



2025 USSCA Mid Atlantic Championship Regatta #3 (WQ)

October 4 – 5, 2025

Organizing Authority: Toms River Yacht Club

Sanctioned by the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA)

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. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The United States Sailing Association Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), The Sunfish Class Association Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 While on the water competitors shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device at all times, except briefly while adding, removing or changing clothes.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the Sailing Center and on the patio at the main building.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the south end of the property.

4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP

5. SCHEDULE

Friday, October 3

1630-1800 Check-in / Happy Hour in the Main Bar

1700-1930 Dinner available for purchase in the Main Bar (collared shirts required. No hats please.)

Saturday, September 30

0800-0930 Check-in

0800-0930 Continental Breakfast in Sailing Center and bagged lunch available for pick up in the Sailing Center.

0900 Competitors Meeting in Sailing Center

1030 First Warning 4 races planned.

After Racing Complimentary Keg **1800** Dinner Buffet to follow in the Main Bar.

Sunday, October 1

0800-0900 Continental Breakfast and Bagged Lunch available for pick up in the Sailing Center.

1030 First Warning

Awards to follow racing. 3 races planned.

On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal after 1400 hours.

5.1 The racing schedule may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee to allow for the maximum number of races to be sailed.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a red Diamond shape, code flag "F"

7. RACING AREA

Races will be sailed on the "Wanamaker Course" at the mouth of the Toms River.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The courses will be windward-leeward – (W) + the number of legs.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the course designation will be posted by the RC.

8.3. If a gate Mark (2s or 2p) is missing, the remaining Mark shall be left to port.

9. MARKS

9.1. Rounding Marks will be yellow inflatable balls.

9.2. Mark 1a (offset) will be a small orange or red ball.

9.3. A Change Mark will be an orange inflatable ball.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, multiple sounds will be made approximately one (1) minute before a warning signal is made.

10.3 The start/finish line, located downwind of the leeward mark(s) will be between a Race Committee Signal boat displaying an orange flag and a yellow or red mark at the port end.

10.4 The RC will attempt to hail premature starters. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the gate or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When during a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2. If the Race Committee decides to change the axis of the course, and the change is less than ten (10) degrees, it may do so without making any signals indicating that a change is being made. Additional Marks may be moved to maintain the course shape. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of a yellow or red mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. Appendix V will apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

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

14.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be one (1) hour. If no boat completes one (1) leg in thirty (30) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.3. Any boats that do not finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first finisher will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and will be scored two (2) more points than the last boat to have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Boats shall report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to RC signal boat upon finishing and remain in the area until acknowledged by the RC. The protesting boat shall not hinder any boats still finishing.

15.2. Protest forms will be available at the TRYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

15.3. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks after the last race of the day. The docking time and official starting time for protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.4. Hearings will be heard as posted.

15.5. On the final day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty (30) minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

16.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

16.2. A maximum of seven (7) races will be sailed.

16.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series scores will be the total of her race scores.

16.4. When five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats which sail the course and finish plus two (2) points. This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 (NP) Check-in Procedures: Prior to the warning signal for the first day of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat, on starboard, hail her sail number and obtain verbal acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

17.2. (NP) A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee Signal Boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the Class Measurer.

20. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in the areas assigned by the Organizing Authority and remain there for the duration of the regatta, except by written permission from the Organizing Authority.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

(NP) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. PRIZES.

Prizes will be given as follows:

- a) Top five (5) finishers
- b) Highest place Junior
- c) Highest place Woman

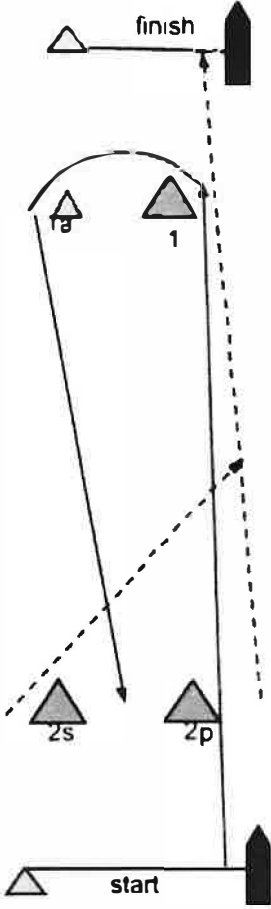
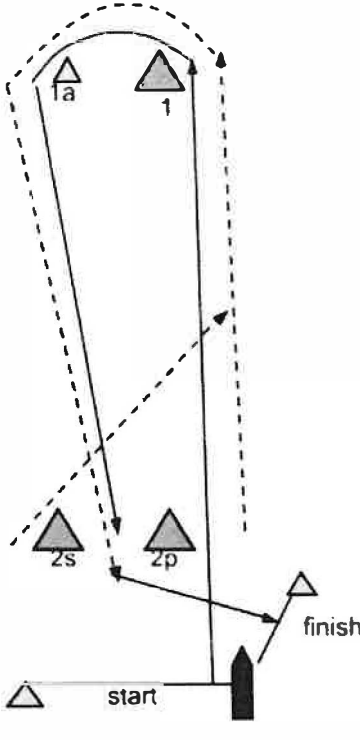
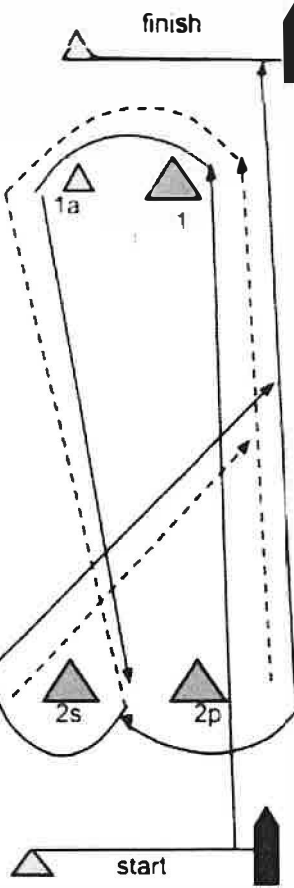
23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

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.

Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and the United States Sunfish Association 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.

Course Diagrams

W 3	W 4	W 5	
			
Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish	