

Sunfish Distance Race Port A to Rockport Harbor

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Organizing Authority: Rockport Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule of the notice of race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028)* and *the Sailing Instructions* (provided at Skippers Meeting).
- 1.2. Membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.3. [DP] All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required. If no sail number exists, boats shall be identified by the sail color pattern or other readily distinguishing feature.
- 1.4. The International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) Class Rules and Rule Changes approved April 7, 2025 shall apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used.
- 1.6. RRS 90.3(e) will apply with a change in the time limit from '24 hours' to '2 hours.'

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all Sunfish class sailboats and is "bring your own boat." All owners/sailors shall file the required registration forms and pay required fee prior to the May 9, 2026 Skippers Meeting.
- 2.2. Membership in a yacht club is encouraged but not required.

3. REGISTRATION, FEE, AND CHECK IN

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$85.00 for each sailor, which includes one regatta T-Shirt and a meal for the sailor.
- 3.2. Pre-registration before May 4, 2026 is encouraged and should be completed on [Regatta Network](#) in order to receive the T-Shirt (by specifying shirt size) at the time of the race. T-shirts requested for registrations after May 4, 2026 will be delayed.
- 3.3. All sailors are required to check in on-site, even if the sailor pre-registered. Check-in at the regatta will be conducted at the registration table on Saturday, May 9, 2026, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Rockport Yacht Club; located at 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382.
- 3.4. Execution of a Liability Release Agreement as set forth in the Regatta Network registration form shall be required. Minors shall provide a release signed by a parent or legal guardian. Minor release will be available at the Skippers Meeting.

4. SKIPPERS MEETING

The skippers meeting will be held at the Rockport Yacht Club at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 5, 2025; located at 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted at the event site on Regatta Network on or before Friday, May 1, 2026. Sailing Instructions will also be provided at the skippers meeting and posted on the notice board in the

Rockport Yacht Club by May 9, 2026.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. Boats will launch from a negotiated recommended launch site in Port Aransas. For participants without a second driver, arrangements must be made to transport sailors back to the launch site for retrieving their vehicles/trailers. Facilities exist at the RYC Clubhouse boat ramp for storing the boats out of the water until the vehicle/trailer is available. The launch site is approx. 40 minutes from RYC. Please allow sufficient time to travel to launch site, prepare your boat and arrive at start line before the starting time. The race will not be delayed due to late arrivals.
- 6.2. If winds are predominantly northern, the course may be reversed with the launch occurring from the RYC Clubhouse boat ramp; in which case arrangements for moving the vehicles/trailers to the Port Aransas area will be provided for participants without a second driver prior to the finish.
- 6.3. The race will be conducted on the waters of the Lydia Ann Channel and Aransas Bay.

7. COURSE

- 7.1. A single race will be run. The starting line will be located in the Lydia Ann Channel near the Lydia Lighthouse and the finish line will be inside Rockport Harbor near the Rockport Yacht Clubhouse. The course will predominantly be a Leeward Course into Aransas Bay with a single Leeward mark for boats to turn Windward prior to entering the Rockport Harbor. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 12:30 PM.
- 7.2. If winds are predominantly northern, the course will be reversed as will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SAFETY & COMMUNICATION

- 8.1. Every boat in the race area, whether participant, race committee, or spectator, is required to comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations for equipment carried aboard.
- 8.2. The race committee will provide one support power boat with VHF radio for every five to seven entries.
- 8.3. Rules of navigation require all boats to keep clear of any commercial traffic operating in the Intracoastal waterway or other areas of the regatta course.
- 8.4. Except in an 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. The Principal Race Officer for the Regatta shall be provided with the sailing instructions. PRO can be contacted on Channel 71 or by mobile phone per the Sailing Instructions. In emergencies, contestants may be hailed by a support boat.
- 8.5. It is highly advised for all sailors to carry a hand held/portable VHF Radio on board.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1. The awards presentation will be held at the Rockport Yacht Clubhouse approximately 45 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 9.2. Trophies for the first three places will be presented, along with a perpetual plaque kept at the Rockport Yacht Club for first place.

10. POST RACE ACTIVITIES

- 10.1 Following the race a Happy Hour with heavy appetizers/meal will be provided with a cash bar at the Rockport Yacht Club. T-Shirts and Meal Tickets will be available for non-participants online for an additional charge.

11. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Regatta Chairperson, Marvin Lewis, at 512-970-9798 or rycracingevents@gmail.com .