



Notice of Race (NOR)

US Sunfish Class Association™ NYS Regional Championship 1 & Don VanVechten Memorial 2027 ISCA® World Qualifier May 16 - 17, 2026

**Rochester Canoe Club
2050 Bay Shore Blvd
Rochester, NY 14622**

Organizing Authority (OA): Rochester Canoe Club (RCC) and endorsed by the US Sunfish Class Association (USSCA™)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 and ISCA® Class Rules including the Ethics and Code of Conduct.
- 1.2. Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties) will be in effect.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of [ISCA Class Rules](#).
- 1.4. In any rule governing the regatta
 - 1.4.1. The notation [DP] means that the penalty for breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
 - 1.4.2. [NP] means that an infraction to the rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.5. Personal Flotation Devices
 - 1.5.1. Rule 40.1 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device.
 - 1.5.2. [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 Rule 40.1.
- 1.6. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”
- 1.7. The US Sailing prescription to rule 63.1 is deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE per the SCHEDULE Table. A copy of the SI's will be on the OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD during the event.



3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board will be located on the bulletin board located on the wall near the SE corner of the club.
- 3.2. Sailing Instructions for the Regatta will be available online utilizing the Regatta Network link found in the OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE section no later than the date and time in the SCHEDULE.
- 3.3. There will be no paper copies of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. The RC will utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. The channel will be stated in the SIs. [NP] World Sailing, under RRS 87 has authorized ISCA[®] to apply changes to Class Rules 3.1.9 as follows: 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Each competitor's country must be a 2026 member of ISCA[®].
- 4.2. Each competitor shall be a 2026 member of his/her respective country's national ISCA[®] class association.
- 4.3. Eligible competitors must register online through Regatta Network in the section OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE.
- 4.4. An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made.
- 4.5. Payment is required at time of registration.
- 4.6. The event is open to all boats that comply with the rules of the ISCA[®].

5. FEES

- 5.1. Fee deadlines are per the SCHEDULE Table.
- 5.2. Registration is not complete until fees are paid. Fee payment date is date of registration.
- 5.3. Skipper's registration fee includes regatta favor, continental breakfast, lunches, Saturday evening dinner, plus regatta post-sailing snacks and beverages. If skipper registers late, regatta favor may not be available.
 - 5.3.1. Entry Fee: \$80 USD.
 - 5.3.2. Late Entry Fee: \$100 USD.
- 5.4. Guest Food and Beverages may be purchased through Regatta Network
 - 5.4.1. Guest Food/Beverage Fee \$25 USD.
 - 5.4.2. Late Guest Food/Beverage Fee: \$30 USD.
- 5.5. All fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer, currency conversions, and/or banking costs or commissions.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Early Arrival and Late Departure

Competitors who wish to arrive prior to Gates Opening on Friday May 15 must contact the Regatta Chairperson. Contact information is in the section ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



6.2. SCHEDULE Table

NOTE: All times are EST

Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Fri May 8	2300	Early Registration closes, Registration late fees start	
	2300	Guest food and beverages purchase late fees start	
Mon May 11	2300	Sailing Instructions posted to Official Event Website	
Fri May 15	0900	RCC Gates Open for Competitor Arrival	
	1400	Clinic/Practice session (TBD)	
	1600-1800	Registration/Check-In for Competitors	
	1800	Optional dinner for nominal fee (cash or check only) Make your own Rochester Style Club(garbage) Plate!	
Sat May 16	0700	RCC Gates Open for Competitor Arrival	
	0800-0930	Check-In (Competitors and Support Boats) & Breakfast	Inside RCC Clubhouse
	0900	Competitor Registration closes	
	0900	Guest food and beverages purchase closes	
	0930	Competitors' Meeting	RCC patio or inside club
	1100	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	On water lunch/Make your own before you go out on water. BYO water
	Soon After Racing	Appetizers, post racing beer, and non-alcoholic drinks such as seltzer and soda/Debrief with top sailors from the day	RCC patio or inside club
	1800	Dinner	RCC patio or inside club
Sun May 15	0700	RCC Gates Open	
	0800 – 0900	Breakfast	
	0900	Competitor's Meeting	
	1030	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	On water lunch/Make your own before you go out on water. BYO water
	1430	No Warning Signal will be made or after	
	After Racing	Awards, snacks, post racing beer, non-alcoholic drinks such as seltzer and soda	RCC patio or inside club



7. **EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1. Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA[®] Class Rules as approved by World Sailing.
- 7.2. Measurement Check is not required at this USSCA[™] event and compliance with ISCA[®] Class Rules will be monitored by the ISCA[®] Chief Measurer or designated representatives.
- 7.3. National Letters are not required, but if used, must comply with ISCA[®] Class Rules. Sail numbers must be properly displayed in accordance with ISCA[®] Class Rules. For example, numbers drawn on the sail or displayed using tape are not legal.

8. **VENUE**

- 8.1. The regatta will be sailed from the Rochester Canoe Club, 2050 Bay Shore Blvd., Rochester, NY 14622.
- 8.2. Racing will take place on Irondequoit Bay.
- 8.3. Any dog on RCC grounds must be leashed, monitored and cleaned up after by their owner. Dogs are not allowed in the RCC clubhouse.

9. **SCORING**

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, will apply as modified below.
- 9.2. One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 9.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.
- 9.4. 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. **BERTHING**

Boats will be kept at the Rochester Canoe Club in areas assigned by the OA.

11. **RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' 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.

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 of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is on-site, authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

12. **INSURANCE**

The OA recommends that each competitor should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.



13. PRIZES

Awards will be given as follows:

- 13.1. Top 5 finishers.
- 13.2. One (1) US berth for the 2027 ISCA® World Championships will be awarded as per the USSCA Worlds Qualifier Class Notice 2025-2028.
- 13.3. Top opposite gender finisher.
- 13.4. The highest finishing member of Rochester Canoe Club will receive the Don VanVechten Memorial Sunfish Regatta perpetual trophy.
- 13.5. Special awards may be given at the discretion of the OA.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and support persons give absolute right and permission to the OA and USSCA™ for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media or to be used in press information.

15. CHARTERS

Charters may be available – please contact the Regatta Chairperson if interested.

16. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE

- 16.1 The Official Notice Board will be located near the inside SE corner of the clubhouse on the bulletin board.
- 16.2 The Official Event Website, including registration, can be found at:
[2026 USSCA NYS Regional Championship 1 & Don VanVechten Memorial](#)

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 17.1. Regatta Chairperson
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- 17.2. Rochester Canoe Club
<http://rochestercc.org>
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Rochester, NY 14622

LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The following information is not a part of the Notice of Race but may be helpful in planning your visit.

- Camping
 - Overnight camping is allowed on RCC property.
 - Housing may be available with local host families. Contact the Regatta Chairperson if interested.
- Places to Stay
 - There are many nearby hotels, Airbnb and VBRO housing options available
- Distance from closest Airport:
 - Frederick Douglas Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC)—approximately 10 miles from RCC.
- Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.