

2025 Don VanVechten Memorial One Day Sunfish Regatta Saturday, October 11, 2025

Organizing Authority: Rochester Canoe Club Sunfish Fleet #120 2050 Bayshore Blvd, Rochester, NY 14622



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. RRS 63.5(c)(2) shall be replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.5.
- 1.2. Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall be in effect.
- 1.3. Each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for a sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. This modifies RRS 40.1.
- 1.4. Additional Rules are in the NOR.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The online Official Notice Board is the Regatta Network event site: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30328
- 2.2. The Unofficial Notice Board is located on the bulletin board in the RCC Clubhouse.
- 2.3. Every effort will be made to ensure all Sis and notices are posted on the Unofficial Notice Board.
- 2.4. After 9:00am on race day, any changes to the race documents or notices to competitors shall be posted on the Unofficial Notice Board and may not be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the SI's ashore will be posted on the official notice board by the scheduled start time of the Competitors' Meeting.
- 3.2. RC may alter any SI on-the-water by displaying Flag "Lima" with one sound. The Changes will be written on a White Board located on the RC Boat. This modifies *RRS* 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the east lawn of RCC.
- 4.2. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. CLASS FLAG

5.1. The class flag will be a white rectangular flag with a Sunfish emblem.

6. COURSES

6.1. SI Addendum 1 shows the course designations and the order in which marks are to be passed.

7. MARKS

- 7.1. All marks will be identified in ADDENDUM 1.
- 7.2. If the offset mark is missing, competitors need only to round the windward mark. This modifies RRS 34.

8. THE START

- 8.1. The starting line will be between the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying a yellow flag and the course side of a port end yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.2. The course will be displayed from the RC Signal Boat.
- 8.3. Starts: There will be a 3 minute starting sequence. Races will be started using US Sailing Appendix U-Audible-Signal Racing System.
- 8.4. Prior to the Warning Signal, the RC may attempt to alert competitors.
- 8.5. The RC signal boat will, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail number of boats who are OCS. The delay of such a hail, the order of the hail or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS 61.4 (b)(1).
- 8.6. A boat that does not start within five(5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

9. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a Change Mark and remove the Original Mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent change results in a new mark being replaced, it will be replaced by an Original Mark. When any windward mark is moved, Mark O will no longer be a mark of the course for that race.
- 9.2. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments by moving the marks to new locations (up to 10 degrees and 0.1 NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

10. THE FINISH

10.1. The finishing line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the course side of the mark in Addendum 1. This changes RRS RACE SIGNALS.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes after the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.2. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE, "Time Limit Expired." The score for TLE will equal two more points than the place of the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than DNF. This instruction changes rule 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

12.PROTESTS

- 12.1. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC signal boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This amends RRS 60.2.
- 12.2. Protest forms are available in the vicinity of the Unofficial Notice Board at RCC.
- 12.3. The protest filing time limit will be posted on the Unofficial Notice Board.
- 12.4. Protests shall be delivered to a protest committee representative at RCC within 45 minutes of the posted docking time of the race committee signal boat.

12.5. The protest notices required by RRS 63.1, will be posted on the Unofficial Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

13. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

13.1. Substitution of boats, or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. A boat shall use the sail numbers entered on the registration form and shall not change the numbers on its sail or use a sail with a different number during the regatta without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

14.SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Before the first race they intend to compete in, competitors shall check in with the RC Boat by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the RC.
- 14.2. Only the RC may protest alleged breaches of this sailing instruction. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 14.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the RC upon arriving ashore.
- 14.4. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race area between races shall check in again before the warning signal of the next race in which she intends to race.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1. Except in 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.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Addendum 1 - Courses

| Num | Description |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| W | Large Orange Tetrahedron |
| 0 | Small Yellow Tetrahedron |
| G | Large Orange Tetrahedron |
| LS/LP | Large Orange Tetrahedron |
| Start | Small Yellow Tetrahedron |
| Finish | Small Ball |
| Change Mark | Large Yellow Tetrahedron |

| Course | Marks |
|--------|---|
| MW1 | Start – W – O – LS/LP – Finish |
| MW2 | Start – W – O – LS/LP – W – O – LS/LP – Finish |
| Z | Start – W – LS/LP – W – G – |
| | LS (to Port) – Finish |



