

United States Sunfish Class Association



James Island Yacht Club



2019 SUNFISH North American Championship June 12-16, 2019

JAMES ISLAND YACHT CLUB Charleston, South Carolina United States of America

Organizing Authority:

James Island Yacht Club - 734 Wampler Drive - Charleston, SC 29412
Endorsed by the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(version June 12, 2019)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in ***the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*** (RRS).
- 1.2 Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to **RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix L (Code Flag A)** and added **RRS 82** and **Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests** will apply. These prescriptions, except Appendix R, are provided in full in **Attachment 3** to these Sailing Instructions (SIs). **Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests** is available at the regatta website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7284> and written copies may be available at the registration desk.
- 1.3 **RRS G1.1(b)** is deleted.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board will be located at the JIYC Sailing Shed.
- 2.2 All questions for the Race Committee (RC) or Jury shall be made in writing and delivered to the Sunfish Jury desk located inside the JIYC Clubhouse. Answers will be made in writing and posted on the official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted before 1800 or the protest time limit (whichever is later) on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the Signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The Signal boat will display code flag L and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the JIYC flag pole with the Sunfish class flag.
- 4.2 When flag AP over the Sunfish class flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in **Race Signal AP in the RRS.**

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday	June 12	1200 1700	Measurement Measurement closes
Thursday	June 13	1000 1430 1700 1800	Registration and Measurement Practice Race warning signal Measurement closes Welcome Reception and Dinner
Friday	June 14	0800 0830 0900 1100 1900	Registration and Measurement Continental breakfast and lunch pick-up Competitors Meeting First Warning Signal Cocktail party and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Saturday	June 15	0830 0900 0945 1100 1800	Continental breakfast and lunch pick-up USSCA Board Meeting Competitors briefing First Warning Signal Dinner
Sunday	June 16	0830 0900 0945 1100 1400 After racing	Continental breakfast and lunch pick-up USSCA General Assembly Meeting Competitors briefing First Warning Signal No warning signal made after this time Awards Ceremony

- 5.2 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled over three consecutive days.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a red Sunfish logo.

7. RACING AREA

The racing will be in the waters of Charleston Harbor in a vicinity east of JIYC in the judgment of the RC as shown in **Attachment 1**.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in **Attachment 2** show the courses, including the Course Designation, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Course Designation, the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed on a white board on the RC signal boat.
- 8.3 If a leeward gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Mark 1a will be an orange ball.
- 9.3 Change marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 Starting marks will be RC boats displaying orange flags on both ends of the line.
- 9.5 Finish marks will be the RC signal boat displaying a blue flag and a white ball.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Areas designated as obstructions are Middle Ground and Castle Pinckney as noted in **Attachment 1**.

11. START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with **RRS26**.
- 11.2 The RC may make an attention signal (multiple short sounds) before the first warning signal of the day.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin boat at the port end of the line.
- 11.4 There may be a mid-line buoy in the vicinity of the starting line. If so, it is not a mark of the course and will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **DNS** without a hearing. This changes **RRS A4.1**.
- 11.6 The RC will post sail numbers of boats that are identified as UFD or BFD on the RC Signal boat.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 A change of course will be signaled in accordance to **RRS33** and may be signaled from the bow of the RC Signal boat. Any mark rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated, without further signals or change marks, to maintain the original course configuration. If a subsequent change of course is required in the same race, the change mark will be replaced with original mark.
- 12.2 If **Mark 1** is changed after the start of a race there will be no offset mark (Mark 1a) for the rest of that race.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on RC signal boat and a nearby finishing mark.
- 13.2 As soon as practical after finishing, boats shall sail clear of the finish area, to the port side of the RC signal boat, well outside of the finish area.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 **RRS Appendix P** shall apply. **RRS Appendix P2.2, 2.3, and 2.4** shall not apply.
- 14.2 **RRS Appendix T** shall apply.
- 14.3 **RRS Appendix V1** shall apply. **RRS Appendix V2** shall not apply.
- 14.4 **RRS 44.3** shall not apply.
- 14.5 Penalties for breaking **SI 18.2** or a **RRS** other than those of **Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42** will be determined by the Jury. Penalties may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be **DPI**.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:
 - Mark 1 time limit - 30 minutes
 - Race time limit - 90 minutes
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned and will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 15.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE which shall be the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus 2 without a hearing. This changes **RRS 35, A4, and A5**.
- 15.4 The RC signal boat will lower the blue finish flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat is docked and will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable.
- 16.2 Protests must be submitted to the Jury Secretary stationed outside of the Jury room.
- 16.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.
- 16.4 Breaches of SI 18, 21, 23, 24, and 25 will be not grounds for protest by a boat. This changes **RRS 60.1(a)**.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race is required to to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the **preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40**.
- 18.2 Upon arrival to the starting area for their first time each day, or after going ashore and returning to the racing area, each boat shall check in by passing astern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number until acknowledged. Failure to do so may result in a **DPI** of 20% for her next race.

19. REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the measurer or their designate before the first race or by the RC (the Principal Race Officer or their designate) thereafter. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the most current International Sunfish Class Association rules. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the measurer or their designate to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Support boats include those carrying team members, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
- 22.2 Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the Competitors Meeting on the first day of racing.
- 22.3 Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio tuned to the RC VHF Channel in SI 26.2.
- 22.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC 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 laylines from the marks defining the course.
- 22.5 Support boats shall remain 50 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the left side of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. Support boats may proceed to the finish line waiting area (SI 23.6) by proceeding up the starboard side of the race course from the leeward mark.
- 22.6 At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters below the finish line. At no time, while boats are finishing, shall support boats be directly at the finish line.
- 22.7 If a support boat 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 Coach boat.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed on any support or official boat.

24. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 25.2 The RC will use VHF Channel 69.

26. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- North American Championship Perpetual Daggerboard
- Clay Robertson Youth Championship Silver Bowl
- George Anderson Top Master Trophy
- Sportsmanship Award
- Top Five Youth overall
- Top Junior
- Top Ten overall
- Top Female
- Top Master (40+)
- Top Grandmaster (60+)
- Marco Polo Award

Additional special prizes may be awarded

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4, Decision to Race**. The Organizing Authority, James Island Yacht Club, and/or personnel supporting this regatta 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.

28. REQUESTS FROM OFFICIALS

Team Leader, coaches, support personnel and competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

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SIs Attachment 1

Racing Area - Charleston Harbor

James Island Yacht Club is located at the red pinned area.

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the yellow circled area.

Per SI 10:

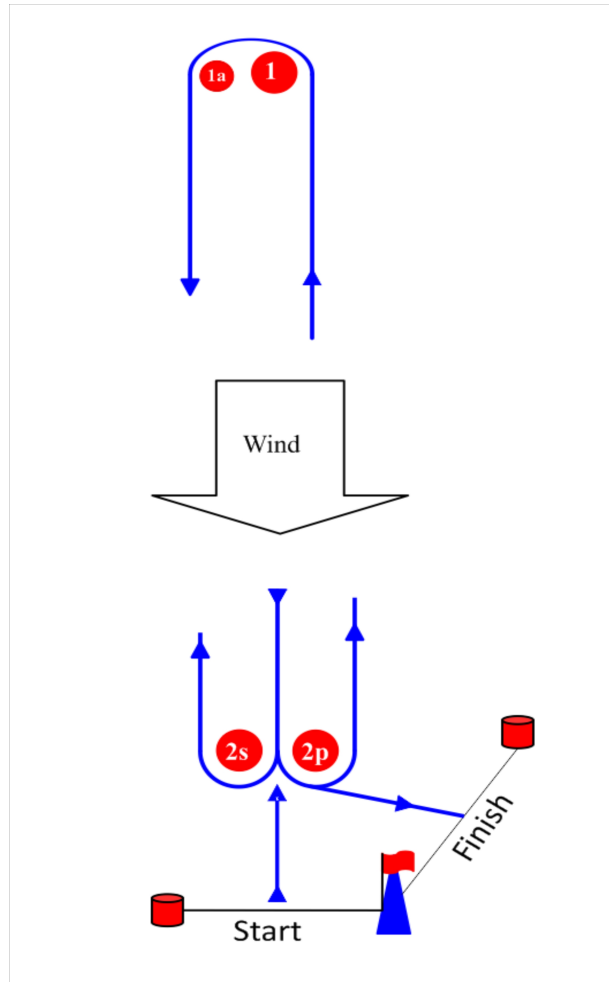
Middle Ground is located at the red “M” and Castle Pickney is located at the red “P”



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SIs Attachment 2

Race Course



Course 1 (one lap): Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish

Course 2 (two laps): Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish

Course 3 (three laps): Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish

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SIs Attachment 3

2017-2020 US Sailing Prescriptions

RRS 60.3 After **RRS 60.3** add

US Sailing prescribes that RRS 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

RRS 67 After **RRS 67** add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

*(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the **rules**. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*

*(c) A basic purpose of the **rules** is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the **rules**, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the **rules** shall be based on fault as determined by application of the **rules**, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

RRS 70.5(a) After **RRS 70.5(a)** add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

RRS 76.1 After **RRS 76.1** add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

RRS Appendix L Add **Instruction 5.6**

This is a US Sailing prescription

5.6 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

RRS 61.4 Add **RRS 61.4**

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

RRS 82 Add **RRS 82**

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.