

2024 Mid-Atlantic Region Sunfish Championship

The Organizing Authority is the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association.

August 10-11, 2024

Dewey Beach, DE

Sailing Instructions

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

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the RBSA Clubhouse

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the conclusion of the Skippers Meeting on Saturday or at least 60 minutes prior to the first warning signal on Sunday.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at RBSA.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 There shall be 2 days of racing (8/10 – 8/11) - the objective of 3 to 5 races per day, back to back.

5.2 There is no maximum number of races that may be conducted.

5.3 The scheduled first warning signal:

Saturday shall be 1030.

Sunday shall be 1010.

5.4 On Sunday, no sequence of races shall be started after 1300 hours.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class flag will be the Sunfish logo on white background.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on Rehoboth Bay as close to the RBSA clubhouse as weather allows.

8. COURSE

8.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

9. MARKS

9.1 The marks will be described at the skippers meeting.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark to port of the signal boat

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her start signal or if she has not complied with 30.1, the race committee may verbally hail her sail number. Failure to make the hail or the timeliness thereof shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish will be between the staff of a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the port end and the course side of the finishing mark to starboard of the race committee signal boat.

11.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “no more racing today”.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race is 75 minutes.

12.2 Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE with points equal to the number of finishers plus 2.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify a race committee boat as soon as possible after finishing,

13.2 Protest forms will be available at the Official Notice Board and shall be delivered to the PRO within one hour of the posted docking time of the race committee signal boat.

13.3 Within the protest time limit, the Race Committee will post the sail numbers of all boats that are penalized under RRS 29 and 30. A boat so notified may only file a request for a redress hearing within 60 minutes. This changes RRS 62.2.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.5 A notice indicating the parties, time, and order of hearings fulfilling the requirements of RRS 63.2 and its prescriptions will be posted not later than 30 minutes following the expiration of the protest time limit.

13.6 A lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the protest committee for an infringement of rules other than the rules of Part 2, changing RRS 64.1

14. SCORING

14.1 When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed a boat's series scores shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15. SAFETY

15.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number, and receive acknowledgment of having checked in. Boats that fail to check-in may be scored with a 30% penalty in her first completed race of the day, without hearing. This changes RRS A5.1. [NP]

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Failure by any competitor to inform the Race Committee either by hail or by telephone to the Clubhouse at (302)227-9008 that they have retired from racing may result in a 20% penalty, without hearing, applied to the competitor's last completed race. This changes RRS A5.1 [NP]

15.3 Personal flotation devices must always be worn while on the water, except when briefly removed to change clothing. [NP]

16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee chairman. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 All spectator and coach boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee has signaled a postponement or abandonment, unless asked to assist on the course by the race committee.

18.2 During any starting sequence, spectator and coach boats shall stay at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions.

19. TRASH

19.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats between races.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, jury, host club, sponsors or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this event each competitor agrees to release race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event fully permitted by law.

Attachment 1

