



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

United States Sunfish Class Association

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

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

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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 event will be 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.

1.2.RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

1.3.Appendix V1 will be in effect.

1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is replaced with the following: "if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31, but was not involved in and did not see the incident, or"

1.5 In case of conflict between the NOR and SI, the SI's shall prevail. Failure to post a notice at the official notice board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (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. Changes to Sailing Instructions or Race Schedule:

2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions or race schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Wades Beach pavilion. Courtesy copies will be posted on the Regatta Network notice board.

2.2 Any changes will be posted 1 hour prior to the scheduled first signal of the day, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications:

3.1 The official notice board is located in the covered pavilion at Wades Beach. Courtesy copies will be posted on the Regatta Network notice board.

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

3.3 [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.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Wades Beach pavilion.

4.2 When code flag 'AP' is displayed onshore, "1 minute" is replace with "not less than 30" minutes" in race signal 'AP'.

5. Schedule:

- Saturday Sept. 13
 - 0800 - 0930. Registration and check-in
 - 0930 Competitors Meeting
 - 1030 First signal for first race of the day. Subsequent races sailed back to back with short lunch break at Wades Beach if conditions allow or on the water as determined by the RC.
 - 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

6. Courses:

6.1 The diagram in Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which the marks are to be passed.

6.2 The course will be displayed by a visual signal on board the Race Committee boat that states the letter and the number of laps on the course.

6.3 Missing gate mark - if one of the leeward gate marks is missing or out of position, a boat shall round the remaining mark to port.

7. Marks:

7.1 Marks 1 and 2s and 2p will be large inflatable buoys (color to be announced at the first Competitors meeting).

7.2 Mark 1a (offset mark) will be a red ball.

7.3 The start mark will be a large yellow inflatable buoy.

7.4 The finish mark will be a red ball

8. The Start:

8.1 Races will be started using RRS26.

8.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

8.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the start mark.

8.4 A series of short sound signals may precede the warning signal of each race. These are not timed signals.

9. Changes to the next leg of the course:

9.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and .2NM in length) to the course during the race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.

10. The Finish:

10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark.

11. Scoring:

11.1 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.

12. Towing:

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

13. Hearing Request:

13.1 A boat that is intending to protest or request redress shall notify the Race Committee boat after finishing the race in which they are protesting or requesting redress.

13.2 Protest filing deadline is 30 minutes after the RC boat sounds a horn following the last race of the day.

13.3 Hearing request forms shall be submitted in writing within the protest time limit. Forms are available at the Wades Beach pavilion.

13.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This will inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses along with the hearing location.

14. Time Limits & Penalty Systems

14.1 If no boat has rounded the windward mark 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes. If no boat meets the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finished, and not subsequently retiring, are penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the Time Limit (SI 14.2) plus one (1) point. Such score shall not exceed the number of entries plus (1) point. This changes RRS 25, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

15. Safety/Official Boats:

15.1[DP] A competitor leaving the race area before racing is completed shall notify an Official Boat as soon as possible.

15.2 Official Boats are designated as follows:

15.2.1 The RC Boat shall display a blue RC Flag

15.2.2. The Judge Boat will display a Judge Flag

15.2.3 Mark & Safety Boats will display an Orange Flag

16. Equipment & Measurement Checks:

16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR, or these SI's.

16.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall immediately proceed to a designated area for inspections.

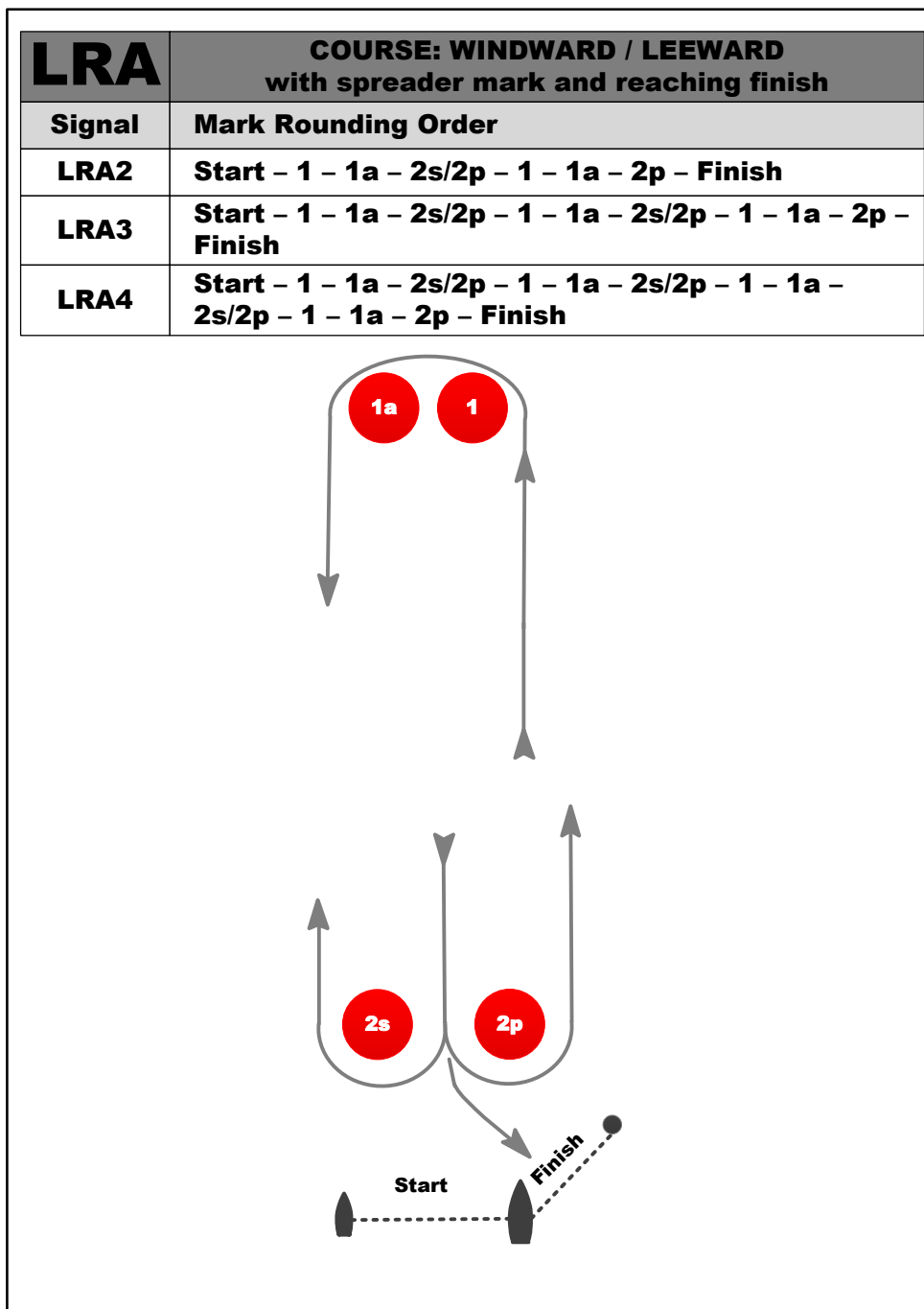
17. Disposal of Trash:

17.1 Competitors are reminded that RRS 47 (Trash Disposal) is in effect.

18. Risk Statement:

18.1 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.

ADDENDUM A - COURSE DIAGRAM



Attachment 1

Approximate Sailing Area

