



2018 SUNFISH NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
August 1 – August 4, 2018
LAKE BLUFF YACHT CLUB
Waukegan, IL USA

Organizing Authority: Lake Bluff Yacht Club
Endorsed by International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to **RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix L (Code Flag A)** and added **RRS 61.4, 82** and **Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests** will apply. These prescriptions, except Appendix R, are provided in full in **Attachment 4** to these Sailing Instructions (SI's). **Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests** is available at the regatta website, www.lakebluffyachtclub.org and written copies may be obtained at the administration tent.
- 1.3 **RRS G1. 1 (b)** is deleted.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Administration tent.
- 2.2 All questions for the Race Committee (RC) or Jury shall be made in writing and will be answered in writing and posted on the official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted before 1800 or the protest time limit (whichever is later) on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Administration tent.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in **Race Signal AP in the RSS**.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Wednesday August 1	1530 Hrs.	Practice Race
Thursday August 2	1000 Hrs.	Skippers' Meeting
	1100 Hrs.	First Warning
Friday August 3	1100 Hrs.	First Warning
Saturday August 4	1100 Hrs.	First Warning
	Following racing	Awards Ceremony

5.2 A maximum of twelve (12) races are planned.

5.3 On Saturday August 4, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Sunfish class flag, red logo on white field.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters of Lake Michigan and as directly east of Waukegan Public Beach as conditions, in the judgment of the RC, will allow. **(See Attachment 1.)**

8 CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

8.1 Upon arrival at the starting area for their first time each day, or after going ashore and returning to the race area, each boat shall check in by passing astern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack, hailing her sail number until acknowledged.

8.2 A boat that retires from a race or intends to not start a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachments 2 and 3 show the courses, including the Course Designation, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Course Designation, the approximate compass bearing and distance for the first leg from the starting line to Mark 1 will be displayed on a white board at the stern of the RC signal boat.

9.3 If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 3S and 3P will be orange inflatable tetrahedron marks.

10.2 Mark 1a will be a red buoy.

10.3 Change marks will be yellow inflatable marks.

10.4 Starting marks will be RC boats on both ends of the line, displaying orange flags.

10.5 The finish marks will be the RC signal boat and a red buoy.

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12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with **RRS 26**.

12.2 The RC may make an attention signal (multiple short air horn blasts) before the warning signal.

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin boat at the port end of the line.

- 12.4 There may be a mid-line buoy in the vicinity of the starting line. If so, it is not a mark of the course and will not be grounds for redress.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her start signal will be scored **DNS**. This changes **RRS A4.1**.
- 12.6 The RC will post sail numbers of boats that are OCS, UFD, and BFD on a white board on the signal boat after the start of each race.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 A change of the course will be signaled in accordance with **RRS 33**. New mark will be a **Yellow** inflatable mark. Any mark rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated, without further signals or change marks, to maintain the original course configuration. If a subsequent change of course is required in the same race, the change mark will be replaced with the original mark.
- 13.2 If **Mark 1** is changed after the start of a race there will be no offset mark (Mark 1a) for the rest of that race.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a red buoy on the port end of the line.
- 14.2 As shown on Attachments 2 and 3, the finish line will be set after the start of each race and will be shorter than the start line.
- 14.3 As soon as practical after finishing, boats shall sail clear of the finish area, to the starboard side of the RC signal boat, well outside the racecourse, and clear of the starboard layline.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 **Appendix P** will apply.
- 15.2 Penalties for breaking a **RRS** other than those of **Part 2, RRS 31** or **RRS 42** will be determined by the Jury. Penalties may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be **DPI**.
- 15.3 If a judge believes that there has been a breach of a **RRS of Part 2** (When Boats Meet) or **RRS 31** (Touching a Mark), the judge may make two sound signals but will not display any flag nor hail any sail number. If no boat takes a penalty under **RRS 44.2**, the judge may protest one or more boats.
- 15.4 If a judge witnesses an incident in which a boat protests another boat (hails "protest" at the first reasonable opportunity) as a result of the incident, and no boat takes a penalty, the judge may signal to impose a penalty by displaying a red flag with one long sound signal and hailing the sail number(s) of the boat(s) penalized. A boat so penalized by a judge shall take a penalty per **RRS 44.2**.
- 15.5 A boat involved in an incident where a judge signals under **SI 15.4** is not entitled to a hearing. This changes **RRS 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65** and **66**.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Time limits are as follows:
 - Mark 1 time limit – 30 minutes
 - Race time limit – 90 minutes
- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned and will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 16.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF. This changes **RRS 35, A4, and A5**.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Protests must be submitted to the Jury official stationed near the official notice board.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.
- 17.4 A list of boats that, under **SI 15.1**, have been penalized for breaking **RRS 42** will be posted no later than 1 hour after the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.5 Breaches of **SI 8, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 28** will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes **RRS 60.1(a)**.
- 17.6 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 For the Championship Series, one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 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 score.
- 18.4 When twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the **preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40**.

20 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the measurer or his designate before the first race or by the RC (the Principal Race Officer or his designate) thereafter. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the International Sunfish Class Association rules (effective January 1, 2015). On the water, a boat can be instructed by the measurer or his designate to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
 - Race Committee Vessels: Blue US Sailing RC flags, or plain, white flags
 - Judge Vessels: White flag with a J
- 23.2 Failure of an official boat to display the designated flag shall not be grounds for redress. This amends **RRS 62.1(a)**.

24 SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 Support boats include those carrying team leaders, coaches and other personnel that interact with competitors.
- 24.2 Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first competitor's meeting on the first day of racing.
- 24.3 Support boats shall carry a working VHF radio tuned to the RC VHF Channel. The RC VHF channel number will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

- 24.4 Support boats shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC 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 laylines from the marks defining the course.
- 24.5 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. Support boats may proceed to the finish line waiting area (SI 24.6) by proceeding up the starboard side of the race course from the leeward mark.
- 24.6 At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line, **well outside the starboard layline**. At no time, while boats are finishing, shall support boats be directly above the finish line.
- 24.7 If a support boat does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their Coach boat.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed on any support or official boat.

26 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept at the regatta site.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Top ten finishers.

Highest placed female finisher.

Highest placed youth (under 19 years of age in the calendar year of the championship).

Highest placed Master (40+).

Highest placed Grand Master (60+).

The Alcott Trophy for Sportsmanship.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4, Decision to Race**. The Organizing Authority, Lake Bluff Yacht Club and/or personnel supporting this regatta 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.

30 REQUESTS FROM OFFICIALS

Team Leaders, coaches, support personnel and competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

Attachment 2 Windward-Leeward

Course **W2** Two (2) Laps

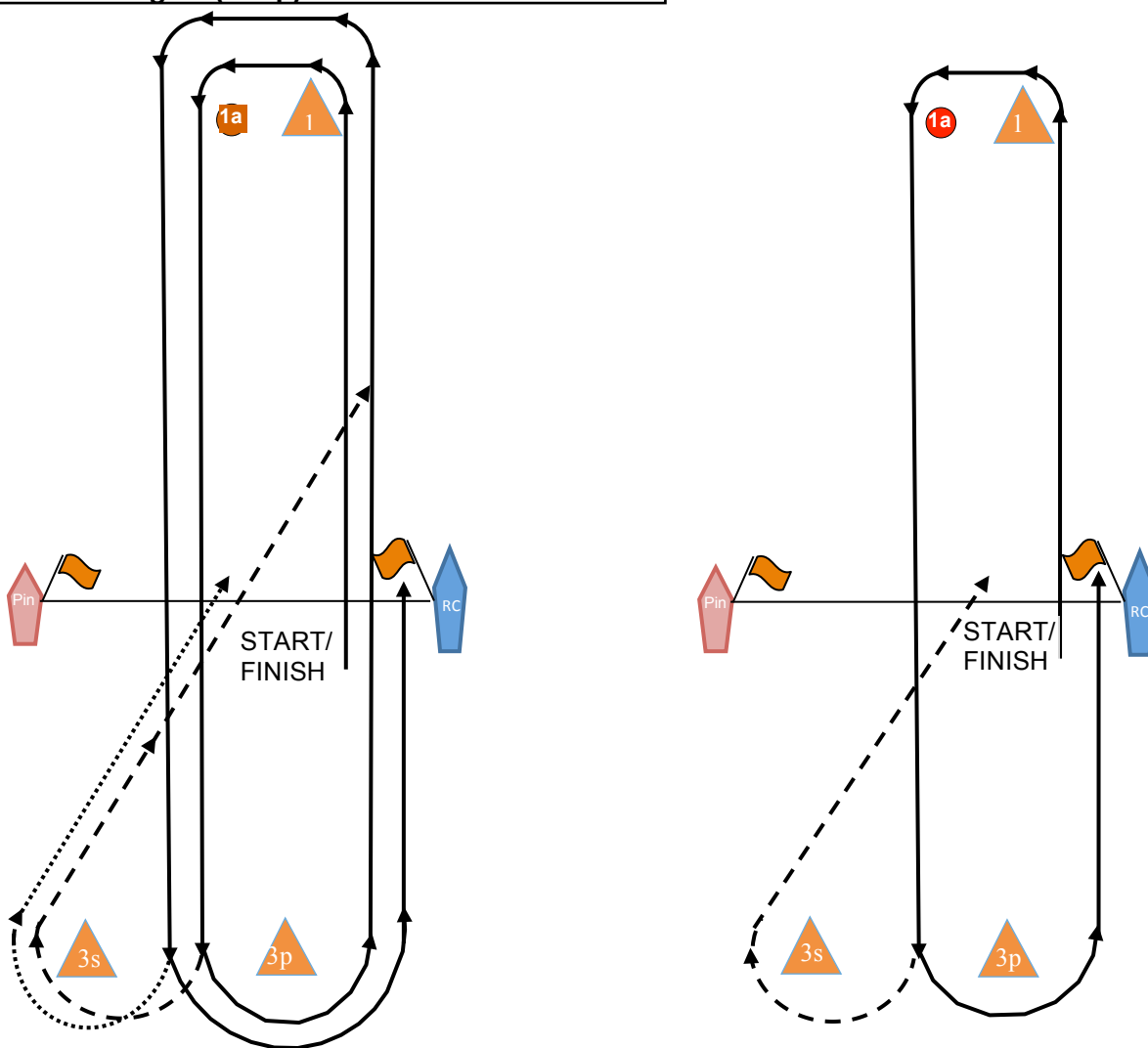
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Course **W3** Three (3) Laps

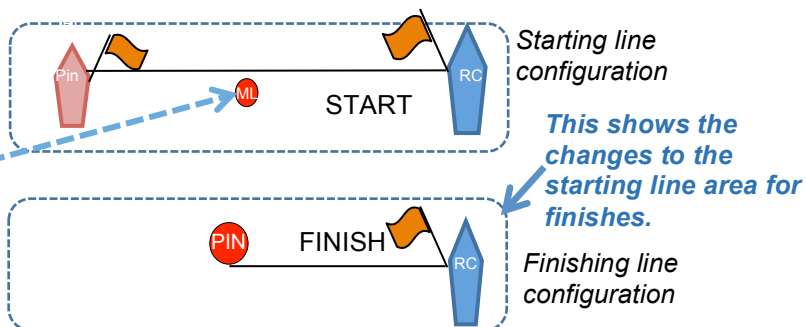
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Course **W** One (1) Lap

Start – 1 – 1a – gate (3s 3p) – Finish



The mid-line buoy, if used, is not a mark of the course and is not grounds for any Redress.



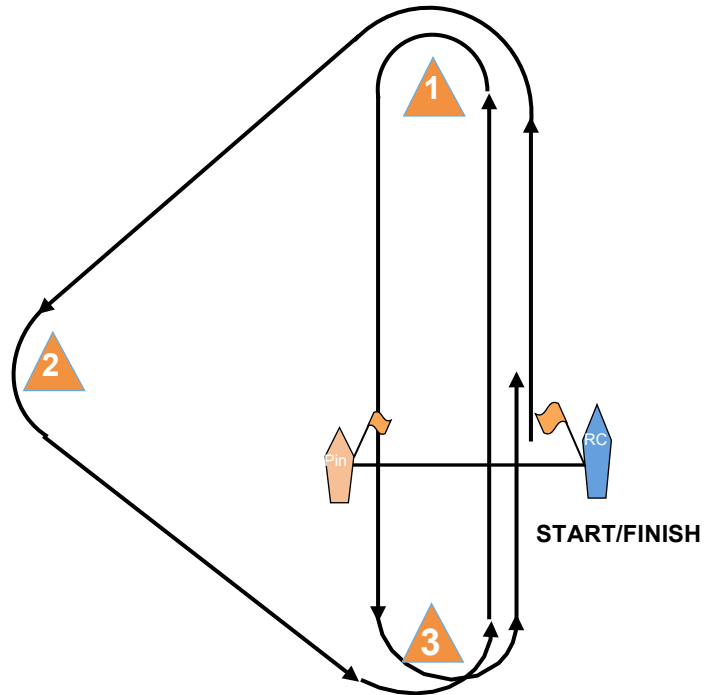
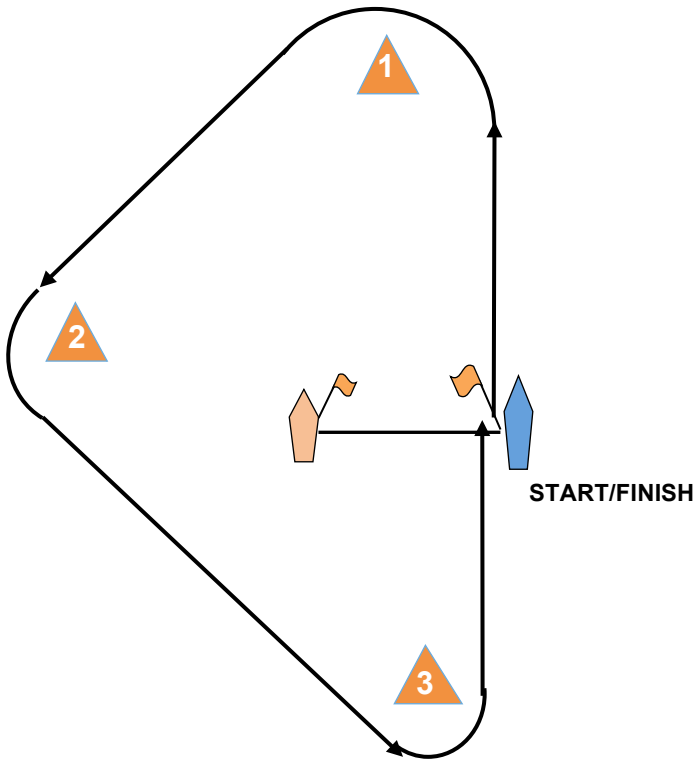
Attachment 3 Triangle

Triangle Course T

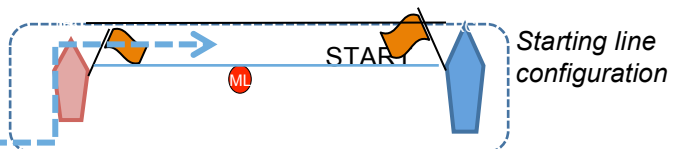
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Triangle Windward-Leeward Course TW

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish



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Starting line configuration



This shows the changes to the starting line area for finishes.

Attachment 4: 2017-2020 US Sailing Prescriptions

RRS 60.3 After **RRS 60.3** add

*US Sailing prescribes that **RRS 60.3(b)** is changed to:*

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

RRS 67 After **RRS 67** add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

*(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the **rules**. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*

*(c) A basic purpose of the **rules** is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the **rules**, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the **rules** shall be based on fault as determined by application of the **rules**, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

RRS 70.5(a) After **RRS 70.5(a)** add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

RRS 76.1 After **RRS 76.1** add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

RRS Appendix L Add Instruction 5.6

This is a US Sailing prescription

5.6 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

RRS 61.4 Add **RRS 61.4**

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

RRS 82 Add **RRS 82**

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.