunfish Distance Race Port A to Rockport Harbor

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Organizing Authority: Rockport Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule of the notice of race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028)*.
- 1.2. Membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.3. [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.
- 1.4. The International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) Class Rules approved September 7, 2022 and amended March 3, 2023 shall apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.
- 1.6. RRS 90.3(e) will apply with a change in the time limit from '24 hours' to '2 hours.'

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all Sunfish class sailboats and is "bring your own boat."
- 2.2. Membership in a yacht club is encouraged but not required.

3. REGISTRATION, FEE, AND CHECK IN

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$60.00 for each sailor, which includes one regatta T-Shirt.
- 3.2. Pre-registration is encouraged and should be completed on [Regatta Network](#) in order to receive the T-Shirt (by specifying shirt size).
- 3.3. All sailors are required to check in on-site, even if the sailor pre-registered. Check-in at the regatta will be conducted at the registration table on Saturday, April 5, 2025, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Rockport Yacht Club; located at 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382.
- 3.4. Execution of a Liability Release Agreement as set forth in the Regatta Network registration form shall be required.

4. SKIPPERS MEETING

The skippers meeting will be held at the Rockport Yacht Club at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 5, 2025; located at 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted at the event site on Regatta Network on or before Friday, March 28, 2025; will also be provided at the skippers meeting and posted on the notice board in the Rockport Yacht Club by April 5, 2025.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. If winds are predominantly southern, boats will launch from a negotiated recommended launch site in Port Aransas. For participants without a second driver, arrangements will be made to transport sailors back to the launch site for retrieving their vehicles/trailers. Facilities exist at the RYC Clubhouse boat ramp for storing the boats out of the water until the vehicle/trailer is available.
- 6.2. If winds are predominantly northern, the course may be reversed with the launch occurring from the RYC Clubhouse boat ramp; in which case arrangements for moving the vehicles/trailers to the Port Aransas area will be provided for participants without a second driver prior to the finish.
- 6.3. The race will be conducted on the waters of the Lydia Ann Channel and Aransas Bay.

7. COURSE

- 7.1. A single race will be run. The starting line will be located in the Lydia Ann Channel near the Lydia Lighthouse and the finish line will be inside Rockport Harbor near the Rockport Yacht Clubhouse. The course will predominantly be a Leeward Course.
- 7.2. If winds are predominantly northern, the course will be reversed as will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

- 8.1. Every boat in the race area, whether participant, race committee, or spectator, is required to comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations for equipment carried aboard.
- 8.2. The race committee will provide one support power boat with VHF radio for every five-seven entries.
- 8.3. Rules of navigation require all boats to keep clear of any commercial traffic operating in the Intracoastal waterway or other areas of the regatta course.
- 8.4. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Principal Race Officer, Brad Chilcote, can be contacted on Channel 71 or by mobile phone at 214-906-4810. In emergencies, contestants may be hailed by a support boat.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1. The awards presentation will be held at the Rockport Yacht Clubhouse approximately 60 minutes after the last boat finishes; or after 4:30 pm, whichever is earlier.
- 9.2. Trophies for the first three places will be presented, along with a perpetual plaque kept at the Rockport Yacht Club for first place.

10. POST RACE ACTIVITIES

Following the race a Happy Hour with appetizers will be provided with a cash bar at the Rockport Yacht Club.

11. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 the regatta.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Regatta Chairperson, Gerilyn Hibbeler, at 361-205-4428 or sailonplz@yahoo.com.