



# Clearwater Yacht Club

## Notice Of Race

### Sunfish Midwinter US National and Team Race Championships

March 19 – 22, 2009

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). The event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater 33767.
- 1.3 The regatta is designated Category A.
- 1.4 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.5 Competitors must present a current ISCA membership card prior to the Skippers Meeting.

#### **2 Inspection and Measurement**

Sails and other equipment may be measured prior to racing, and spot-checked at any time during the regatta either on or off the water.

#### **3 Eligibility and Entry**

Any current member of ISCA may enter a Sunfish by completing registration with the organizing authority.

#### **4 Event Format**

Team racing on March 19, fleet racing on March 20 – 22. The first four finishers in fleet racing will qualify for the Sunfish World Championship.

#### **5 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk – See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority 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.

## **6 Schedule of Events**

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### **Thursday, March 19**

0830 to 1030 Registration

1045 Skippers Meeting

1130 First warning signal for Team Racing, more races to follow

### **Friday, March 20**

0830 to 1000 Registration

1015 Skippers Meeting

1115 First warning signal for Fleet Racing, more races to follow

### **Saturday, March 21**

1000 First Warning signal, more races to follow

### **Sunday, March 22**

1000 First warning signal, more races to follow

Awards to follow ASAP after last race.

6.2 No race shall start after 1400 on Sunday.

6.3 A minimum of ten team races and twelve fleet races are scheduled. Three races for each must be completed to constitute a Championship.

## **7 Advance Registration**

Competitors may register on-line at

<http://www.regattaprocessing.com/CLWYC/SunfishMW09/> or by completing the registration form and sending it with the appropriate fees to: Sunfish Midwinters, Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater Florida 33767.

## **8 Fees**

The entry fee is \$110 USD with a \$20 late fee for entries made after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Credit cards may be used on-line. Snail mail entry fees are to be made by a check payable to "Yachting Committee".

## **9 Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will be available during on-site registration.

## **10 Courses & Racing Area**

10.1 The racing area for team racing will be in Clearwater Harbor. Fleet racing will be in the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach. The race committee reserves the right to move fleet racing to Clearwater Harbor if weather conditions warrant.

10.2 The team race course will be a digital N. Fleet race courses will be Triangular or Windward/Leeward.

## **11 Scoring**

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used as modified in sections 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4.

11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in team racing. Fleet racing prizes will be given for first through fifth places, top female, top junior (age 18 or less) and top master (age 40 or over). Other specialty awards may be presented.

## **13 Radio Communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **14 Berthing**

Competitors are welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Wednesday, March 18. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier may be subject to a nominal launching/storage fee and should make arrangements directly with the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (727) 517-7776.

## **15 Safety**

15.1 The safety of life and property is an important part of racing at Clearwater Yacht Club.

15.2 A US Coast Guard or International equivalent personal flotation device must be worn at all times when racing.

## **16 Additional Information**

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Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the Clearwater Yacht Club web site [www.clwyc.org](http://www.clwyc.org)