



US Sunfish Class Association™ Florida Regional Championship 1 2027 ISCA® World Qualifier February 14 - 15, 2026

Sarasota Sailing Squadron
1717 Ken Thompson Pkwy
Sarasota, FL 34210

Sailing Instructions (“SIs”)

The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule of the SIs means this rule may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule of the SIs means the penalty for breaking that rule may, be at the discretion of the Protest Committee (“PC”), be less than disqualification, per RRS Rule 64.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event is governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”) for 2025-2028, including the ISCA® Class Rules and Ethics and Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions Appendix R and Appendix V will apply and are contained in their entirety at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>.
- 1.3 The US SAILING prescription to RRS Rule 63.1 shall not apply.
- 1.4 RRS Rules 32, 33, 34, 35, 40.1, 44.1, 60.1, 61.4, 90.2 (c), A5.1, A5.2, A10, and Race Signals are changed as stated in these SIs.

2 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Device shall apply at all times. 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 Rule 40.1.
- 2.2 [NP][DP] Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Race Committee (“RC”) by telling them directly or via VHF radio no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled first warning of the day.
- 2.3 [NP][DP] Each boat shall **check in with RC no later than 10 minutes** before the scheduled first warning on each day of racing by sailing past the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard and hailing her sail number until acknowledged.

- 2.4 [DP][NP] If a boat does not check in with the RC, a 10% penalty may be added to her score for the first race she sails for that day.
- 2.5 [DP][NP] A boat that first arrives to the race course after the first race, retires from a race, or leaves the race area, shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 RC may alter any SI (including timing of race schedule) on-the-water by displaying Flag “L” with one sound. Changes will be written on a White Board located on the RC Boat. This modifies *RRS* 90.2 (c).

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27355> . As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on the unofficial notice board located at the SSS clubhouse porch or pavilion. Failure to post a notice on the unofficial notice board will not be grounds for redress.
- 4.2 The race office is located in the Sarasota Sailing Squadron office at 1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, Florida 34236.
- 4.3 [DP] While racing, 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.
- 4.4 The RC will use Channel 68. Competitors are permitted to use VHF radios while racing for the sole purpose of monitoring the Race Committee and emergency needs. A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats, this includes any type of VHF, cellular phone and GPS capable device.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 [DP] Competitors and *support persons* shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located east of the SSS clubhouse.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP. This changes *RRS* Race Signals.
- 6.3 [DP] When flags AP over H are displayed ashore, it means “boats shall not leave the dock or shore while this signal is displayed.” The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after AP over H is lowered. This changes *RRS* Race Signals.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 A total of seven races are scheduled for the Event.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1025, and on Sunday is 0955.
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8 CLASS FLAGS

8.1 The Class flag is white with the Sunfish class insignia.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area is Sarasota Bay NNW of New Pass Channel, as shown in SI Addendum A.

10 COURSES

10.1 The diagram in SI Addendum B shows the course, including the color of the marks, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

10.2 If the offset mark is missing, competitors need only round the windward mark. This changes *RRS* 34.

10.3 If one of the two gate marks is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be left to port. This changes *RRS* 34.

10.4 Mark 2p is a mark of the course on the second downwind leg and must be passed to port.

10.5 Courses will not be shortened to less than two legs. This changes *RRS* 32.1.

11 MARKS

11.1 Mark(s) 1, 2s and 2p are orange tetrahedrons; mark 1a is an orange ball.

11.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be green tetrahedrons.

12 THE START

12.1 Races shall be started using *RRS* 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the RC may signal an alert consisting of multiple sounds one minute before the warning signal is made.

12.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end of the line or the course side of a red tetrahedron at the port end of the line

12.4 The RC will not hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS.

12.5 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes *RRS* A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 The RC may move a mark up to 10 degrees or 0.1 nautical miles without signaling a change of course. This changes *RRS Rule* 33.

13.2 Subject to SI 13.1, above,

13.2.1 To change the next leg of the course, RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable; and

13.2.2 Then in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 When sailing from mark 2p, the finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and an orange ball **at the port end**.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see *RRS* 35), and the Finishing Window are as follows:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>75 minutes</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window (and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress) will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes *RRS* 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, or Finishing Window will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS* 61.4(b).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the RC signal boat docks after racing. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the SSS race office.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system in *RRS* Appendix A shall be used.
- 17.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores except, when six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 SUPPORT TEAMS

- 20.1 [DP] Coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a race until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment for such race.
- 20.2 Support person vessels shall identify themselves while in the vicinity of the racing area by displaying a flag supplied by the OA.

20.3 Each support vessel shall carry a working VHF marine radio, shall monitor the RC channel, and shall perform the functions of a safety boat upon the request of the RC. The RC channel will be 68.

20.4 No competitors shall be towed to or from the racecourse by support vessels. All competitors must sail to and from the racecourse on their own. Towing is allowed only in the case of an emergency or when approved by the PRO.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Trash may be placed aboard any official vessel other than the RC signal boat.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Awards will be given as follows:

22.1.1 Top 3 finishers.

22.1.2 One (1) US berth for the 2027 ISCA® World Championships will be awarded as per the USSCA Worlds Qualifier Class Notice 2025-2028.

22.1.3 Top women finisher

22.1.4 Highest placed Youth (less than 19 years old during the calendar year 2026).

23 RISK STATEMENT

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. It is the sole responsibility of each participant to decide whether or not to start or continue a race, or to participate or continue to participate in any on-the-water event. Competitors participate in Sarasota Sailing Squadron events entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 3 Decision to Race*. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** Each competitor, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize the Sarasota Sailing Squadron facilities at his/her own risk. Neither the Sarasota Sailing Squadron nor persons assisting in the conduct of races or other on-the-water activities shall be liable for damage or injuries incurred during participation in racing or other activities. It is known and understood that all participants, skippers, crew, and guests, accept the Sailing Instructions and all personal risks.

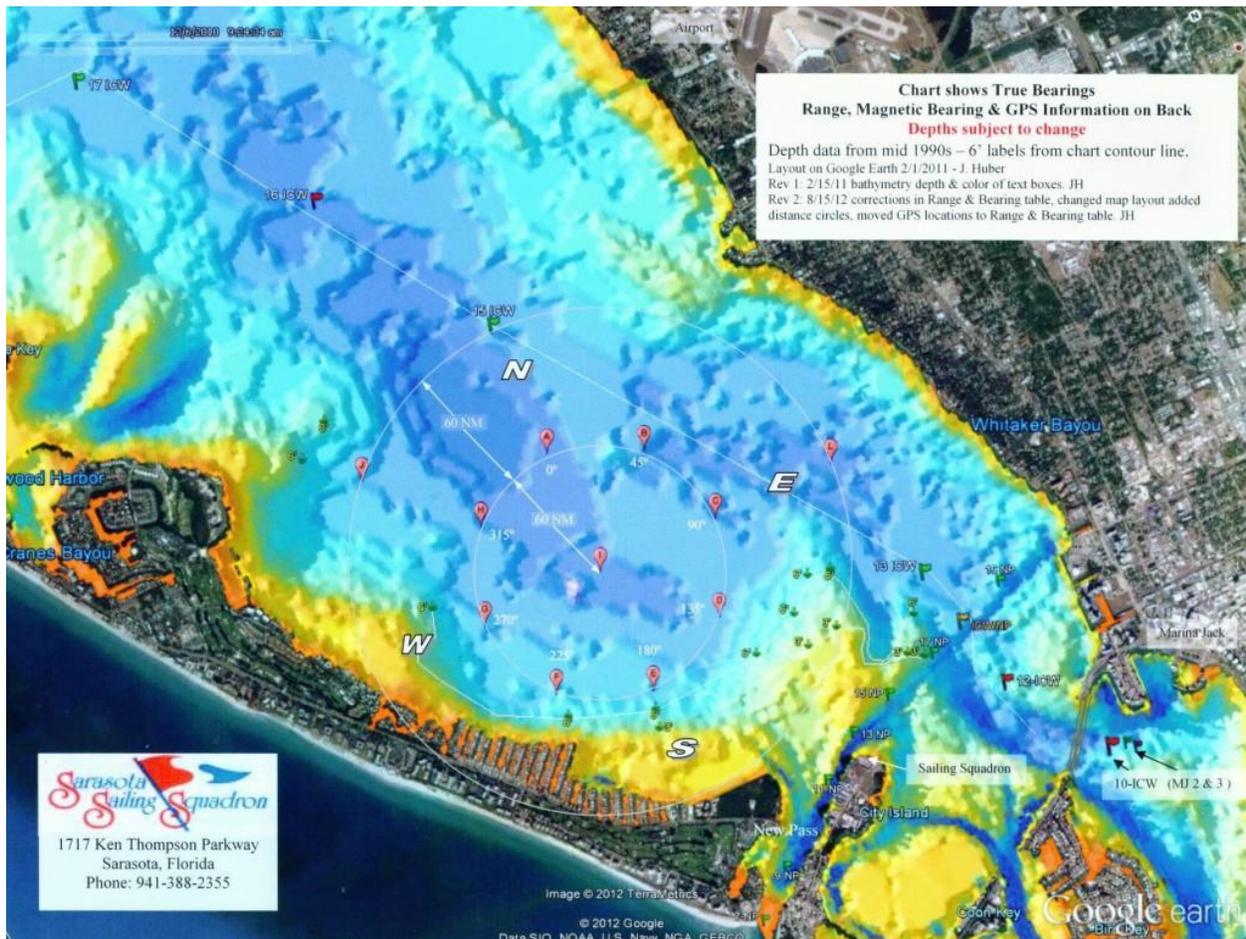
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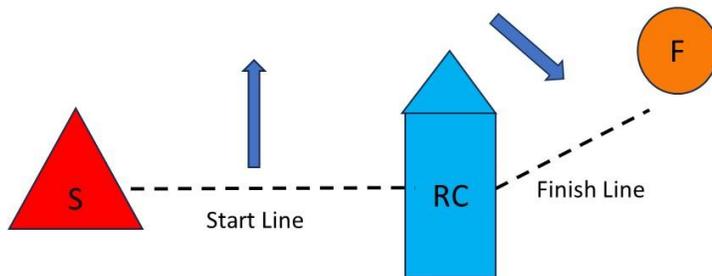
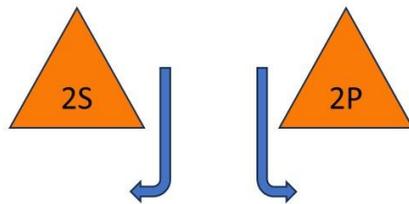
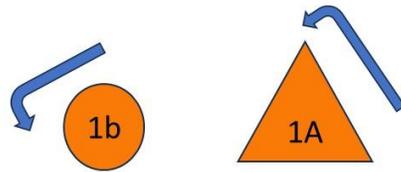
25 FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Event website:
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Addendum A - Racing Area



Addendum B – Course



COURSE

Start Line– 1A – 1b – 2S/2P – 1A – 1b – 2P – Finish Line