

# **55th Annual World's Longest Sunfish® Race,**

## **Around Shelter Island, NY**

**SATURDAY, July 11, 2026**

### **SOUTHOLD YACHT CLUB**

**165 N Parish Drive, Southold, NY USA 11971**

#### **NOTICE OF RACE**

##### **1. RULES**

1.1. The event will be governed by the “rules” as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the ISCA class, and by the Sailing Instructions. In case of a discrepancy between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs govern.

1.2. Mandatory check-in on land with the Race Committee before 1030 is required for ALL competitors. Check-in will be located on the front porch of Southold Yacht Club. *If a competitor does not check-in they will be scored DNC by the Race Committee.*

##### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on line via Regatta Network at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31223>. Copies may also be available at the Race Committee desk on the front porch of Southold Yacht Club on the day of the event and will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the front porch of Southold Yacht Club day of the event.

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located on the front porch of Southold Yacht Club.

##### **3. COMMUNICATION**

3.1. From the first warning signal until a boat has withdrawn from the race or finished the race, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication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.

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated at the Skippers Meeting. Not hearing such broadcasts shall not be cause for redress.

3.3 Safety boats may be contacted in case of emergency on a VHF channel that will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. This event is open to all boats of the ISCA (International Sunfish Class Association) class. Class divisions are: Open, Doubles, Youth, Youth Doubles. (Youth is defined as under 19 on day of event.)

4.2. Online Registration is found at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31223>.

Registration is available online only. Registration opens at 9am EST April 1, 2026. Early registration is available to members of Southold Yacht Club who are in good standing beginning 9am March 31. Please note that any non SYC member who registers before 9am April 1 will have their entry deleted. **Registration is only considered complete when the registration fee is paid.**

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, boats must complete registration **including the payment of fees before 2359 July 09, 2026. There will be no on-site registration.**

Exception may be made for boats cleared from the waiting list.

4.4. **Fees must be paid at the time of registration (unless a boat is put on the wait list) or the registration will not be considered valid or complete.** (Note that per Regatta Network fees cannot be paid until a boat is cleared from the wait list. Boats on the wait list must pay their registration fees when they are moved from the waiting list to the list of entrants.)

4.5. All boats must check in with the Race Committee at the Race Committee desk located on the front porch at Southold Yacht Club before 1030 July 11 ***or their registration will be considered incomplete and they will not be eligible to race.***

4.6. Sailors on each boat must be at least 15 years of age by the date of the event unless sailing with a parent or guardian. All sailors under the age of 18 must present a waiver signed by their parent or guardian as well as themselves, to be emailed to the RC/Organizing Authority (address below) or presented day of event before 1030. The waiver may be found on the Regatta Network web site.

#### **5. FEES**

5.1. Entry fees are as follows: \$150 per sailor via advance online registration. Fee includes the race, regatta souvenir, continental breakfast, beverages, post-race party including buffet, beer and wine, and awards. Additional party tickets may be purchased for sailor's guests on

the registration web site. Junior sailors registration fees are \$140. A junior sailor is someone under the age of 19 on the day of the event.

5.2 Refund policy: If a sailor withdraws their registration by June 15, the entry fee will be refunded 100% less Regatta Network fees; 75% if sailor withdraws by July 1; 50% if sailor withdraws by July 5; 0% thereafter. Withdrawal shall be done via the on-line registration site, and by an email to [BMFbethfleisher@gmail.com](mailto:BMFbethfleisher@gmail.com).

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. Registration will be from April 1, 2026 open until July 9, 2026.

6.2 Date of racing will be July 11, 2026.

6.3. Day of Event:

0830 to 1030 Check in and breakfast

1030 Skippers Meeting, all diversions

1157 Warning Sunfish class, all diversions

1200 Start Sunfish call, all divisions

**\*\*\*\*Any boat that does not start within 10 minutes of the start of its class shall be scored as DNC. No exceptions. This decision cannot be appealed. \*\*\*\***

Upon completion Post-race buffet and awards shortly after.

In the case of disadvantageous weather on July 11, a postponement to July 12 may be an option.

## 7. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

7.1. Competitors will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with ISCA class rules. Noncompliant ISCA class boats or equipment may be grounds for disqualification.

7.2. All boats must carry a 20' tow line. Mainsheet can serve as tow line. Safety inspections may be performed by event organizer.

7.3 *It is strongly recommended that all boats carry adequate water for the duration of the race, and that sailors wear and use adequate sun protection. Race averages 4-5 hours duration.*

## 8. CLOTHING AND EQUIPEMENT

8.1. RRS 40.1 is in effect: US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices must be worn by all sailors while on the water. **Violators will be disqualified without possibility of appeal.** All boats must carry a 20 foot towline. Mainsheet can serve as towline. Safety inspections may be performed by event organizer.

## 9. COURSE

9.1. The course is a once-around circumnavigation of Shelter Island starting and ending in Southold Bay. The direction of the circumnavigation (clockwise or counter-clockwise) will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the official notice board the day of the event.

## 10. SCORING

10.1. The scoring system will follow RRS Appendix A4.

## 11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

11.1. Any Support Persons vessels (safety boat/coach boat) that is on the course to support an individual boat or boats is required to report to the Race Committee before 1015, and to monitor the Safety Boat channel (announced at the Skipper's meeting), and to be prepared to offer assistance to any competitor in need. (RRS 1.1)

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1. 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.**

## 13. AWARDS

Top 10 finishers, First Doubles, First Youth, First Youth doubles.

Names inscribed on perpetual plaques maintained at Southold Yacht Club as

follows: **WBAZFM Plaque:** Overall race winner. **Peggy Wagner Memorial Plaque:**

First female finisher.

**Heinl-Lyman Octogenarian Plaque:** Oldest Competitor and First Master (age 50+) to finish.

## 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1. Event Chair/OA: Beth Fleisher BMFbethfleisher@gmail.com

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## HELPFUL NOTES ON ATTENDING THE EVENT

### CHARTERS

Please contact [The Dinghy Shop](#), Amityville, NY if you wish to charter a boat for the event.

## **PARKING LOGISTICS AND VISITOR INFORMATION**

A one-day parking permit for the Town of Southold parking lot adjacent to SYC will be available to contestants for the day of the event at Check-in. **Please note that the parking permit must be displayed at all times or you may receive a ticket.** *No boats, trailers, cars or equipment can be left in the town parking lot overnight.*

## **BOAT LAUNCH**

Is from SYC grounds only. Please do not launch from either the Town Beach or the private property adjacent to the club.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Competitor's guests are welcome to use the facilities and beach at Southold Yacht Club during the event, but must obey club rules. Post-race party tickets for sailor's guests to will be available for purchase at \$20/person, \$15 per child under 12.

## **BOAT DROP-OFF**

Boats can be dropped off Friday between 1600-1900. Please make arrangements via email with Beth Fleisher: [BMFbethfleisher@gmail.com](mailto:BMFbethfleisher@gmail.com). Day-of contact only: 646-732-1066

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

There are a multitude of hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and two campgrounds in close proximity to the event. Information can be found on the [Village of Greenport website](#) and [The NorthForker Vacation Guide](#) among other websites. Please note there is no camping on SYC property due to Town restrictions.

## **THINGS TO DO**

There are many fun things to do while visiting the North Fork. Information on restaurants, beaches, vineyards, breweries, children's activities and events can be found on the websites above and at <https://northforker.com/>

## **VINEYARDS**

Information on the North Fork's award-winning vineyards can be found on [Long Island Wine Country](#).