2020 Sunfish US Team Race Championship

March 19, 2020

Notice of Race

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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) with US Sailing prescriptions including Appendix D. Races will be Umpired.

1.1. The US SAILING prescriptions are contained in their entirety at:

1.2. 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.

1.3. 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.

1.4. The Organizing Authority may change the format or terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages. Such a decision by the Organizing Authority will not be subject to a request for redress. This changes RRS 62 and D4.2(a).

1.5. RRS D1.2(c), D2.2(a), and D5.2 are changed by replacing the phrase “a red flag” with “a raised open hand.”

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
3.1 Each team shall consist of three boats and each competitor shall be a 2020 member of his/her respective country’s Sunfish™ Class Association.

3.2 Entries may be completed online at: http://www.regattanetwork.com.

3.3 An entry is not complete until payment and online approval of the waiver have been made.

4. FEES
4.1 Entry Fee: $42.80 ($40 plus 7% sales tax) per team of three if received by 2400 on March 1. $80.25 ($75 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 A minimum of three teams of three boats each must be registered by March 1. If not, the Sunfish Team Race Championship will be cancelled, and all entry fees will be refunded.
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.

5. SCHEDULE
Thursday, March 19
0900 – 0930: Check in
0930: Competitors Meeting
1015: First Warning, more races to follow
After Racing: Refreshments, umpire debriefing and awards

6. MEASUREMENT
Boats may be selected for remeasurement at any time during the regatta by the USSCA 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 (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767. Racing will be in Clearwater Harbor southeast of CCSC.

9. FORMAT
9.1 The format will be three boat against three boat team races with one or more round robins to be determined by the number of teams entered and will be more fully described in the sailing instructions.
9.2 If supplied by the Organizing Authority, teams will be required to wear identification bibs or tee shirts outside of their PFDs.

10. COURSE
The course will be a Digital “N”.

11. SCORING
Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D.

12. SUPPORT BOATS
12.1 The organizing authority will not provide support boats.
12.2 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
12.3 Coach/support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the competitors meeting 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.
12.4 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.
12.5 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.
12.6 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.
12.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a
discretionary penalty may be applied by an Umpire to some or all associated competitors and
may include restrictions on the movement of their support boat.
12.8 Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

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

14. PRIZES
Prizes will be given to the first, second and third place teams.

15. 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.

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

17. 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](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:
  - [https://www.windfinder.com/](https://www.windfinder.com/)