

Clearwater Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Sunfish Midwinter US National and Team Race Championship March 19 – 22, 2009

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). This event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida.
- 1.3 The regatta is designated Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.4 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 will apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries.

3. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the North porch at the Sailing Center.

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Sailing Center.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1

Thursday, March 19

0830 - 1030

Registration

1045

Skippers Meeting

1130

First Warning Signal for Team racing, more races to follow
Team racing awards ASAP after last race of the day

Friday, March 20

0830 – 1000

Registration

1015

Skippers Meeting

1115

First Warning Signal for Fleet Racing, more races to follow

Saturday, March 21

1000

First Warning Signal, more races to follow

Sunday, March 22

1000

First Warning Signal, no race will start after 1400 on Sunday
Awards to follow ASAP after last race

6.2 Awards will follow ASAP after the last race of the day.

7. Racing Area

The racing area for team racing will be in Clearwater Harbor Southeast of the Sailing Center. Fleet racing will be in the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach. The race committee reserves the right to move fleet racing to Clearwater Harbor if weather conditions warrant.

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The interior angles between legs of the triangle will be approximately 60 degrees.

8.2 The Fleet racing course designation will be displayed from the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each start. Courses will be signaled on a white board with the letter "T" for the triangular course and the letter "W" for the windward/leeward course.

9. Marks

9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange tetrahedron marks.

9.2 The start pin will be an orange cylindrical mark. The finishing mark will be a round orange ball.

9.3 If there is a change in the race course, new marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. If in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10. The Start

10.1 The Class Flag will have a white background with a navy blue Sunfish insignia.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.3 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. Change Of Course

If a change of direction is signaled, it will be signaled by red or green flags rather than by compass heading.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC finish boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13. Time limits

The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. In addition, any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 A4 and A5.

14. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring his/her equipment is in compliance with the Sunfish Class Association rules. Measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

15. Protests

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the rc finish boat immediately after finishing by sailing to the non-course side of the finish boat. She shall clearly identify the protested boat and await acknowledgement. This changes RRS 61.

15.2 Protests shall be lodged at the sailing center office within 30 minutes of the time the race committee finish boat docks. The race committee will post this docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2 will be used except as modified in Sections 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.

16.2 When fewer than five races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst excludable score.

16.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16.5 A minimum of 1 round robin for team races and 12 fleet races are scheduled of which a minimum of three fleet races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17. Safety

17.1 Before going afloat each day of scheduled racing and immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than the end of the Protest Time limit, each skipper shall personally sign his or her name on a sign-out/sign-in sheet located near the Official Notice Board on the first level of the CCSC.

17.2 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible. In the event this is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative and follow the same procedure as in paragraph 17.1.

17.3 Failure to comply with any part of 17.1 or 17.2, shall result in a competitor having 5 points (scoring code SVA) added to his or her score without a hearing for the first violation, 10 point (scoring code SVB) for the second violation without a hearing and for the third and subsequent violations a penalty as determined at a hearing by the Protest Committee which may include DSQ for the series.

- Only the first violation shall be scored each day
- Violations shall only be assessed for days that competitors leave the harbor intending to race
- Penalty points shall be assessed, to the first race of the day for a sign out violation, to the last race of the day for a sign in violation, to the race sailed nearest the time of the first violation for days no races are completed

17.4 Competitors may not protest under SI 17.

17.5 A USCG approved (or International equivalent) PFD shall be worn at all times while racing, except temporarily while changing clothes. This changes RRS 40.

19. Special Signals

When flown from the finish boat, code flag "H" means "No more races today".

20. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. Prizes

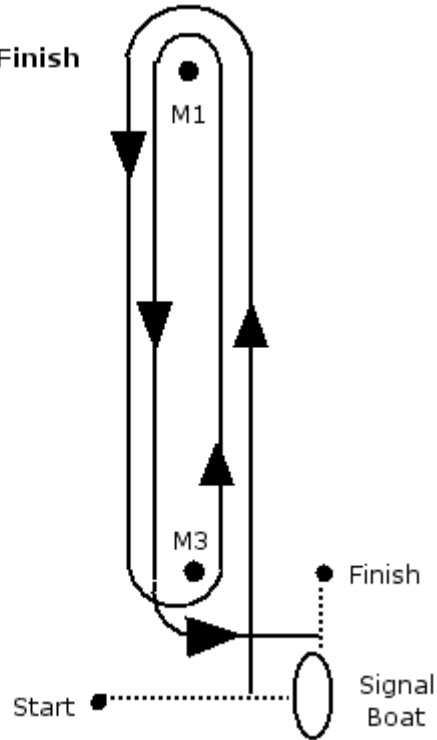
Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places for team racing. Fleet racing prizes will be given for first through fifth places, top female, top junior (age 18 or less) and top master (age 40 or older).

22. Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Appendix A

Course 'W'
Start, M1, M3, M1, M3, Finish



Course 'T'
Start, M1, M2, M3, M1, M3, Finish

