

FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB  
Sunfish & Dinghy Series 2020  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Part I. General Instructions**

**MANAGEMENT AND RULES**

The FHYC Sunfish & Dinghy Series shall be conducted and managed by the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club, Ltd. It shall be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. All skippers should have a copy of, and be familiar with, the Racing Rules of Sailing

**ELIGIBILITY**

Entries shall be accepted from owners of sailing dinghies who complete the entry form and pay the entry fee.

**NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

There will be no skipper's meeting prior to racing. All notices to competitors shall be provided via email or telephone.

**CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to sailing instructions, if any, shall be provided via email. Verbal changes may be made on the water. Each competitor shall acknowledge hearing any change.

**SCHEDULE OF RACES.** Races will be held on Northwest Creek on the following dates: Apr 5, 19 & 26, May 3, 17 & 31; Jun 7, 14 & 21 Sep 13, 20 & 27; Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25 Three races are scheduled each day. Additional races may be held at the discretion of the PRO and confirmed by those skippers racing that day after each additional race.

**E. STARTING LINE and FINISH LINE**

The starting line shall be between the orange flag on the dock and an orange inflatable mark.

**H. WITHDRAWAL FROM RACING**

A yacht which retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, immediately upon arriving ashore.

**J. RECALL**

If one or more yachts cross the starting line prematurely, code flag X (white field with blue cross) shall be displayed and a sound signal given. This flag shall stay up until all premature starters have restarted properly or until the class warning flag for the next class is raised, but no more than four minutes. The Race Committee will endeavor to notify all premature starters by hail. Failure of the Race Committee to notify the offending yacht, or the order of hail, shall not entitle the yacht to redress. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of the yacht to start properly.

If a General Recall is deemed necessary by the Race Committee, code flag First Substitute (blue field with yellow triangular insert) shall be displayed and two sound signals shall be made. A new class warning flag will be given one minute after the first Substitute is removed. Subsequent classes shall have their starts delayed.

**K. POSTPONEMENT**

If the Race Committee determines that the race should be postponed, the Answering Pennant (alternating red and white vertical stripes) shall be displayed and two sound signals made.

When it is determined that the starting sequence can begin, the Answering Pennant shall be lowered 60 seconds before hoisting the new class warning signal flag and shall be accompanied by one sound signal

**L. ABANDONMENT**

The Race Committee may abandon or cancel a race in progress, or it may cancel a race not yet started, when existing conditions, in its judgment, make the race an unsatisfactory test of skill or constitute sufficient hazard to participants to warrant discontinuance. When such is the case, the Race Committee shall display code flag N (blue and white checkered) and make three sound signals.

**M. PENALTIES**

If a yacht infringes a rule of Part 2 of the Right of Way Rules, she may exonerate herself by making use of the One Turn Penalty as per Part 4, Rule 44. If a yacht touches a mark, she must do a One Turn Penalty as per Part 3, Rule 31.

## **Q. CHASE BOAT**

All races must have a chase boat to set marks, monitor mark passing, display race changes and provide safety watch and recovery of persons overboard.

## **R. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE**

All participants shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times without the flying of the "Y" flag. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40

## **Part II. The Race**

**A. CLASSES** There shall be classes for Sunfish, Tenders and other dinghies. At least three entries are required to constitute a class. Before the Warning Signal for the first starting group, all yachts must sail past the Race Committee and identify themselves to Race Committee personnel by hailing the yacht's sail number and class or division entered.

**B. TIME LIMIT.** There shall be no time limit for any race

**C. STARTING SIGNALS** Races will be started according to Rule 26 except that the sequence will start 3 minutes before the start, the Preparatory flag will go up two minutes before the start and come down one minute before the start. The warning signal for the first class will be at 2:00pm. The Committee will endeavor to start subsequent classes at 4 minute intervals, ie there will be a one minute delay between one class start and the next class's warning signal.

### **Class Flags.**

Sunfish, Class Flag          Tenders and other Dinghies,          Royal Blue.

AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS IN CLASSES WHOSE WARNING SIGNAL HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

**D. THE COURSE** The course for each race will be displayed on a course board on the dock. Marks in red are to be left to port, those in green to starboard. "W" indicates a windward mark, "L" a leeward mark, "T" a gybe or wing mark.

## **E. SCORING**

The high point scoring system of Appendix A, para. A2.1, will be used. There are 48 races scheduled for each class. No scores will be excluded to determine the winner. This changes Rule A2 modified by rule A9. A minimum of 12 races shall constitute a series. Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular race. Finishing place Score First N Second N-1 Third N-2 Fourth N-3 Each place thereafter Subtract 1 point

## **F. PROTESTS**

If a yacht wishes to protest the action of another, the protested yacht must be hailed immediately following the perceived infraction to allow the protested yacht to exonerate herself. Notice of the protest must be given to the Race Committee by hail immediately upon finishing the race and shall be acknowledged by the Committee.

All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within one hour after the conclusion of the last race for the day. All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be announced. It is the responsibility of all skippers involved in the protest to be present at that hearing.

## **G. AWARDS**

One trophy shall be awarded for every three yachts entered in a class up to nine. If more than nine yachts are racing in a class, one more trophy shall be awarded for every four additional yachts.