

FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
Sunfish & Dinghy Series 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by US Sailing, except as may be altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Competitors are not required to be a member of FHYC and/or US Sailing Association to participate in this racing series, however, All skippers should have a copy of, and be familiar with, Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors prior to 1100 race each day will be provided via email or telephone.
- 2.2 There will be no skipper's meetings.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions prior to 1100 each race day will be provided via email or telephone.
- 3.2 Prior to the warning sound verbal changes may be made on the water. Each competitor shall acknowledge hearing any change.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be made at a shore station located along the bulkhead at a point approximately half-way between the launch ramp and the Shoreline Marina.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A total of 54 races are scheduled. 12 races are required to constitute a series.
- 5.2 Three races are scheduled each day: Apr 7, 14, 21 & 28; May 5 & 19; Jun 2, 9, 23 & 30;
Sep 8, 15, 22 & 29; Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27.
- 5.3 Additional races may be held each race day at the discretion of the RO and verbally confirmed by each competitor.
- 5.3 The first signal for the first race each day is 1400 (2:00pm).
- 5.4 On Oct 27th the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530 (3:30pm)
- 5.5 Awards presentation and pizza party will be held Oct 27th after races.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Sunfish – Sunfish Class Flag Tenders & other Dinghies - Blue Flag. This changes Race Signals.
- 6.2 Before the Warning Signal for the first starting group, all boats must sail past the race committee and identify themselves by hailing the boat's sail number and class entered.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The course for each race will be windward/leeward as displayed on a course board ashore.
- 7.2 Marks indicated in red are to be left to port, those in green to starboard. "W" indicates a windward mark, "L" a leeward mark, "F" indicates finish line. "2" indicates twice around the course. The combination and sequence of the placards define the course to be sailed.

8 MARKS

The marks of the course are an orange 24 inch round floating buoy at the southerly end and the “No Wake” floating buoy located at northerly end.

9 THE START

9.1 The start line will be between the staff flying an orange flag from the shore station and a floating orange buoy.

9.2 Races will be started using Appendix “U” (Audible-Signal Racing System) modified as follows:

Signal	Sound	Time Before Start
Attention	5 short	3:30
Warning	3	3:00
Preparatory	2	2:00
	1 long	1:00
	Announcement	0:30
	Announcement	0:20
	Announcement	0:10
Start	1	0:00

10. INDIVIDUAL RECALL

The race committee will attempt to hail the sail number or competitors name of any boats that is OCS. Failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

All parts of the launch ramp and associated docks, the Shoreline Marina including the boats in the slips, and the dock lines, pilings and boats along the Inner Harbour bulkheads are designated as obstructions.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line shall be between the orange flag on the shore station and the floating orange buoy. The same location as the starting line. This changes Race Signals.

12.2 The finish line is open while sailing the course.

13. TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit for any race

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest or file for redress must announce that intent to the race committee upon finishing.

16.2 The rules of Appendix T apply, except that T1(b) is changed to a 20% Scoring Penalty.

16.3 The time and place of arbitration will be determined by the parties and the arbitrator.

17 SCORING

17.1 The series will be scored using a modified high point scoring system with no scores being excluded. This changes RRS 90.3 – Appendix A does not apply

17.2 Boats will be scored 1 point for finishing and 1 point for each boat that finishes thereafter. (e.g. First = N, Second N-1, Third N-2, Fourth N-3, etc., where N is the number of boats sailing the race.) For each place thereafter Subtract 1 point.

17.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 All participants shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal flotation device at all times. This changes rule 40.1.

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

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given for each boat that participates in a minimum of 12 races of the 54 race series.

20 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

32 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be either self-insured or carry adequate valid third-party liability insurance.