

2024 Sunfish US Team Race Championship

March 20th 2024

Hosted by Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC)

Organizing Authority (OA) is DIYC as endorsed by the US Sunfish Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Appendix D Team Racing Rules will apply with the following changes:
 - a. RRS D1.1(d) is deleted (“arm signals”).
 - b. RRS D1.2(a): add “A boat may not protest for a breach of the Class rules or SailingInstructions (SI) 1.7, 6.3, 9.2, 10.3, 13.2, 17 and 20”.
 - c. RRS D1.2(c) is replaced with: “A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area, or protest for an alleged breach of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rules 31 or 42, shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, identifythe protested boat.”
 - d. RRS D5 is deleted.
4. Appendix U Audible-Signals Racing System will apply as modified by SIs 10 and 11.
5. RRS 66 is changed: A party to a hearing may not ask for a reopening.
6. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
7. RRS 63.7 is changed such that if there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SI) and theNotice of Race (NOR), the SI shall govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground level of DIYC.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any written changes to the sailing instructions or the schedule will be approved by the PrincipalRace Officer (PRO) and Chief Umpire and posted no later than the scheduled skippers meeting.
- 3.2. Any oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water will be communicated to each boat bythe race committee (RC) and/or umpires, and will be effective immediately. These changes willalso be communicated to coaches on VHF channels 72.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND LAUNCHING

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located on the DIYC point.
- 4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 15 minutes” in the racesignal AP. This changes race signal AP.
- 4.3. All boats shall be kept at DIYC.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 20th

0900-0930	Check-In
0930	Competitors Meeting
1015	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Umpire debrief and Awards

6. FORMAT

- 6.1. The format to be sailed is described in Addendum A or will be distributed at the skippers meeting. The starting order of teams will be distributed at the skippers meeting.
- 6.2. The PRO in consultation with the Chief Umpire, may terminate or alter the format of the Stage in progress, change the starting order of teams, or make other arrangements as may be necessary to conclude the regatta. This changes RRS D4.2(a).
- 6.3. Each team will be assigned individually colored pennies that shall be worn outside all clothing and lifejackets by each team member while racing.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be just south of the DIYC.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Rounding marks will be orange balls.
- 8.2. The starting marks will be the RC signal boat and an orange ball.
- 8.3. The finishing marks will be the RC finish boat and a yellow cylinder.

9. THE COURSE, WAITING AREA, AND CHANGE OF COURSE

- 9.1. The course will be a starboard hand 'digital N' and is illustrated in Addendum B.
- 9.2. Boats not racing will remain in the race course waiting area and comply with SI 10.3.
- 9.3. To maintain course configuration or adjust course length, marks will be moved as necessary without any sound or visual signals. No mark will be moved when a boat is on a leg of the course which that mark ends. This changes RRS 33.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS U3 of Appendix U.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 10.3. **Waiting Area and "On-Deck" Area** - All boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain in the waiting area until their starting order position in the current rotation is 'next to start',

i.e., immediately after the two teams which are currently starting. These six (6) boats that are the next two teams to start are permitted to move from the waiting area to the “on-deck” area.

11. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Appendix U.

12. ABANDONMENT

Abandoned races may be re-sailed at any time.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finish mark.

13.2. After finishing, boats shall return to the waiting area by sailing to starboard of the finish boat, staying clear of course laylines.

14. UMPIRES

14.1. The regatta will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D as modified by these sailing instructions. Some races may have more umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire depending on the stage of the event.

14.2. Each umpire is a member of the protest committee.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest procedure will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D2. RRS D1.2 (c) and D2.2 (a) are changed by replacing the phrase “red flag” with “a raised open hand”.

15.2. Any changes to the format made in accordance with SI 6, or an RC decision regarding abandonment under RRS 32, will not be a basis for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1.

16. SCORING

Appendix D will apply except as modified by Addendum A (Format).

17. SAFETY

17.1. A competitor retiring from racing before a day’s racing is over shall notify a RC or safety boat before leaving the course area, or notify the RC immediately upon returning to shore.

17.2. Each competitor shall wear a properly fastened US Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device from dock to dock, except for brief periods while changing clothing. This changes RRS 40.

17.3. Coach boats may be called on by the RC and/or Umpires to help with safety.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior approval of the PRO or the race course lead umpire. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. SUPPORT PERSONS, COACH AND SPECTATOR, BOATS

- 19.1. The organizing authority will not supply support boats.
- 19.2. Support Boats must register with the OA prior to the competitors meeting on the first day of racing and fly a flag with a number provided by the OA (a \$20 cash deposit will be required) at alltimes while on the water. Support boat shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor channel 72 during racing.
- 19.3. 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) while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal Vessel before the first race of the day to demonstrate compliance. Failure to do so may be misconduct and result in expulsion from the event.
- 19.4. Competitors and support person shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 19.5. Spectator boats shall anchor only to the right of the designated coach boat waiting area asshown in Addendum B.
- 19.6. Support persons that break SI 19 may be subject to disciplinary actions under RRS 64.4, DecisionsConcerning Support Persons, including possible penalties for their teams.

20. ENVIRONMENT

Trash should be placed on support boats.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as per the NOR.

Addendum A – Planned Format 7 or Fewer Teams

The intended format will be comprised of two round robins. A final round including two or more teams may be added at the race committee's sole discretion to determine finish placement for the event or break ties. Details of the format will be described in the document available at the skippers meeting. Race wins will carry forward from round 1 to round 2.

Addendum B – Course

Digital N

