

RAINBOW REGATTA
APRIL 26 – 27, 2026
Clearwater Community Sailing Center
1001 Gulf Blvd
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authorities:
Windlasses – Dunedin, FL
Bow Chasers – Clearwater, FL

1. RULES

This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to members of FWSA clubs and FWSA individual members.
- 2.2 This regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - 2 (a) Sunfish
 - 2 (b) Prams: hulls equipped without battened sails, with Pram daggerboards and Pram rudders.
 - 2 (c) Optis: hulls equipped with battened sails, with Opti daggerboards and Opti rudders.
- 2.3 All classes must have at least 5 entries and at least 3 clubs must be represented in the Class.
- 2.4 Opti and Pram Teams: defined as 2 or more competitors from the same member club.
- 2.5 A club may enter any number of Pram, Opti and Sunfish sailors.
- 2.6 Competitors, race committee and spectators please register online.
- 2.7 Entries must be received by Thursday April 23, 2026.

Registration link:

3. EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Competitors shall wear a properly secured USCG approved personal floatation device with an attached whistle at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing clothes.
- 3.2 All boats must be equipped with a floating tow line at least 26' long.
- 3.3 Prams and Optis shall have all gear in the boat be tied or fastened in the boat.
- 3.4 All Pram and Opti sails should identify their Club affiliation.

4. FEES

- 4.1 A non-refundable registration fee of \$65 per competitor to include:
 - CYC Regatta membership after drop off: April 26, 2026
 - Light snacks at check-in on race day
 - Boxed lunch: sandwich, chips and cookie
 - Post race snacks, beverages and awards
- 4.2 \$25 for spectator and extra lunches
- 4.3 Order Rainbow gear online:
https://stores.crsapparel.com/2026_RainbowRegatta/shop/home
- 4.4 Regatta Network link: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31212>

5. SCHEDULE

Sunday April 26, 2026 boat drop off at Clearwater Community Sailing Center,
1001 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767
Hours for drop off: 1600 – 1900 see attached welcome letter from CCSC

Monday April 27, 2026 boat drop off beginning 0730 CCSC
0800 – 0900 check-in
0900 Competitors meeting
1000 First Warning Signal
1530 No Warning Signal after this time
Awards and Snacks after the final race and protests

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Available online by April 20, 2026

7. VENUE

Two race areas will be set east of the Sailing Center in Clearwater Bay.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, triangle or modified Olympic
- 8.2 All spectator and non-RC boats must remain 100 yards from the course and away from the competitors at all times.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Three races for each class are scheduled.
- 9.2 One race will constitute a regatta
- 9.3 The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A (RRS) will apply.
- 9.4 Pram and Opti team sizes will be determined by the number of entries per Club.
The Club with the fewest entries, not less than two, determines the number of competitors scored for the team awards.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Awards will be given to the top 5 Sunfish Sailors.
 - 10.2 Awards will be given to the top 3 Pram and top 3 Opti individual finishers.
 - 10.3 A “Rainbow Rookie” will be awarded to the top scoring “rookie” in each fleet. A Rookie is defined as someone who is brand new to sailing and is in her first year of sailing any boat.
 - 10.4 The top placing Pram and Opti team competitors, the number determined by 9.4, shall be scored for the perpetual Opti and Pram Team trophies.
- 11.5 Perpetual Trophies
Club winners for Pram and Opti teams will be recorded on the perpetual trophies.
Overall Sunfish winner
Sunfish, Pram Masters (age 70+)
Sunfish Super Salt (60- 69)
Sunfish Salt (50- 59)
Apprentice Sunfish (< 50)

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Accommodations – FWSA rate at Pelican expired March 19, 2026.

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