



NOTICE OF RACE

United States Sunfish Class Association

2025 NY Downstate Regional Championship Saturday Sept 13 - Sunday Sept 14

**Hosted By: Menantic Yacht Club
Shelter Island NY**

PRO's: Steve Shepstone & Doug Wefer

Organizing Authority: Menantic Yacht Club, endorsed by the US Sunfish Class Association (USSCA)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach 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 is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Prescriptions of US Sailing, and all current International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) class rules, except as altered by this NOR, the Sailing Instructions, or as posted on the Official Notice Board.

1.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing are the only prescriptions that will apply: RRS 25.1, 32, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1, 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 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. Eligibility:

2.1. Each competitor shall be a current member of his/her respective country's National ISCA Class Association (NICA).

2.2 The event is open to all boats that comply with the rules of ISCA.

2.3 It is recommended but not required that all boats have class legal numbers on their sail. If there are conflicting sail numbers the Organizing Authority may require that the competitor change their sail number.

2.4 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 last race.

2.5 Measurement check is not required at a USSCA Regional event and compliance with ISCA Class rules will be monitored by the USSCA Regional Representative as required.

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

3. Registration:

3.1 Registration will be available on-line via Regatta Network (regattanetwork.com) at: 2025 Sunfish NY Downstate Regional Regatta.

3.2 Registration fee is \$110 if received by August 1. Registrations received after August 1 are subject to a late fee of \$20. Registration includes lunch and dinner Saturday, and post-race snacks on Sunday. Breakfasts are not included but will be available on-site for an additional charge.

3.3 Lunches are available and included in the registration fee but must be reserved at the time of registration.

3.4 On-site registration will be available from 0800 - 0930 on Saturday Sept. 13

3.5 All registered competitors must check-in onsite to complete the registration.

4. Communications:

4.1 The official notice board is located in the covered Pavilion at Wades Beach. Courtesy copies will be posted on the Regatta Network Notice Board.

4.2 The RC and all support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.

4.3 [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 water or iWatch.

5. Sailing Instructions:

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website (Regatta Network) on or before August 1, 2025 and at the regatta check-in.

6. Venue:

6.1 The regatta will be sailed off Wades Beach on Shelter Island, with racing in Shelter Island Sound. If conditions warrant, racing may be moved into West Neck Harbor. See Attachment 1.

6.2 Shelter Island is an actual island requiring a car ferry to get to it. There are 2 ferries - one from Greenport (<https://www.northferry.com>) and one from North Haven (<https://www.southferry.com>). Payment for ferries is cash only (no credit cards). The trips are around 8-12 minutes long and no reservations are required. Be sure to check the ferry schedules as they do not run all night.

6.3 The picnic shelter will be used for gatherings at the regatta but people are encouraged to bring tailgate chairs for additional seating. The restrooms will be open.

6.4 Boats can be set up and left overnight at the venue during the regatta. Regatta organizers will advise competitors of the proper location. Parking passes will be distributed at check-in registration.

6.5 Camping is not allowed on Shelter Island. Additionally, there are very few hotels on the island. Housing is available on a first come first reserve basis.

7. Schedule:

- Saturday Sept. 13
 - 0800 - 0930. Registration and check-in
 - 0930 Skippers Meeting
 - 1030 First signal for first race of the day. Subsequent races sailed back to back with short lunch break at Wades Beach (beach break if conditions allow).
 - 1830 Dinner
- Sunday Sept. 14
 - 1030 First signal for first race of the day. Subsequent races back to back
 - No warning signal to be made after 1530
 - Snacks and awards to follow last race of the day

8. Courses:

8.1 Courses will be windward-leeward using inflatable dropped marks. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring:

9.1 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 races scored. 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.

10. Towing:

10.1 Unless otherwise permitted by the Race Committee, no competitors shall be towed to or from the racecourse except after the completion of the last race. All competitors must sail to the racecourse on their own.

11. Awards:

11.1 Awards will be awarded to the top three finishers and the top Youth finisher.

12. Risk Statement:

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. By participating in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The organizing authority, race officials, whether certified by US Sailing or not, host club, volunteers, sponsors, or any other organization or official and the ISCA/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.

12.2 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/guardians 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.

13. Media Rights:

13.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the ISCA/ USSCA 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.

14. Support Boats:

RC support boats, which will be flying a yellow flag, and will have water available to competitors. Authorized private support boats may give/retrieve sailors their gear before/ after races. Private support boats are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and may be directed by the RC to assist the fleet in emergency situations.

15. Further Information:

15.1 For further information, contact Regatta Chair Peter Beardsley (c) 212.407.4278, email to: wpbeardsley@gmail.com

Attachment 1

Approximate Sailing Area

