

2009/2010 UNITED STATES SUNFISH CLASS NOTICE

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION FOR THE UNITED STATES

The following sailors automatically qualify for the 40th Sunfish World Championship from the United States:

The top seven (7) US finishers in the North American Championship, the top finisher in the US Junior North American Championship and the top one (1) or two (2) finishers in each of the Regional Championships held annually shall qualify. (Depending on each region's allotment, one or two sailors qualify annually. Regions allotted two positions may hold two regionals with the top sailor from each qualifying). A total of sixteen (16) sailors will qualify from regional events. The top finisher from the Women's North American Championship, the top finisher from the US Master's Championship and the top four (4) finishers from the US National Championship at Midwinters shall qualify.

Should a World qualifier be unable to attend, that place will be filled from the alternates list in descending order of finish. No alternate will be chosen from a Regional, Midwinter, Women's or Master Championship if it becomes necessary to go below tenth place. That qualifying position will revert to the North American Championship, except that no qualifying position will be taken if it becomes necessary to go below 30th place.

If a sailor qualifies in two (2) events, the event that took place first shall take precedence.

Sailors may race in any or all Regional Championships and may qualify in any region. This gives Sunfish sailors throughout the U.S. sixteen (16) or more chances to qualify for the World Championship.

All USSCA qualifiers must be members of USSCA in the year they qualify, i.e., all USSCA qualifiers must have been USSCA members in the previous year and must be current members of USSCA to be eligible to race in a World Championship event.

If all USSCA places are not filled, alternates will be selected from an alternates list based on a sailor's finish in a qualifying event. A list of alternates will be made using those sailors finishing in the top ten at a Regional, Midwinter, Womens or Masters championship and not previously receiving a World's bid, and those finishing below 30th in the North Americans weighted by their finish in a qualifying event, (i.e., a third place finisher in a Regional, Womens or Master event will be given a weighting of 3 where a 45th place finisher in the North Americans will be given a weighting of 45). Alternates will be selected from this list in the order determined by their weighting.

If all remaining USSCA places are not filled from the list of alternates, an "at large" wild card drawing may be made. The "at large" list will be made up from qualified sailors not previously receiving an invitation who have submitted their names to the Class Office prior to the wild card drawing.

SUNFISH NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

All current members of the ISCA are eligible to sail in the Qualification Series of the North American Championship.

All former and current Sunfish World Champions and Sunfish North American Champions are eligible to sail in the Championship Series without having to sail in the Qualification Series at the Sunfish North Americans. Any Champion who elects to sail in the Qualification Series will be counted toward qualifiers. This applies to the senior division only.

Any sailor who is a current member of ISCA may compete in the Sunfish North American Championship.

SUNFISH JUNIOR NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Sunfish Junior North American Championship is sailed concurrently with the Qualification Series at the North American Championship. All current members of ISCA who will not attain the age of 19 by the end of the calendar year in which the regatta occurs may compete. If sailing with a crew, or in a Junior Doubles Championship, both shall be Juniors as defined above. The top five (5) finishers are qualified to compete in the North American Championship.

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REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any registered USSCA member may compete in any Regional Championship throughout the country. Sailors competing in the Sunfish Regional Championships must be current members of USSCA/ISCA. Proof of membership will be required.

Region: New England	- (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)	2 Worlds Qualifiers
Region: New York	- (NY)	3 Worlds Qualifiers*
Region: Mid-Atlantic	- (DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV)	2 Worlds Qualifiers
Region: Southeast	- (GA, NC, SC, TN)	2 Worlds Qualifiers*
Region: Midwest	- (IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI)	2 Worlds Qualifiers
Region: Southwest	- (CO, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX)	2 Worlds Qualifiers
Region: West	- (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, ND, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY)	1 Worlds Qualifier
Region: Gulf Coast	- (AL, AR, FL pan, LA, MS)	1 Worlds Qualifier
Region: Florida	- (FL)	1 Worlds Qualifier

NOTE: * denotes regions with an additional Worlds Qualifier for the current year.

SAIL HONOR AWARDS

Every member shall be entitled to apply to his sail the symbol earned by him racing in a sanctioned event, in accordance with the following schedule:

World Champion - Gold Class Insignia

Continental Champion - Silver Class Insignia

National Champion - Gold Chevron

Regional Champion - Silver Chevron

Fleet Champion - Black Chevron

All sail awards shall be made by the USSCA. World, Continental, National and Regional awards will be automatically presented to the champions each year.

Fleet Captains must apply in writing to the USSCA for fleet sail awards. The Fleet Captain must provide:

- Fleet Champion's full name, address and registered sail number;
- Number of races in the fleet series (minimum: 5 races);
- Total points obtained by the fleet champion and runner-up in the series;
- Fleet Charter number and location of racing activity.

Team (T), Masters (M), Womens (W) and Junior (J) Champion awards shall include the appropriate letter ("T", "M", "W", "J") in the middle of the insignia or directly under the chevron. Each member(s) of the championship shall be entitled to display a sail award.

Chevrons shall be applied to the sail centered below the sail numbers with the chevron apex up. Additional chevrons shall be located below the first. See Class Rules for placement of chevrons.

HOSTING WORLD QUALIFYING EVENTS

Organizations seeking to host World Qualifying Events should submit to the USSCA Regatta Coordinator or the appropriate USSCA Events Coordinator a request by June of the year preceding the event. It is the Class' intention to have dates established at least a year prior to the scheduled date so that other Clubs and Fleets can adjust their schedules and regattas to permit sailors to participate in these events. Please work closely with the USSCA Regatta Coordinator or the appropriate USSCA Events Coordinator when setting dates for your event.