



**United States Sunfish Class Association
Women's North American Championship
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
October 9th – 11th, 2026**

Notice of Race

180 Hobcaw Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

The Organizing Authority (OA) is **Hobcaw Yacht Club**, Endorsed by the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCATM)

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1. RULES

- 1.1 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.2 [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.3 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Prescriptions of US Sailing and all current International Sunfish Class Association® (ISCA®) Class Rules.
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for floatation and the appropriate size for a sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. This modifies RRS 40.1.
- 1.8 Unless otherwise permitted by the Race Committee, no competitors shall be towed to or from the



racecourse. All competitors must sail to the racecourse on their own.

1.9 Appendix V will be in effect.

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

1.11 [DP] Individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use ECOS links (aka Kill Cords) except when docking, launching, and loading on a trailer. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. Flagrant and/or repeated noncompliance will result in a hearing to consider whether a support person has broken this rule under RRS 62.1. This change is added to RRS 63.1. While aiding others, please shut down the engine while next to them.

1.12 RRS Appendix G1.2 (a) (3) will be in effect.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions and course diagrams will be available no later than September 15th, 2026 on the [Official Notice Board \(ONB\)](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online in Club Spot at [Notice Board](#). There will be no paper copies of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions provided to sailors.

3.2 The Race Committee will utilize VHF radio channel 72 and or What's app communications with competitors for pre-race announcements. There will be no OCS announcements on the VHF. [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 or GPS capable device.

3.3 WhatsApp will be used to communicate courtesy notifications related to the regatta while ashore. A separate WhatsApp group has been established and the QR code to join will be posted on the office notice board documents list. It is shown below too.



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Each competitor shall be a female current member of her respective country's Class Association affiliated with the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA).
- 4.2 Competitors shall follow the ISCA® Ethics and Code of Conduct (adopted December 2023).
- 4.3 Each participating boat should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
- 4.4 Competitors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2026 shall be classified as a Youth. For the duration of the regatta, each competitor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/ guardian waiver.
- 4.5 Eligible competitors must register online through Club Spot at this [REGISTRATION LINK](#).
- 4.6 An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made and, the competitor has checked in.
- 4.7 Payment is required at time of Registration.

5. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 5.1 Early Entry Fee: \$175.00 USD until 2359 on September 16th, 2026. (Includes T-Shirt, Friday night Happy hour with snacks / cash bar, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday Lunch.)
- 5.2 Late Entry Fee will be \$225.00 USD for entries received after 2359 September 16th, 2026. Registration closes at 2359 on October 1st, 2026. No onsite registration will be available.
- 5.3 Entries may be refunded subject to a \$75 Administrative Fee.
- 5.4 Skipper's registration fee includes regatta meals as outlined in the schedule.
- 5.5 Guest fee to attend all social events and dinner, payable online, is \$50. (Includes Friday night Happy



Hour with snacks / cash bar, Saturday dinner. Does not include lunches.)

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Early Arrival and Late Departure Competitors who wish to arrive prior to 0900 EST Thursday, October 8th, 2026 or depart after 1700 EST Sunday October 11th, 2026 must contact the Hobcaw Yacht Club Manager. Contact information is in the section 20, CONTACT INFORMATION.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Monday, June 22nd, 2026	TBD	Registrations Opens	Online
Wednesday, September 16th, 2026	2359	Early Registration closes, registration late fees start	Online
October 1st, 2026	2359	Registration Closes	Online
Thursday, October 8th, 2026	0900	Boatyard Gates at HYC Open for event.	Hobcaw Yacht Club Boatyard
Friday, October, 9th, 2026	0900 - 1800	Check- In (Competitors & Support Boats)	Main Club House
	1300	Skippers Meeting	Main Club House
	1400	Practice Race	Wando River
	TBD	Opening Happy Hour	Main Club House
Saturday, October 10th, 2026	0800-0900	Check- In (Competitors & Support Boats)	Main Club House
	0930	Skippers Meeting & Lunch Pick Up	Main Club House
	1100	First Warning	Wando River
	After Racing	Dinner and Happy Hour	Main Club House

Sunday, October 11th, 2026	0900	Continental Breakfast	Main Club House
	1000	Lunch Pick up	Main Club House
	1100	First Warning	Wando River
	1600	No Warning Signal After	
	After Racing	Awards	Main Club House

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The intended course to be sailed with be the Wando River adjacent to the Hobcaw Yacht Club and in between the Cooper River Bridge (Ravenel) and North of the Highway 526 Bridge and or in the Charleston Harbor.
- 7.2 The courses will be a combination of windward / leeward with gates as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 Class flag is a pink flag with a white **ISCA** Logo

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 Rules V1 and V2 of Appendix V will be used and will be elaborated in the sailing instructions, including where to go for necessary forms to be completed and to whom it should be submitted.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply as modified below.
- 9.2 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 9.3 A total of Ten (10) races will be attempted.
- 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) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.



10. AWARDS

- 10.1 Awards for the USSCA Women's North American Championship will be given as follows:
- 10.2 Top five overall finishers
- 10.3 Top finisher in each age division (Youth, Apprentice Master, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters)
- 10.4 Two berths for the 2027 ISCA World Championships will be awarded.

11. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS

- 11.1 The OA will not provide support boats.
- 11.2 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with a white flag.
- 11.3 [DP] Support Boats must register through via the Official Regatta Site.
- 11.4 [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. While aiding others, please shut down the engine while next to them.
- 11.5 Any support / spectator vessel that is on the course to support an individual must register with the Race Committee before 9:30 AM on October 9th, 2026, in [Club Spot \(Link\)](#), or in person at the registration table on race day.
- 11.6 [DP] All support / spectator vessels will be expected to monitor the safety boat VHF channel (announced at the skippers meeting), race and to be prepared to aid the race safety boats or any competitor in need.
- 11.7 [DP] Support boats shall remain 50 yards 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 yards below the finish line.
- 11.8 [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.
- 11.9 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.

11.10 Support boats may be required to assist in the event of an emergency when requested or when Race Committee displays code flag V with one sound in accordance with RRS 37.

11.11 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

12. CHARTERS OR LOANED BOATS

12.1 Sunfish charters will be available through Zim Sailing using this link:
<https://zimsailing.com/charters/isca-charters/>

13. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

13.1 Race committee encourages all sailors to wear and use adequate sun protection.

14. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

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

14.2 Boats and equipment must be compliant with current [ISCA® Class Rules](#) as approved by World Sailing. Boats may be selected for measurement at any time during the regatta by the ISCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

14.3 National Letters are not required, but if used must comply with [ISCA® Class Rules](#). Numbers drawn on the sail with a permanent ink pen are not legal.

14.4 Each boat must carry a tow line that is a minimum of 25' long and 6MM in diameter. This cannot be the main sheet or halyard that is being used to sail your boat.

15. VENUE, BOAT LAUNCHING AND STORAGE

15.1 The regatta will be sailed from Hobcaw Yacht Club, 180 Hobcaw Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

15.2 Overnight camping is strictly prohibited at Hobcaw Yacht Club.

15.3 Boats will be kept at the Hobcaw Yacht Club boatyard and in areas assigned by the OA.



- 15.4 Empty trailer parking will be available onsite & offsite in areas assigned by the OA.
- 15.5 Competitors may begin dropping off boats to the Hobcaw Yacht Club boatyard beginning Thursday, October 8th, 2026. Trailers may not be stored in the boatyard unless instructed by the OA. Instructions will be provided at the time of arrival.
- 15.6 Mark boats, Safety boats and Coach boats may launch from Hobcaw Yacht Club on Friday (no launching from club premises may occur Saturday or Sunday).
- 15.7 Spectator boats may not launch from Hobcaw Yacht Club. The Remley Point Boat Landing is a public facility located near the club at 80 5th Ave, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE). By participating in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The Organizing Authority, race officials, whether certified by US Sailing or not, ISCA and USSCA will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.
- 16.2 The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who shall ensure that the boat is entirely sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 16.3 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 authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

17. ADVERTISING

- 17.1 The OA may require boats to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1 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.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

19.1 HYC Club Manager: Susan Irvine – 843.256.2097 - clubmanager@hobcawyachtclub.com

19.2 Sailing Chair: Nate Harris – 843.259.3684 – sailing@hobcawyachtclub.com

19.3 Regatta Logistics Managers: Evy Silcox 843.209.0135 – evydsilcox@aol.com & Becca Weil 843.343.3524 - beccapweil@gmail.com

19.4 PRO: Bobby Matthews – 224.727.1939 – bmatthewsjr@me.com

19.5 DRO: JD Rosser – 843-810-9828 – sailcora@aol.com

20. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

20.1 Recommended Lodging Near Hobcaw Yacht Club

- Most hotels chains are located in Mount Pleasant and Charleston. These are a few that are located near the club.

[Cambria Hotel Mount Pleasant - Charleston](#)

1472 N HIGHWAY 17, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464
843-849-9677

[Hotel Indigo: Mount Pleasant](#)

250 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464
843-884-6000

[Hyatt Place Mount Pleasant Towne Centre](#)

1600 Palmetto Grande Drive, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464
843-473-3105

[SpringHill Suites Charleston Mount Pleasant](#)

245 Magrath Darby Blvd, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina 29464
843-284-5250



21. Driving distance from closest Airports

20.2 CHS - Charleston International Airport – 23 Minutes (11 Miles)

20.3 MYR – Myrtle Beach International Airport – 2 hours 3 Minutes (90 Miles)

20.4 CAE - Columbia Metropolitan Airport – 1 hour 44 minutes (105 Miles)

20.5 CLT – Charlotte International Airport – 3 Hours 15 Minutes (177 Miles)