



Notice of Race (NOR)

**US Sunfish Class Association™ Florida Regional
Championship 2
2027 ISCA™ World Qualifier
October 17 - 18, 2026
Clinic – Tentative October 16, 2026
Upper Keys Sailing Club
100 Ocean Bay Drive
Key Largo, FL 33037**

Organizing Authority (OA): Upper Keys Sailing Club and endorsed by the US Sunfish Class Association™ (USSCA™)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, Prescriptions of US Sailing and all current International Sunfish Class Association™ (ISCA™) Class Rules including the Ethics and Code of Conduct.
- 1.2. Boats shall be compliant with current [ISCA™ class Rules](#)
 - 1.2.1. Hulls shall have a World Sailing (WS) builder plaque per class rules section 2.5. Equipment shall have ISCA certification stickers per class rules section 2.3.
 - 1.2.2. Hulls meeting the above requirement are ISCA™ (Jan 1, 2025 - present) and Sunfish™ built up through Dec, 2024). Hulls built prior to 1998 did not have a WS plaque requirement.
 - 1.2.3. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA™ Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.
- 1.3. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will be in effect.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this regatta may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of [ISCA™ class Rules](#)
- 1.5. In any rule governing the regatta
 - 1.5.1. The notation [DP] means that the penalty for breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
 - 1.5.2. [NP] means that an infraction to the rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.



1.6. Personal Flotation Devices

1.6.1. Rule 40.1 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device.

1.6.2. [DP] Each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. This modifies Rule 40.1.

1.7. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”

1.8. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE per the SCHEDULE Table.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The Official Notice Board is located online using the link in the section OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE.

3.2. There will be no paper copies of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

3.3. The Race Committee (RC) will utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. The channel will be stated in the SIs. [NP] World Sailing, under RRS 87 has authorized ISCA™ to apply changes to Class Rules 3.1.9 as follows: Competitors are permitted to use VHF radios while racing for the sole purpose of monitoring the Race Committee and emergency needs. A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats, this includes any type of VHF, cellular phone and GPS capable device.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Each competitor's country must be a 2026 member of ISCA™.

4.2. Each competitor shall be a 2026 member of his/her respective country's national ISCA™ class association.

4.3. Eligible competitors must register online through Club Spot in the section OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE.

4.4. An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made.

4.5. Payment is required at time of registration.

4.6. The event is open to all boats that comply with the rules of the ISCA™.

4.7. This event is limited to a maximum of 50 boats.

5. FEES

5.1. Fee deadlines are per the SCHEDULE Table.

5.2. Registration is not complete until fees are paid. Fee payment date is date of registration.

5.3. Skipper's registration fee includes regatta favor, continental breakfast, regatta post sailing food and beverages. If skipper registers late, regatta favor may not be available.

5.3.1. Entry Fee: \$150 USD.

5.3.2. Late Fee: \$200 USD.

5.4. Guest Food and Beverages

5.4.1. May be purchased through Club Spot for \$25 USD.



- 5.5. Merchandise
 - 5.5.1. Additional Shirts may be purchased through Club Spot for \$20
 - 5.5.2. Other Upper Keys Sailing Club merchandise available for purchase at the bar
- 5.6. All Drinks – Purchased at the bar
 - 5.6.1. Sailors will be instructed to check-in with UKSC manager upon arrival to set up their credit card for use at the bar
 - 5.6.2. Accounts can be kept open all weekend or close and reopen each day
- 5.7. All fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer, currency conversions, and/or banking costs or commissions.



6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Early Arrival and Late Departure

Competitors who wish to arrive prior to the Gate Access Code Open time on Friday October 16 or depart after 1600 EST Sunday October 18, 2026, shall contact the Regatta Chairperson. Early or late storage is available at \$20/day. Contact information is in the section ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

6.2. SCHEDULE Table

NOTE: All times are EST

Date	Time	Activity	Comment
Fri Oct 9	2300	Early Registration closes, Registration late fees start	
Mon Oct 12	2300	Sailing Instructions posted to Official Notice Board	
Wed Oct 15	1700	Competitor Registration closes	
Fri Oct 16	0800	Gates Access Code Open	
	1100	UKSC Bar Open	
	1400	Clinic – Tentative – Details to come	
	1500-1700	Check-in (Competitors and Support Boats)	
	1700	Dinner - Pizza	
Sat Oct 14	0800-0900	Check-In (Competitors and Support Boats) & Continental Breakfast	
	0900	Competitors' Meeting	
	1025	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	BYO lunch and water. Water bottle refills will NOT be available on the racecourse
	1100	UKSC Bar Open	
	1 Hour Post Racing	Dinner is targeted to be served about 1 hour after racing ends. Post racing drinks at club bar.	
Sun Oct 15	0800 – 0900	Continental Breakfast	
	0955	Warning signal for the first race of the day; multiple races to follow.	BYO lunch and water. Water bottle refills will NOT be available on the racecourse
	1100	UKSC Bar Open	
	1400	No Warning Signal will be made	
	After Racing	Lunch provided before awards.	
		Awards	
	1600	Gate Access Clode Closed	



7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Boats and equipment must be compliant with current ISCA™ Class Rules as approved by World Sailing.
- 7.2. Measurement Check is not required at this USSCA™ event and compliance with ISCA™ Class Rules will be monitored by the ISCA™ Chief Measurer or designated representatives.
- 7.3. National Letters are not required, but if used, must comply with ISCA™ Class Rules. Numbers drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal.
- 7.4. Each boat must carry a tow line that is at least 25 feet. This cannot be the main sheet or halyard that is being used to sail your boat.
- 7.5. Towing to and from the course is not permitted
- 7.6. unless authorized by the Race Committee.
- 7.7. ISCA™ Class Rule 3.1.9 is hereby changed by these Sailing Instructions to ALLOW the use of video and/or audio recording devices and their associated peripherals (for example a GoPro action camera and its corresponding remote control). Any recording, video and/or audio, cannot be used in support of a protest or redress and cannot be accessible while racing.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The regatta will be sailed from the Upper Keys Sailing Club
- 8.2. Racing will take place off of Upper Keys Sailing Club in Buttonwood Sound
- 8.3. Trailers
 - 8.3.1. Empty trailer parking will be off-site. No empty trailers will be stored at the Upper Keys Sailing Club.
 - 8.3.2. Upper Keys Sailing Club will direct competitors where move the trailers to the off-site location.
- 8.4. Parking is limited and will most likely be street parking. Please respect the neighborhood and consider carpooling.
- 8.5. Absolutely no dogs allowed in Clubhouse. Dogs on grounds must be leashed.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, will apply as modified below.
- 9.2. One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 9.3. A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 9.4. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.
- 9.5. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

10. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 10.1. The OA will not provide support boats.
- 10.2. [DP] Support Boats must coordinate with the Regatta Chairperson prior to the Regatta.
- 10.3. [DP] Support boats may be launched and docked at the Upper Keys Sailing Club at their own risk.
- 10.4. [DP] Support Boats must check-in (see SCHEDULE).
- 10.5. No Flags will need to be flown.
- 10.6. [DP] Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and during the race monitor the VHF



- channel which will be communicated at the Competitors Meeting.
- 10.7. [DP] All Support Boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times while the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance.
 - 10.8. [DP] 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. At the finish, they must remain 50 meters below the finish line.
 - 10.9. [DP] No communication from the support boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.
 - 10.10. If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty [DP] may be applied to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
 - 10.11. Support boats may be required to assist in the event of an emergency when requested or when the Race Committee displays code flag V with one sound in accordance with RRS 37.
 - 10.12. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.
 - 10.13. Unless otherwise approved by the Race Committee, no competitors shall be towed to or from the racecourse. All competitors must sail to the racecourse on their own.

11. BERTHING

Boats will be kept at the venue and in areas assigned by the OA.

12. RISK STATEMENT

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. The organizing authority, race officials, whether certified by US Sailing or not, host club, volunteers, sponsors, or any other organization or official and the ISCA /USSCA 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.

It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the competitors who are under the age of 18 at the start of the competition to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is on-site, authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

13. INSURANCE

The OA recommends that each competitor should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.



14. PRIZES

Awards will be given as follows:

- 14.1. Top 3 finishers.
- 14.2. One (1) US berth for the 2027 ISCA™ World Championships will be awarded as per the USSCA™ Worlds Qualifier Class Notice 2025-2028.
- 14.3. Top women finisher
- 14.4. Highest placed Youth (less than 19 years old during the calendar year 2026).

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the ISCA/USSCA 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

16. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND EVENT WEBSITE

The Official Notice Board and event website, including registration, is:

<https://upperkeyssailingclub.com/regatta/Ben6aBEIvh>

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 17.1. Regatta Chairperson
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