



2024 Sunfish Championships

International Masters – Mar 16-19, 2024

Team Racing – March 20, 2024 (Separate NoR)

US Nationals at Midwinters – Mar 21-23, 2024

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL 33606

Endorsed by International Sunfish™ Class Association (ISCA)

Endorsed by US Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association.
- 1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1, Appendix R, Appendix T (Arbitration) and Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.
- 1.5 In any rule governing the championship the notation [DP] means that the penalty for breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. [NP] means that an infraction to the rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 [DP] Each competitor is required to wear a lifejacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and appropriate size for the sailor. Except while actively adding or removing clothing, competitors shall wear an appropriately sized U.S. Coast Guard Approved PFD. For International competitors only, competitors shall wear an appropriately sized PFD/Buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin.
This changes the preamble to part 4 and RRS 40.

2 ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require boats to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each competitor's country must be a 2024 member of the ISCA.
- 3.2 Each competitor shall be a 2024 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.
- 3.3 All **Masters** participants shall be 40 years of age or older as of March 17, 2024 and must meet the same age requirement to qualify for each of the age divisions: Apprentice Master 40+, Master 50+.

Grand Master 60+, Great Grand Master 70+, and Senior Master 80+.

- 3.4 An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made, and the competitor has checked in at the registration desk.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry Fee for International Masters: **\$100.00 plus 7.5% sales tax, total \$107.50.**
 4.2 Entry Fee for US Nationals at Midwinters: **\$110.00 plus 7.5% sales tax, total \$118.25.**
 4.3 There will be a late fee of \$25.00 for each event if payment is received after March 1, 2024.
 4.4 Registration is open on Yacht Scoring. Early registration is encouraged for planning purposes.
To register for International Masters – [click here](#)
To register for US Nationals at Midwinters – [click here](#)
 4.5 Payment for both events will open on January 1, 2024.
 4.6 Skipper’s registration fee includes: regatta favor, breakfast per schedule, snacks, dinner per schedule, beer kegs and soft drinks after racing.
 4.7 Coaches / Guests may purchase meal plans at registration desk that will include breakfast per schedule, snacks, dinner per schedule, beer kegs and soft drinks for \$75 per regatta.
 4.8 All fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.

5 SCHEDULE

Masters Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Sat, Mar 16	1200 – 1600 1400	Check-in Practice Race	
Sun, Mar 17	0800 – 0930 0800 – 0900 0930 1130 1800	Breakfast Check-in Competitor Meeting First Scheduled Warning Dinner Q&A with top 3 finishers	Upstairs Regatta Room Under the Club House Multiple races to follow Upstairs
Mon, Mar 18	1000 After Racing	First Scheduled Warning Q&A with top 3 finishers	Club House is closed. Multiple races to follow Under the Club House
Tue, Mar 19	0800 – 0900 1000 1400 After Racing	Breakfast First Scheduled Warning No Warning after this time Awards	Upstairs Multiple races to follow Under the Club House

Midwinters Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Wed, March 20	1400 – 1700	Check-in	No practice race for Midwinters
Thurs, Mar 21	0800 – 0930 0800 – 0900 0930 1130 1800	Breakfast Check-in Competitor Meeting First Scheduled Warning Dinner Q&A with top 3 finishers	Upstairs Regatta Room Under the Club House Multiple races to follow Upstairs

Fri, Mar 22	0800 – 0900 1000 After Racing	Breakfast First Scheduled Warning Q&A with top 3 finishers	Upstairs Multiple races to follow Under the Club House
Sat, Mar 23	0800 – 0900 1000 1400 After Racing	Breakfast First Scheduled Warning No Warning after this time Awards	Upstairs Multiple races to follow Under the Club House

6 MEASUREMENT

Boats and equipment must be compliant with current International Sunfish Class Association Class Rules as approved by World Sailing. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

7 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The official notice board for International Masters is online located at [Official Notice Board](#) .
- 7.2 The official notice board for US Nationals at MidWinters is online located at [Official Notice Board](#) .
- 7.3 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board by March 11th.

8 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed from Davis Island Yacht Club, 1315 Severn Ave., Tampa, FL 33606. Racing will be in the Upper Hillsborough Bay south of the clubhouse.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply as modified below.
 - 10.1.1 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
 - 10.1.2 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled in each series.
 - 10.1.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.
 - 10.1.4 When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.
- 11.2 [DP] Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing and fly a flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water. Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
- 11.3 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance.
- 11.4 [DP] Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the lay lines from the marks defining the course.
- 11.5 [DP] Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. At the finish, they must

- remain 50 meters below the finish line.
- 11.6 No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.
 - 11.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
 - 11.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.
 - 11.9 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

12 BERTHING

Boats will be kept at the Davis Island Yacht Club and in areas assigned by the organizing authority.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes for the **International Masters Championship** will be given as follows:
 - 13.1.1 Top three finishers in each age division.
 - 13.1.2 Top five overall finishers.
 - 13.1.3 One berth for the 2025 Sunfish World Championships will be awarded as per the International Sunfish Class Association Class Notice.
- 13.2 Prizes for the **US Nationals at Midwinters** will be given as follows:
 - 13.2.1 Top ten finishers.
 - 13.2.2 Four US berths for the 2025 Sunfish World Championships will be awarded as per the USSCA Class Notice.
 - 13.2.3 Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female).
 - 13.2.4 Highest placed Youth (less than 19 years old during the calendar year 2024).
 - 13.2.5 Highest placed Master (40+).

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disease or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

16 INSURANCE

The organizing authority requires that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 Davis Island Yacht Club diyc.org
- 17.2 Event Organizer: Gail Heausler heauslerg@gmail.com 813-758-8484

Additional Information

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

- Charter boats- Contact Dinghy Shop at (631) 264-0005 or www.dinghyshop.com.
Contact Tackle Shack at (727) 546-5080 or <https://www.tackleshack.com>.
- Overnight camping is available at the yacht club in designated areas. Limited RV parking is available in designated areas but there are no hook ups for electric or water. Check in with regatta coordinator or club manager upon arrival for more details.
- There is limited housing by host families. Contact Jennifer Holmberg at jenholmberg21@gmail.com.
- Local Hotels: Hotel rooms are available in many price ranges.
- Other housing: There are many listings of rooms, apartments and homes at <https://www.airbnb.com>
<https://www.vrbo.com>

Distance from closest Airports:

- Tampa International: 12 Miles
- Clearwater/St. Pete Airport: 21 Miles
- Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.