



*Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge and Dinghy Distance Race  
2022 Hampton One-Design Serio Regatta  
Hampton Yacht Club  
Saturday, September 17, 2022  
Hampton, Virginia*

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 International Sunfish Class Rules effective January 2022.  
[https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/ISCA\\_2021\\_Class\\_Rules\\_021921.pdf](https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/ISCA_2021_Class_Rules_021921.pdf)

1.3 All class rules for any one-design fleet that constitutes a class.

1.4 A boat shall not impede, or present a threat of impeding, the safe passage of a power-driven vessel in the Newport New Channel.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on Wednesday, September 14 at [hamptonyc.com](http://hamptonyc.com) and [OPCYC.org/racing](http://OPCYC.org/racing). Paper copies will be available at the skippers meeting. An opportunity exists to discuss any questions participants have about the SIs at the skippers meeting.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at [OPCYC.org/racing](http://OPCYC.org/racing).

3.2 [DP] All boats shall always carry a whistle to communicate with the safety boats. All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.

3.3 [DP] While on the water, boats needing assistance should attempt to contact safety boats with a whistle.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all Sunfish, Force5, Laser, Buccaneer, Mutineer, Mobjack, Flying Scott, RS Aero, Multi-hulls, Comets, Hobies, Vipers, Sonars and any other dinghy sailboats. The Sunfish class will be further divided into racing, recreational, and doubles classes.

4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://form.jotform.com/212276801477155>

4.3 Any boats entered with less than four class entries will be entered in the open class. The US Sailing North American Portsmouth Yardstick applies to boats racing under the open class.

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.5 Late entries will be accepted up until the morning of the race.

4.6 Participants are reminded that 2 people may sail a boat together in the regatta and parents are encouraged to bring your son or daughter out to race.

#### 5 FEES

5.1 All entrants must fill out an online entry form. Registration fee is \$35 for skippers and \$5 for crew. Registration fees include awards, evening meal and post-race beverages at the awards ceremony for skippers and crew.

5.2 Additional tickets can be purchased for \$15.

5.3 Entries completed after 1700 on September 10<sup>th</sup> will incur a \$15 late fee.

#### 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 2 person crews are allowed for all classes except Sunfish racing class and are encouraged.

#### 7 SCHEDULE

0800-0930 Registration & Light Breakfast at grassy area in front of the Hampton Yacht Club. Breakfast will be available and provided by the Hampton Yacht Club for a nominal charge, which includes taxes and gratuity.

0930 Skipper's Meeting.

1100 First Warning Signal, race start.

1700 Time Limit for all boats to clear the racecourse.

1730 Food, drinks, and awards at Hampton Yacht Club Bricks area.

## 8 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 [DP] A US Coast Guard or International equivalent personal flotation device must be always worn while racing.
- 8.2 [DP] A whistle must be always on board while racing.
- 8.3 [DP] 20-foot painter lines must be affixed to all dinghies in the event a tow is needed.

## 9 VENUE

- 9.1 Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd. Hampton, Va. 23669.

## 10 COURSES

- 10.1 The intended course to be sailed will consist of a start in Hampton Flats with at least one mark consisting of Middle Ground Lighthouse. Course is approximately 11 NM.
- 10.2 The start line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and an inflatable drop mark. The finish line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and CCV mark A.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 One-design scoring will be used for all Sunfish classes and any other established fleet
- 12.2 If 4 or more boats of the same type/design race, the fleet may be further subdivided.

12.3 Any boats entered with less than four class entries will be scored as an open class using the handicap system in the US Sailing North American Portsmouth Yardstick.

### 13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 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.**

For and in consideration of Hampton Yacht Club (the "Organization") allowing me to participate in any capacity in an Organization sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity ("Event" or "Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Organization, including any and all COVID-19 related safety measures required by the Organization.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of sailing, and that participation in any Organization involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants or natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not

readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me or any agents under my direction and control at any Event.

D. RELEASE: In consideration of my participation in any event, and acknowledging the material value provided to me by HYC in allowing my participation in any Event, I hereby release from liability and waive any claims against the owner or organizer of the Event, its licensees, competition managers, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, beneficiaries, venue providers, and supporting organizations, together with the officers, directors, employees, volunteers and contractors of them (the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY.

## 14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be given for all legal classes of 4 or more boats. The Serio Cup will be awarded to the top HOD.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For further information please contact regatta chair, Tim Etherington  
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