



The 62nd Sunfish® North American Championship

The Organizing Authority is

Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC)

101 Volanta Avenue

Fairhope, AL 36532

June 11-14, 2025 (Race Days: June 12-14)

(Posted 1/31/2025)

(Amended 5/14/2025)

(Amended 6/8/2025)

Notice of Race

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may be, 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 event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, Prescriptions of US Sailing and all current ISCA® Class Rules.

<https://www.sunfishclass.org/rulesandmeasurement> .

1.2 The regatta will conform to the World Sailing Regulation 20.

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

1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

1.5 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on Regatta Network event site on or before June 10, 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located on Regatta Network **[http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=29284)**

[regatta_id=29284](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=29284) a hard copy will be posted as a courtesy on the bulletin board next to the Tiki Bar under the club house, the OA will also utilize Regatta Network to send information to competitors.

3.2 [DP] All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on

USA channels.

3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes any type of GPS capable watch or iWatch.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is opened to all boats of the International Sunfish Class Association.

4.2 All entrants shall be current members of their National ISCA Class Association (NICA). Non-U.S. Class members shall supply proof of membership when registering.

4.3 To be considered a Youth in the Sunfish North American Championship a competitor shall not turn age nineteen (19) in the year 2025. For the duration of the regatta, each competitor under eighteen (18) years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian waiver.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29284, to be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Early Entry Fee until 2300 hours CST May **26**, 2025 US\$250.00.

Standard Fee until 2300 hours CST June 10, 2025 US\$300.00.

On site registration will be allowed until 1900 hour CST June 11, 2025 US\$350.00.

Entry Fee will include an event t-shirt, daily breakfast, snack to take on water, post race refreshments, ~~dinner Friday night~~ **Full Breakfast with meeting Friday morning.**

5.2 Guest Fee: To participate in post race refreshments \$15.00 per day or \$30.00 for the event, ~~One Dinner on Friday \$25~~ **Full Breakfast on Friday \$15.**

5.3 Extra T-shirts if available \$25.

5.4 You will be asked to fill out a “**Guest Card**” providing a credit card number, to be used for all purchases at the Fairhope Yacht Club.

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Regatta Venue Opens to All Competitors.

Check In (competitors/support boats)

1000 - 1900 FYC Ballroom

Measurement

1000 - 1900 Near Gazebo

Practice Race

1500 First Warning Signal

Post-Race Refreshments

After Racing under Clubhouse

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Complimentary Breakfast

0900 -1030 FYC Ballroom

Coaches/Support Boats meeting

1000 under Clubhouse

Competitors Meeting	1100	FYC Ballroom
First Warning	1255	Mobile Bay
Post- Race Refreshments	After Racing	in FYC Ballroom

Friday, June 13, 2025

USCA Annual Meeting and Full Breakfast	0900	FYC Ballroom
First Warning Signal	1255	Mobile Bay
Post- Race Refreshments	After Racing	in FYC Ballroom.

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Complimentary Breakfast	0900-1030	FYC Ballroom
First Warning	1200	Mobile Bay
No warning signal after	1600	

Post Race Refreshments and Awards Ceremony as soon as possible following Racing in FYC Ballroom.

7.1 Snacks to take out on the water will be available to pick up with breakfast everyday. Snacks and water will also be provided on the water by FYC support boats, these will be designated at the Competitors Meeting.

7.2 One race shall constitute a championship. A maximum of eleven (11) races, in total, are scheduled for the regatta.

8. COURSE

Courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 from 1000 to 1900 in designated area near the Gazebo on the beach.

9.2 Boats may be selected for inspection at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer, or an appointed representative.

9.3 National letters are not required. But if used, national letters must comply with Class rules. Numbers and letters that have been drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal.

9.4 Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress.

10. VENUE

10.1 The racing shall be on Mobile Bay, west of Fairhope Yacht Club, 101 Volanta Avenue, Fairhope, AL 36532.

10.2 Competitors may be assigned specific areas before the start of the event.

11. SCORING

11.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A except that *the number of races completed to allow one (1) throw-out is six (6)* (This changes RRS A2.1).

Ties will be resolved in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

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 USD 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, support boats may only tow the competitors they are attending the event to support.

13. TOWING

13.1 Every vessel shall carry a 25 foot tow line that is not a halyard nor mainsheet and is minimum of 1/4 inch diameter.

14. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

14.1 [NP] A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the race.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. 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.

15.1 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 authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child. Please provide a letter as to who the attending adult will be for your child.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of the policy limit of their homeowner's insurance policy or the equivalent thereof. Each participating boat is recommended to be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Top Ten Finishers, First Female Overall, First Master Sailor (50-59), First Grand Master (60-69), First Grand Grand Master (70-Up), First Youth Overall, Sunfish Sportsmanship Trophy (For the person who displays those Corinthian traits of good sportsmanship) and Marco Polo Award (for the person who travels the longest distance to compete).

18. 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.

19. INFORMATION

For any further information or question contact Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright at 251-377-8419 or email fitz1350@bellsouth.net , Howard MacNair at 251-776-8449 or email howardmacnair@gmail.com. Housing options available in the area can be found on www.exploreeasternshore.com website under "Stay".