

2024 Sunfish Masters National Championship Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 16,17 & 18, 2024



Sailing Instructions

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Rules of the United States Sunfish Class Association.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR RACE SCHEDULE

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day they are to take effect, or in the case of a postponement onshore, at least 20 minutes prior to the lowering of code flag 'AP' on shore.
- 2.3 Any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted to the Official Notice Board. The official notice board is located at the SE Corner of the MYC Boathouse. Courtesy announcements will be placed on the regatta website at www.milwaukeeyc.com.
- 3.2 The Race Secretary Desk will be located near the Official Notice Board.
- 3.3 The Race Committee may communicate with coaches via VHF Channel 69.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the MYC main flagpole.
- 5.2 When code flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday. August 16	1400	Practice Race
Saturday, August 17		Coaches & competitors meeting First Warning
Sunday, August 18	1000	Coaches and Competitors' meeting First Warning 'arning shall be made after 1400 on Sunday, August 18.

7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag is the Sunfish Class Flag

8. RACING AREA

Racing is on the waters of Lake Michigan due East of the Milwaukee harbour North fair-weather gap. Alternatively, in inclement weather, racing may be inside the breakwall in the North harbor area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Courses are those described in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and in Addendum A.
- 9.2 Missing Gate Mark. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing or out of position, a boat shall round the remaining mark to port.





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10. MARKS

- Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange tetrahedrons.
- Offset mark, if one is used, will be an orange tetrahedron.
- Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- The finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron.
- The starting mark will be a staff bearing an orange flag on a RC vessel at the port-end of the starting line (or an inflatable mark) and the staff bearing an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat.

11. START and CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

- 11.1 Check In: While Code Flag Lima is displayed before the first race each day, each boat shall pass the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and verbally check-in. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number the check-in has been officially completed.
- 11.1.1 Check-in period ends when Code Flag Lima is stowed approximately one minute prior to the warning signal.
- 11.1.2 Boats failing to properly check-in will be assessed a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty applied to their best score of the day (Rule 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This modifies A5.
- 11.2 No more than 5 minutes before the warning signal for the next race, the race committee starting line vessels will display an orange flag.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the port end, or an inflatable mark.
- 11.4 The race committee may place a small white buoy as a midline guide near the center of the starting line. This buoy is neither a starting pin nor a mark of the course. Rules 18 and 31 do not apply to this mark.
- 11.5 A boat not starting within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS by the Race committee without a hearing.

12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 Changes to the course will be as described in RRS 33 except that after the first windward leg, any change to the windward mark will be made by replacing Mark 1 in the new location with a yellow tetrahedron and removing Mark 1a. In this case Mark 1a will no longer be a mark of the course for that race.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The finish will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat and a nearby green inflatable mark or the staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby vessel.
- 13.2 When the Race Committee displays code flag Alpha at the finish, it means "No more racing today". This adds the prescription to RRS 32.2

14. TIME LIMITS

4.1	Time for 1st boat to reach Mark 1:	30 minutes
	Time for 1st boat to sail the course:	60 minutes
	Time Window (after 1st boat completes the course):	30 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within the Time Window (starting when the first boat sails the course and is not subsequently retiring, is penalized, or given redress) will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY SYSTEM

The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 shall apply.





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16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the protest desk inside the MYC Boathouse near the Official Notice Board. Forms for protests and requests for redress or reopening of a hearing shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in designated room at MYC.
- 16.4 The race committee will post its Race Committee Actions prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requests for redress based on these assigned penalties will be either 30 minutes after either posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 [DP] A boat that retires shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2 [DP] Support boat use of ECO link (aka kill switch) Operators of power boasts <26feet shall use ECO Link (aka kill switch) at all 1

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18. REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Principal Race Officer. Request for substitution shall be made to the principal race officer at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official race committee or support boats. This changes RRS 47



