



Notice of Race (NOR)
Sunfish Gulf Coast Regional Championship
September 21 and 22, 2024

Grand Lagoon Yacht Club
Pensacola, Florida

The Organizing Authority: Grand Lagoon Yacht Club
Endorsed by the United States Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA).

In all rules governing this regatta the notation:

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. (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).

1.2 In RRS 90.3(e) the expression "24 hours" is changed to "30 minutes".

1.3 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), or a personal flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country, properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."

1.4 Competitors and support persons shall promptly comply with any reasonable request or instructions from the Regatta officials, including the officials in charge of the boat parking, beach master and the harbor/channel traffic.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will in accordance with Sunfish Class Rules.

3. GREEN REGATTA

3.1 The event is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta" which means that any document used by the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Measurement Committee, and Competitors as a way of communication between them will be online.

3.2 There will be no paper format, except for Protest Committee decisions on a hearing request if a party asks for a written decision.

3.3 All competitors are encouraged to use refillable water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Each competitor shall be a 2024 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.
- 4.2 Sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2024 shall be classified as a Youth.
- 4.3 Registration for competitors and support persons shall be completed online at:
Gulf Coast Regional Sunfish Championship 2024: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/>
- 4.4 Registration will be complete no later than 1800 of on September 20, 2024.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fees for competitors are as follows:
Early Entry Fee: Prior to 1800 September 10, 2024: \$75 for Adults, \$65 for Juniors.
Late Entry Fee: After 1800, September 10, 2024: \$95 for Adults, \$75 for Juniors.
- 5.2 Registration fee includes Regatta T-shirt, hors d'oeuvres at the opening ceremony, Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Dinner on Saturday evening, and Lunch prior to the Awards Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Additional lunches/dinners and T-shirts may be purchased for participant guests at the registration table at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.
- 5.3 Registration fees are to be paid to Regatta Network, and additional guest meals may be purchased at the registration desk at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Program

Friday, September 20, 2024

1600 – 1900 Registration

Saturday, September 21, 2024

0800 – 0900 Continental Breakfast

0800 – 0930 Registration and Equipment Inspection

0930 Competitors Meeting

1100 First Warning

1800 Competitors Dinner at GLYC

Sunday, September 22, 2024

0800 – 0900 Continental Breakfast

0900 Competitors Meeting

1030 First Warning

1500 Awards Ceremony and Lunch

6.2 Four (4) races are scheduled per day. A maximum of one (1) extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the Race Committee is behind schedule or weather forecasts predict limited sailing during next day.

6.3 On Saturday, September 21, and Sunday, September 22, no warning signal will be made after 1400 unless as a result of a General Recall. Only a recalled race may be sailed after 1400.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & BOATS

7.1 Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA rules.

7.2 Competitors may use their own boats. In the case of chartered or borrowed boats, all equipment provided with the chartered or borrowed boats for sailing purposes shall be on the boat while afloat.

7.3 Competitors sailing on charter boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.

7.4 Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1)

7.5 Hulls and foils of chartered/borrowed boats shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water.

7.6 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or borrowed for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in for the regatta and on the website of the event.

9. VENUE & RACE AREA

9.1 The regatta venue will be Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, 10653 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola, FL 32507

9.2 The location of the race area will be Grand Lagoon which is described in Attachment A.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The courses will be windward – leeward with or without an offset mark.

11. SCORING

11.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

11.2 A maximum of nine (9) races will be sailed per event.

11.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

12. SUPPORT VESSELS

12.1 The organizing authority will not provide support vessels.

12.2 Support vessels include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.

12.3 Coach/support vessels must register prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing with the Organizing Authority and fly a yellow flag at all times while on the water. Coach/support vessels shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race.

12.4 Support vessels shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the lay lines from the marks defining the course.

12.6 If a support vessel does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions, and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support vessel.

12.7 Support vessels may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

13. PRESS / PHOTOGRAPHY BOATS

13.1 Press or photography boats may be supplied or authorized by the organizing authority.

13.2 Press/photography boats shall stay outside the lay lines to the marks defining the course while boats are racing and shall not maneuver so as to interfere with or influence boats racing.

13.3 Press/photography boats shall obey instructions related to boat positioning or operations from on-the-water race officials.

14. BERTHING

14.1 Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in spots assigned by the organizing authority.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Top 3 finishers
- Highest placed Woman
- Highest placed Youth

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18. KEY CONTACTS

REGATTA CHAIR

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Appendix A: Sailing area for Gulf Coast Region Sunfish Championship

Note: The sailing area are called both “Grand Lagoon” and “Big Lagoon” depending on the chart used.

