

**The 61<sup>st</sup> Sunfish™ North American Championship**  
**Hosted by: Lavallette Yacht Club Lavallette, New Jersey**  
**June 12-15, 2024 (Race Days: June 13-15)**

**Sailing Instructions**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. 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. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and as described in the Notice of Race.
2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR RACE SCHEDULE
  - 2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
  - 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day they are to take effect, or in the case of a postponement onshore, at least 20 minutes prior to the lowering of code flag 'AP' on shore.
  - 2.3. Any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it takes effect.
3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS
  - 3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted to the Official Notice Board. The official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/IFVoPQL6DV> and courtesy copies will be posted on the physical Notice Board at the yacht club porch.
  - 3.2. The Race Committee may communicate with coaches via VHF Channel 72.
  - 3.3. The RC will utilize VHF radio communication with competitors on Channel 69.
  - 3.4. Radio Communication with competitors will be limited to between the races, count down, then hard stop. Radio communication will NOT be used to call OCS boats. The Race Committee will use a separate channel for RC business.
  - 3.5. Other than permitted in 3.4, while racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls not available to all boats, except in an emergency, this includes any type of GPS capable watch or iWatch.
4. CODE OF CONDUCT
  - 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at the south side of the clubhouse.
- 5.2. When code flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes". This changes Race Signals

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Wednesday, June 12

1500 Practice Race

Thursday, June 13

0830 Coaches meeting

0845 Competitors' meeting

1030 First Warning

Friday, June 14

0800 Competitors' meeting

1030 First Warning

Saturday, June 15

0800 Competitors' meeting

1030 First Warning

\*No Warning shall be made after 1300 on Saturday, June 15.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class Flag is the Sunfish Class Flag

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing is on the waters of Barnegat Bay near Lavallette Yacht Club

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. See Addendum A.
- 9.2. The course will be posted on a whiteboard displayed from the Race Committee boat
- 9.3. Missing Gate Mark. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing or out of position, a boat shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 9.4. There will be a Midline Committee boat for all courses (The diagrams in addendum A do not show a Midline Committee boat)
- 9.5. There will be a Finish Pin Boat displaying a blue flag on a staff instead of a pin at all finishes (The diagrams in addendum A do not show a pin boat)

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks will be inflatable buoys (Color to be announced at the first Competitor's meeting).
- 10.2. Offset marks, if used, will be (Color to be announced at the first Competitor's meeting).
- 10.3. Change mark will be (Color to be announced at the first Competitors' meeting)
- 10.4. The starting mark will be an orange flag on the staff of the Pin boat. On the midline boat there will be two orange flags on the staffs on each side of the mid-line boat
- 10.5. The finishing mark will be a blue flag on a staff, on the finish Pin Boat.
- 10.6. Check In: While Code Flag Lima is displayed before the first race each day, each boat shall pass the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and verbally check-in. When the Race

Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number the check-in has been officially completed.

- 10.6.1. Check in period ends when Code Flag L is stowed approximately five minutes prior to the first warning of the day.
- 10.6.2. Boats failing to properly check-in will be assessed a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty applied to their best score of the day (Rule 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This modifies A5.

## 11. STARTING LINE

- 11.1.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence will begin soon, the orange start line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds before a warning signal is made.
- 11.1.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat, two staff displaying orange flags on the midline boat, (approximately at the center of the line) to a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin boat at the port end of the starting line.
- 11.1.3. Individual and General Recall flags may also be displayed by the port end and/or midline starting line vessels. These are not official flags under RRS 29. The timing of these flags or lack of these flags shall not be considered grounds for redress, changing RRS 62.1.
- 11.1.4. When RRS 30.1 Round-an-End Rule is in effect with a Two (2) Part Starting Line, boats subject to this rule shall thereafter either: (a) sail from the course side across an extension of the starting line beyond either the port- or starboard-end line boat to the pre-course side before starting, or (b) round the midline boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes RRS 30.1 (see diagram below)
- 11.1.5. A boat not starting within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS by the Race committee without a hearing. This changes A5.1 and A5.2.



## 12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 10 degrees and .2NM in length) to the course during a race without signaling a course change. This changes RRS 33. One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration

## 13. FINISH

- 13.1. The finish will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a blue flag on a staff of the Finish Pin Boat.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V Alternative Penalties shall apply.
15. SCORING Scoring System
  - 15.1. Appendix A2.1 is modified as follows: When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five (5) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 15.2. One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
16. Time Limits
  - 16.1.1. Time for 1st boat to reach 1st Mark, 30 minutes
  - 16.1.2. Time for 1st boat to sail the course: 75 minutes
  - 16.1.3. Time Window for finishes (after the 1st boat completes the course): 20 minutes.
  - 16.1.4. Boats not finishing within the time window (and not subsequently retiring) will be scored TLE without a hearing.
17. SAFETY
  - 17.1. [DP] A boat that retires shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
  - 17.2. [DP] Support boat use of ECO link (aka kill switch) Operators of power boats < 26 feet shall use ECO Link (aka kill switch) at all times except when docking and launching. Non-compliance may result in a discretionary penalty.
18. REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT
  - 18.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the official class measurer. Request for substitution shall be made to the class measurer at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
  - 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time of compliance with class rules, Notice of Race, or Sailing Instructions.
  - 19.2. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall immediately proceed to a designated area for inspection.
20. HEARING REQUESTS
  - 20.1. Protest filing deadline is 45 Minutes after the RC boat docks
  - 20.2. Hearing request forms are available at the race committee table. Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race committee table.
  - 20.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held. Postings will be on the Official Notice Board.
  - 20.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Postings will be on the official noticeboard
  - 20.5. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

20.6. A boat that is intending to protest or request redress shall notify the Race Committee after finishing the race in which they are protesting or requesting redress.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

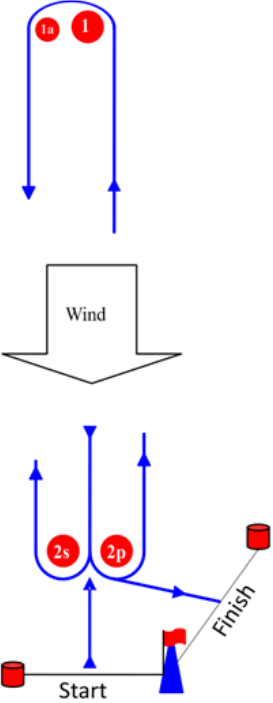
21.1. Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard the Race Committee or support boats.

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# ADDENDUM A

Course	Description	
	<p><b>Windward/Leeward offset mark 1a with Hollywood finish at the signal boat</b></p>	
	<p><b>Possible courses</b></p>	
	<p><b>Signal</b></p>	<p><b>Mark Rounding Order</b></p>
	<p>LPA1</p>	<p>Start-1-1a-2p-Finish</p>
<p>LPA2</p>	<p>Start-1-1a -2s/2p-1-1a -2p-Finish</p>	
<p>LPA3</p>	<p>Start-1-1a -2s/2p-1-1a -2s/2p-1-1a -2p-Finish</p>	