



# 2023 US Sunfish Masters Championship Niantic Bay Yacht Club October 13-15, 2023 Niantic, Connecticut

## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) (With amendments 1-2)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and Appendix R and V will apply and are contained in their entirety at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the **Regatta Website** by October 1st, 2023.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Yacht Scoring (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16242>) will be the on-line document repository and registration system (**Regatta Website**)
- 3.2. The online official notice board is located on the **Regatta Website**
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Each competitor shall be a 2023 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish Class Association.
- 4.2. All participants shall be 40 years of age or older as of October 12, 2023, and must meet the age requirement to qualify for each of the age divisions: Apprentice Master 40+, Master 50+, Grand Master 60+, Great Grand Master 70+, and Senior Master 80+.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online on the **Regatta Website**.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1800 hours October 12, 2023.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee for the event is \$100 payable on the **Regatta Website**.
- 5.2. Skipper's registration fee includes racing, regatta favor and Competitor's Dinner on Saturday night.

### 6. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	
Friday, Oct 13	0900-1400	Check in
	1430	Practice Race
	1700	Social hour
	1700-1900	Check in
Saturday, Oct 14	0800	Light Breakfast
	0930	Skipper's Meeting
	1030	Warning First Race of the Day
	1800	Competitor's Dinner
Sunday, Oct 16	1030	Warning First Race of the Day
	1400	No Warning signal after this time

## 7. VENUE

Racing will take place in Niantic Bay and Long Island Sound

## 8. COURSES

Courses will be described in the SI's and will consist of a variety of W/L, modified Olympic, upwind offsets, downwind gates and reaching finishes.

## 9. SCORING

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

9.2. A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed.

9.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores. This changes RRS A2.1

9.4. RRS A4 and A5 are amended to add: A boat that has not met the definition of start 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

9.5. RRS 35 is amended to add: Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

9.6. RRS A4 is amended to add: The score for TLE is 2 points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit.

## 10. SUPPORT VESSELS

Coach boats will not be provided.

## 11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1. 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.**

## 12. PRIZES

12.1. US Sunfish Masters perpetual daggerboard awarded to the top finisher.

12.2. Top three overall finishers

12.3. Top Apprentice Master

12.4. Top Master

12.5. Top Grand Master

12.6. Top Great Grand Master

12.7. Top Senior Master

12.8. One berth for the **2024** Sunfish World Championship will be awarded per the USSCA Class.

12.9. Highest placed female unless Championship is won by a female.

## 13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Niantic Bay Yacht Club 8 Shore Road, Niantic, CT 06357 860-739-0558. VHF Channel 72.

Club and Event information is available at [www.nbyc.org](http://www.nbyc.org)

Regatta Website is Yacht Scoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16242>

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