



# REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION

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## NOTICE OF RACE

### SUNFISH® MID-ATLANTIC REGION 2024 CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11, 2024

Organizing Authority: Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, Dewey Beach, DE 19971  
Endorsed by the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA), and the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA)

**Special Note:** This Notice of Race is subject to change. Potential participants are encouraged to return to the US Sunfish Class Web Site to check for updates. This version is **current as of 23 July 2024**.

1. **Rules:**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association, except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or by this Notice of Race or as posted on the Official Notice Board.

1.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive electronic voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

1.3 Use of GPS or other electronic data (such as might be made available by devices such as smart phones or smart watches) for navigation assistance while racing is prohibited.

1.4 Camera devices such as GoPro or similar may be used to record racing events, provided that the devices are not used to provide a competitive advantage.

2. **Eligibility:** The regatta is open to all Sunfish® skippered by a registered member of the International Sunfish Class Association. United States Sunfish Class Association membership is available at [www.sunfishclass.org](http://www.sunfishclass.org).

3. **Registration:** Registration will open on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The registration fee will be \$105. An early-bird discount of \$20 will be applied to registrants who register before August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (bringing the fee to \$85 if registering before August 1<sup>st</sup>). Registration is open, and is electronic via Regatta Network at:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=28412](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=28412)

List of current registrants is available here:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registrant\\_list.php?regatta\\_id=28412&custom\\_report\\_id=85](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=28412&custom_report_id=85)

4. **Schedule:**

**Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>**

0800-1000 : Check-in and late Registration.

0930 : Skippers meeting

1030 : First Signal for first race of the day. Subsequent races back-to-back with (self-provided) lunch break on the water.



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6:00 : Dinner at the RBSA Clubhouse  
The dinner fee for competitors is included in the Registration fee. Additional dinners for guests or family members may be purchased during registration or at the time of the event. Vegetarian option for dinner may be requested during registration.

## Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

1010 : First Signal for first race of the day. Subsequent races back-to-back. No warning signal to be made after 1300.  
After racing : Award ceremony.

5. **Sailing Instructions** will be available virtually, and at registration.
6. **Venue:** The regatta will take place on the Rehoboth Bay, one of the best dinghy racing venues on the East Coast. The racing area has no detectable tidal currents.
7. **Courses:** The courses will be windward–leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.
8. **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. One race will constitute a regatta. The maximum number of races will be determined by the Race Committee. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
9. **Measurement:** Boats and equipment must be compliant with current International Sunfish Class Association rules, except as amended by this Notice, by the Sailing Instructions, or on the Official Notice Board. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer, or an appointed representative.

## 10. Safety Regulations

10.1 **Check-in procedure:** before the warning signal for the first race of each day in which she intends to compete, each boat shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee signal vessel on starboard tack, hail her sail number, and obtain acknowledgment from the Race Committee. 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.

10.2 **Retiring from racing:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable. 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

10.3 **PFD requirement:** At all times while on the water, except when actively adding or removing clothing, each competitor is required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) that is appropriately sized for the competitor. For US competitors, the PFD must be 100% dependent on foam and approved by the US Coast Guard.



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## 11. **Trash Disposal**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels. Trash may not be disposed of in the Rehoboth Bay.

12. **Insurance:** The Organizing Authority recommends that each competitor be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. All competitors (or parents of minor competitors) will be asked to voluntarily sign the **Regatta Waiver and Release of Liability**, and only those who sign will be permitted to participate. This Waiver, among other things, releases the organizing authority from liability for material damage or personal injury or illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. **Awards:** At a minimum, a trophy or award will be given to the top three finishers, and to the top youth finisher if we have a youth finisher. The number of awards may be increased with a subsequent update to this NOR. The highest placing USSCA finisher will receive a bid to the 2025 Sunfish World Championship Regatta.

15. **Housing:** Camping on the RBSA property will be permitted for a fee of \$15 per night, and is available only for the night before the event (Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>) and the night of Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>. Bathrooms and showers are available at the venue. No event-related hotel discounts are available.

16. **Charter Boats:** No provision for charter boats has been made.

17. **Food/Water:** Competitors are to provide their own lunch and beverages for on-the-water. A simple make-your-own sandwich (PB and J) station will be provided for those skippers who need it. A limited supply of bottled water will be available from the support boats.