



Sunfish



Sunfish Race to Lavallette Yacht Club

A Feeder Race to the Host Club of the 2024 Sunfish North American Championships

From Toms River Yacht Club to Lavallette Yacht Club

SUNDAY June 2, 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: TOMS RIVER YACHT CLUB & LAVALETTE YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing,
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed as follows: A boat may take a **one-turn penalty** when she may have broken one or more rules of part 2 in an incident while racing.
- 1.3 RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty is not in effect. This changes RRS 44.3.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day of the regatta. Changes will be posted on the official notice board which will be on the second floor of the Seibert Sailing Center so designated.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hailing competitors verbally after a series of short sounds.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the second floor of the Seibert Sailing Center so designated on the day of the event.
- 3.2 The race office is located on the second floor of the Seibert Sailing Center or at Lavallette Yacht Club's **Bar room**. Any protest forms or request for redress forms shall be handed directly to Bob Baxter, Jim Walsh, Bill Sheyer or another Race Official on site.
- 3.3 VHF radios are permitted onboard boats. From the first warning signal until the end of the race, a boat may communicate with the Race Committee by radio on VHF channel 68 in case of an emergency. However, a boat shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 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 TRYC flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The regatta is comprised of one race. Schedule as follows:

The day of the event

- 0730 to 0845 Check-in & Breakfast
- 0900 Skippers Meeting
- 0915 to 0945 Launch Sunfish, load and transport dollies and or vehicles to Lavallette YC.
- 1057 Warning Sunfish Class
- 1100 Start Sunfish Class

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flag will not be used.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The race will be a point-to-point race sailed on the Toms River, the Wanamaker Course and the Barnegat Bay using yellow or orange inflatable marks, government marks and BBYRA Barrel marks from Toms River YC to Lavallette YC.

9 COURSE

- 9.1 The start will be a line between a Signal Flag Staff displaying an orange flag on the Toms River Dock and an orange inflatable mark on the starboard end of the line.
- 9.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order.
 - (a) BBYRA "F" Barrel passed to port,
 - (b) Pass under the Thomas A. Mathis and J. A. Stanley Tunney Bridges (Mathis/Tunney Bridges) ...Sailing under the Bridge Road Opening Main Channel is barred. Sailing under the Bridge – Road Opening, Main Channel will result in disqualification.
 - (c) BBYRA "U" Barrel passed to port.
- 9.3 The finish will be a line between a Staff with a Blue Flag on the Lavallette Yacht Club Dock and a NO WAKE Buoy to the south of the dock at the starboard end of the line.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may shorten the race at any of the rounding or passing marks of the course.

No other marks need be honored.

10. EXCEPTIONS

- 10.1 In accordance with RRS 42.3 (i) a boat may use any means of self-propulsion provided it does not gain a significant advantage in the race in order to safely transit under the Mathis & Tunney Bridges (The Bridges).

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using a three-minute dinghy start. This changes RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Toms River Yacht Club Dock and an orange inflatable mark on the starboard end of the line.

11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

12.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course or abandon the race after the start per RRS 32.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Lavallette Yacht Club Dock and a NO WAKE Buoy on the starboard end of the line.

13.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is in effect except that a one-turn penalty is in effect when a boat may have broken a rule in Part 2 in an incident while racing.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 The Race Time Limit for all boats is 3.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within the race time limit and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

15.2 Boats who do not have a reasonable expectation of finishing within the time limit will be offered a tow back to LYC by a safety boat. If such an offer is refused it is understood that the boat will make its way back to LYC on its own.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest and redress filing time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes for the day.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available on the Race Committee Table inside the LYC club house.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on LYC grounds at a place to be designated on the Official Notice Board.

17. SCORING

17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring. See RRS Appendix A for details.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 RRS 40.1 is in effect. All competitors must wear a U.S.C.G. approved personal flotation device. This changes RRS 40.1.

18.2 All boats must carry a 25' tow line.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or a safety boat at the first reasonable opportunity on the water. A boat that decides not to start the race must report same to Registration before 1030 the day of the race. A boat that does not start the race or that retires shall report to the TRYC/LYC race official on site after returning to the beach or at first reasonable opportunity. If a boat does not arrive at Lavallette Yacht Club they must call TRYC and speak to the Race Official on site: 609 471-4644

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 SUPPORT TEAMS

20.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations in the RRS.

20.2 Coaches and other support persons shall stay outside the starting area and the areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until 10 minutes after the start.

20.3 Support person vessels shall be report to the Race Committee before 09:15AM, and shall give their contact information to the RC,

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Do not dispose of any material into the water.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes are as follows:

Top 3, First Youth. All competitors will receive an event T-shirt. And a certificate with their name and individual finish time.

*Note that if the racecourse is shortened elapsed time will be recorded with an explanatory note and asterisk.

23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 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.

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