



**US Sunfish Class Association  
National Championship**  
*Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC)*  
**June 11 – 14, 2025**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that instruction is not grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to the preamble to RRS Part 5, Section B and RRS 63.1(b) shall not apply.
- 1.3 For other rules and documents that apply, please refer to the Notice of Race (NoR).

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0900 on the day it takes effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by the later of the protest time limit or 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at [http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=29284](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=29284)
- 3.2 There will be a competitors’ meeting on Thursday, June 12, at 1100hrs in the Ballroom at FYC.
- 3.3 The Race Committee (RC) will utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate via VHF Channel 69.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and the ISCA Ethics and Code of Conduct (adopted December 2023).

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the beach next to the Gazebo.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP. *This changes race signals AP.*

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Refer to the NoR for a comprehensive schedule of events.
- 6.2 On Saturday, June 14, the first warning signal will be at 1200 hrs.
- 6.3 On Thursday, and Friday (June 12-13), the first scheduled warning signal will be 1255 hrs.
- 6.4 Four (4) races are scheduled each day for June 12 and 13. Three (3) races are scheduled for June 14 for a maximum of eleven (11) races. The Race Committee (RC) may run one (1) additional race each day if the racing is behind schedule or if the predicted weather for the next day is unfavorable for racing.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.
- 6.6 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one (1) sound signal at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be the ISCA insignia on a white field.

## **8 RACING AREAS**

Racing will be located on Mobile Bay, West of Fairhope Yacht Club, in Fairhope, AL.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in **Attachment A** show the courses (including the course designation), the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course and an offset at the windward mark. If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining leeward mark shall be left to port.
- 9.3 The RC signal vessel shall display on its starboard side the course designation on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 The starting mark is a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC vessel.
- 10.2 The finishing pin mark will be a RoboMark with a green flag.
- 10.3 Marks 1, 4S and 4P will be a RoboMark with an orange flag.
- 10.4 Mark 1a will be an orange "hippity hop".
- 10.5 In case of a course change marks will be a RoboMark with a yellow flag.
- 10.6 The windward mark being used is autonomous and will promptly and automatically, go back to its original position if hit or dragged by yourself or a fellow competitor. Rule 31 continues to apply.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 For course WCA only, the finish line is an obstruction. Boats shall not cross the finish line except to finish. Boats that breach this instruction shall be scored "NSC".
- 11.2 The finish line will not exist until the blue finish line flag is displayed.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting pin mark as described in SI 10.1.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2.*
- 12.3 Individual and General Recall flags may also be displayed by the port end starting line vessel. These are not official flags under RRS 29. The timing of these flags or lack of these flags shall not be considered grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 61.1(a).*
- 12.4 A small mid-line buoy may be set. It is not a mark of the course.
- 12.5 The RC may utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. Once the starting signal is displayed, there will be no communication with competitors, except in an emergency. While racing, a boat shall neither make or 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. *This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).*
- 12.6 As a courtesy, the race committee shall display a board on the signal vessel showing the sail number of all boats identified as OCS or UFD or BFD in the race just completed. Any improper action or omission associated with this display board is not subject to redress. *This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).*
- 12.7 The RC signal vessel may have a protection (barging) buoy held in place at the stern of the vessel. Since it is intentionally attached, by definition it is part of the starting mark. RRS 31 applies to the protection buoy and its attachment apparatus.
- 12.8 After the first race of the day, it is the intention of the RC to start subsequent races as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous race.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next windward leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 *When a gate is moved, the original marks will be used.*
- 13.3 *The RC may adjust the position of the windward RoboMark up to 10 degrees and 0.1 nautical miles without signaling a change of course, or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.*

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the mark described in SI 10.2.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 Appendix V – Alternative Penalties (a US Sailing Prescription) will be in effect.
- 15.2 [DP] Penalties for breaking a rule other than those of Part 2, RRS 31 and RRS 42 will be determined by the protest committee. Penalties may be less than disqualification.

## **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 The time limit for each race is ninety (90) minutes. The race time limit is the maximum time for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within thirty (30) minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is twenty (20) minutes. The Finishing Window applies to all boats still racing after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes. These boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score will be equal to the number of boats that start, sail the course and finish, plus two (2) points. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*
- 16.4 The race target time is 45 to 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).*

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 Hearing Request forms will be available at the Protest Desk located in the BWYC clubhouse.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary at the Protest Desk within the appropriate time limit. Refer to Addendum B for Virtual Protest Hearing procedures.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is forty-five (45) minutes after the docking of the RC signal vessel.
- 17.4 The RC will post on the notice board the boats that have been penalized by the RC without a hearing (this may take the form of preliminary results). The deadline for requesting redress based on these penalties will be 30 minutes after the posting or 30 minutes after the protest time limit, whichever is greater. *This changes RRS 61.2(b)(1).*
- 17.5 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by a committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 63.1(a)(1).

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 18.2 In accordance with RRS A2.1, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with one race excluded after six (6) races have been completed.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 19.1 **Launching and Retrieval** – Boats shall not be launched or retrieved from the parking lot launch ramp. Boats that launch or retrieve from the ramp may be scored with a 30% penalty in their first completed race of the day. *This changes RRS A5.1.*
- 19.2 **Check-In** - Before the start of the first race of the day, competitors shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged. Boats that fail to check-in may be scored with a 30% penalty in their first completed race of the day. *This changes RRS A5.1.*
- 19.3 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. Boats that fail to notify the RC that they have retired may be scored with a 20% penalty in their last completed race of the day. *This changes RRS A5.1.*
- 19.4 Rule 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies at all times while on the water. Competitors are required to wear an appropriately sized PFD which shall be 100% dependent on foam for flotation. *This changes the preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40.1.*

**20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]**

- 20.1 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the permission of the technical committee, if available, or the PRO, except as in SI 20.2. Equipment substitution forms are available at the protest desk, located in the FYC clubhouse.
- 20.2 If the damage occurs less than two hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the technical committee or PRO before using the equipment in a race. Written permission shall be requested before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which substitution takes place.

**21 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]**

- 21.1 No competitor shall be towed to the race area. Boats shall not be towed from the race area, except in an emergency, unless Flag V is displayed on a race committee vessel. When Flag V is displayed, a tow shall not exceed 5 knots.
- 21.2 Refer to NOR 12 for other support vessel regulations and requirements.

**22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Competitors and support persons must not foul the water with garbage. Garbage or trash collection is provided by all safety and RC support vessels.

**23 AWARDS**

Refer to NOR 14 for the awards to be given.

**24 RISK STATEMENT**

Refer to NOR 16 for the risk statement.

**25 RACE OFFICIALS**

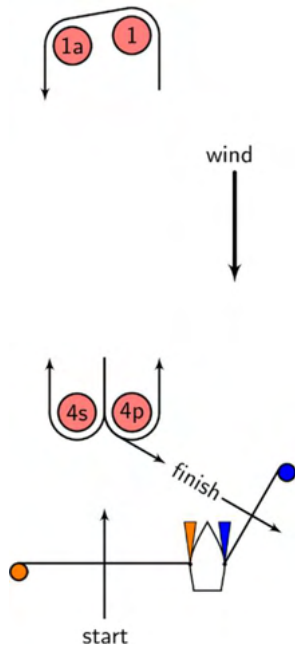
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## ATTACHMENT A

### Illustrating the Courses

Course WA is altered to allow downwind finishes.

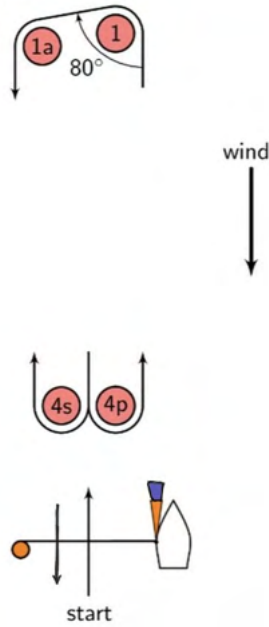
#### LHA



**Signal** Mark rounding order

**LHA** Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4p-Finish

#### WA



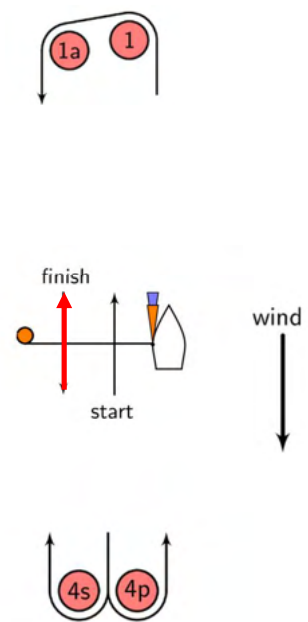
**Signal** Mark rounding order

**WA1** Start-1-1a-4s/4p-Finish

**WA2** Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-Finish

\* 1/2 will be used to designate upwind finish

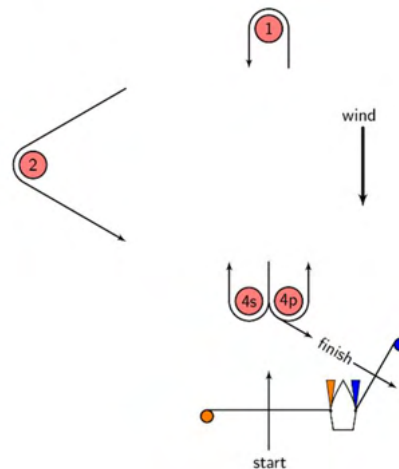
#### WCA



**Signal** Mark rounding order

**WCA** Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-Finish

#### TH



**Signal** Mark rounding order

**TH** Start-1-2-4s/4p-1-1a-4p-Finish

If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.  
There is no offset mark (1a) with a changed weather mark.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
***Virtual Protest Hearings***

- 1.) Protest Forms may be completed and emailed to John D. Farris [Patssun@yahoo.com or text to 850.305.9653] or given to the PRO at the event. Any videos, documents or tracking data should be sent to the following address so that it can be formatted for presentation when requested. Automated Protest filing:  
<https://tinyurl.com/9mura5dx>



- 2.) A courtesy email will be sent to the parties involved in the protest using the email address that has been entered during registration.
- 3.) Protests will begin at approximately 1800 hrs each day. Location and final schedule with start times will be announced when all protests have been filed. Protest Hearings on the last day of racing will be scheduled as soon as possible.
- 4.) Protests and requests for redress will be heard via video link with the offsite protest committee.