2020 Sunfish Midwinters
for the US National Championship
March 19 – 22, 2020

Notice of Race
(Add date 11/30/2019)

Organizing Authority: Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway, Clearwater, FL 33767

Endorsed by United States Sunfish™ Class Association (USSCA)

1. RULES
The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
1.1. The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and Appendix R will apply and are contained in their entirety at: https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/2017-2020_US_Prescriptions_-_final_10.4.2016.pdf
1.2. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
1.3. RRS 35, A4 and A5 are changed as follows: Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
1.4. RRS A4 and A5 are changed: A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
1.5. Competitor's attention is drawn to the US Federal Law Title 33, Subpart B, Personal Floatation Devices, that may be enforced by local or federal law enforcement agencies which requires that while practicing for or racing in competition, each boat must carry for each competitor aboard, either a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. Failure by a competitor to heed this advice is not protestable.
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 her class rules.

2. ADVERTISING
The Organizing Authority may require boats to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
3.1.1. Each competitor shall be a 2020 member of his/her respective country's Sunfish™ Class Association.
3.2. Sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2020 shall be classified as a Youth.
3.3. Sailors reaching the age of 40 by the first day of the regatta shall be classified as a Master.
3.4. Entries may be completed online at: http://www.regattanetwork.com.
3.5. An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made.

4. FEES
4.1. Entry Fee: $165.85 ($155 plus 7% sales tax) if received by 2400 on March 1.
   $203.30 ($190 plus 7% sales tax) if received after March 1. Fees paid at the venue must be by credit or debit card – cash cannot be accepted. A refund, less a $15 processing fee, will be granted to entries cancelled by 2400 on March 1.
4.2 Skipper’s registration fee includes: Regatta favor, opening reception, post racing refreshments Friday and Saturday, Saturday and Sunday Continental breakfast and make your own lunch, regatta banquet, and post racing pizza on Sunday. Breakfast and lunch available on Saturday and Sunday.
4.3 Registration fees are in US Dollars and shall be free of any transfer and/or banking costs or commissions. Any charge shall be reimbursed by competitors to complete their entries.
4.4 Meal plans available for coaches, family members, and guests can be purchased for $60.

5. SCHEDULE
   Thursday, March 19
   0900 – 1700: Registration
   1400: Practice race TBD
   1700: Opening Ceremony and Reception

   Friday, March 20
   0830 – 0930: Check in
   0930: Skipper’s Meeting
   1130: First Warning
   After Racing: Refreshments, Q & A with top 3 finishers

   Saturday, March 21
   0800: Breakfast and Make Your Own Lunch
   1000: First Warning
   After Racing: Regatta Banquet

   Sunday March 22
   0800: Breakfast and Make Your Own Lunch
   1000: First Warning
   1400: No warning signal after this time
   After Racing: Pizza and Awards
   Multiple back to back races will be sailed each day with lunch on the water.

6. MEASUREMENT
   Boats and equipment must be compliant with current International Sunfish Class Association Class Rules as approved by World Sailing: http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/SUN2015CR171214-%5B18151%5D.pdf. Boats may be selected for remeasurement at any time during the regatta by the USSCA Chief Measurer or an appointed representative.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. VENUE
   The regatta will be sailed from Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767. Racing will be in the Gulf of Mexico or in Clearwater Harbor at the sole discretion of the race committee.
9. THE COURSES
The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10. SCORING
10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, will apply as modified below.
10.2 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
10.3 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed.
10.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
10.5 When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

11. SUPPORT BOATS
11.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.
11.2 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
11.3 Coach/support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor’s meeting on the first day of racing and fly a flag with a number provided by the Organizing Authority (a $20 cash deposit will be required) at all times while on the water. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
11.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and outside the lay lines from the marks defining the course.
11.5 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 line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line.
11.6 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.
11.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
11.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

12. BERTHING
Boats will be kept at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and in areas assigned by the organizing authority.

13. PRIZES
Prizes will be given as follows:
   a) Top ten finishers
   b) Highest placed Female finisher (if the top finisher is male) or the highest placed Male finisher (if the top finisher is Female)
   c) Highest placed Youth
   d) Highest placed Master (40+)
14. 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.

15. INSURANCE
The organizing authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION
Clearwater Yacht Club  
www.clwyc.org/regatta
Clearwater Community Sailing Center:  www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org
Event Organizer: Steve McNally:  cycyachting@gmail.com
Regatta web page:  https://www.sunfishclass.org/regattas/regatta-details/2471/
Charter boats: Tackle Shack  info@tackleshack.com  (727) 546-5080

The following information is not a part of the NoR, but may be helpful in planning your visit to Clearwater:

Overnight camping or parking of RVs is not available at the yacht club or sailing center. There is a KGOA approximately 30 to 45 minutes away depending on traffic, and several mobile home parks with RV parking available. Please Google the applicable topic.

Local Hotels: Hotel rooms are abundant and are available in many price ranges. Generally, the hotels on the mainland are less expensive than on Clearwater Beach. For suggestions, please see www.clwyc.org.

Other housing: There are many listings of rooms, apartments and homes at  https://www.airbnb.com

Distance from closest Airports:
- Tampa International: 22 Miles
- Clearwater/St. Pete Airport: 15 Miles

Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area.

Weather:
- Predominant Breeze: Easterly in the morning, building to a moderate/heavy Northwest sea breeze in the afternoon.
- Average historical wind speed: 5 – 20 knots.
- Average day temperature: 75°F
- Average night temperature: 60°F
- Tide: 2 Ft
• Current: ½ to 1 kt.
• The information provided may vary from year to year. For more information, please see the following websites:
  o [https://www.windfinder.com/](https://www.windfinder.com/)