

2025 NOTICE OF RACES
Greater Detroit Sunfish Club, Fleet #50
Varying Venues in Michigan
Organizing Authority: Greater Detroit Sunfish Club



1 RULES

1.1 The regattas and series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (see <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/23114336/2025-2028-RRS-with-Changes-and-Corrections.pdf>) with US Sailing Prescriptions (see <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028-10.29.2024.pdf&ved=2ahUKewj47r394tGNAXchIkEHYjDHVYQFnoECB0QAQ&usg=AOvVaw2aXhsbaeps3UYh0Vi40txZ>) and the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association (see <https://www.sunfishclass.org/rulesandmeasurement>), except as modified by this Notice and the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regattas and series are open to all boats of the Sunfish class.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the 2025 membership form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club Treasurer by April 15. Entry shall include designating fleet(s) of intended competition: Senior Gold; Senior Blue; Ladies, Junior.
- 2.3 All persons involved in club activities must have an annual waiver on file with the GDSC Logkeeper prior to participation in any club activity.
- 2.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: completed form and payment submitted prior to starting the first race.
- 2.5 Ladies and Juniors may compete in Senior fleet races.

3. FLEET DESIGNATION

- 3.1 Senior Gold Fleet shall be comprised of experienced racers.
- 3.2 Senior Blue Fleet shall be comprised of developing and novice racers.
- 3.3 Ladies Fleet shall be comprised of all ladies regardless of age or experience.
- 3.4 Junior Fleet shall be comprised of all sailors not reaching the age of 19 by the end of 2025.
- 3.5 Any club member may move up to a higher fleet by advising the Race Committee Chairman (no going backwards). His or her prior fleet standings may be considered for season standings.
- 3.6 New skippers may be assigned to the Gold Fleet by the Race Committee.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Active Membership - \$40 individual dues (\$45 after April 15)
- Family Membership – \$65 -2 or more boats from same household (\$70 after April 15)
- Late-season Membership - \$20 per individual after July 15 (New members ONLY)
- Associate Members - \$10 (Non sailing members)
- Open Regatta Registration Fee (non-members) - \$20 individual entry fee (registration and waiver required)
- Introductory Event – Free (registration and waiver required, one day only)
- Regatta Host Family Membership – Fees waived in acknowledgement

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

Date	Location	First Warning
June 8	Watkins Lake (Gorman)	12:30 pm
June 28-29	Saginaw Bay, Tawas Lake St. Park	10:00 am
August 30-31	Higgins Lake, S. Higgins Lake St. Pk	10:00 am
September 13-14	Devils Lake, Manitou Beach	1:00 pm
September 21	Watkins Lake (Beadle)	12:30 pm
October 12	Baseline Lake	12:30 pm

On single dates no warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm. No fourth race warning signal will be made after 3:30pm.

On the first day of a GDSC-hosted race day, no warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm.

On the second day of a GDSC-hosted race day, no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm.

For race days hosted by other clubs, their Notice of Race Schedule shall apply.

The first three races of the Devils Lake Regatta shall count for the GDSC season series.

4.2 Number of races:

Weather and water conditions permitting there shall be three Senior fleet races minimum per day, a Ladies fleet race, and a Junior fleet race. The Ladies race and/or Junior race may be combined into a Senior race. By agreement of those present, additional races may be held on any given race day. The first four Senior races on any race day shall count for the season series.

5 QUALIFYING

To qualify for the season awards a sailor shall compete in one less than 50% of the races sailed.

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall be in compliance with the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions follow this document.

8 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward–leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

9 PENALTIES

9.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V is in effect.

9.2 Team racing during singles competition is cause for disqualification by the Race Committee (team racing is 2 boats racing as a team).

10. CONDUCT OF RACES

10.1 The Race Committee is responsible for conducting races.

10.2 The Race Committee chairman is responsible for making the final decision in the conduct of races, consulting the Race Committee Chair or club officers when appropriate.

10.3 Members of the Race Committee and those assisting (including the people in the Race Committee boat) are expected to make prompt, independent decisions in emergency situations involving safety.

10.4 Normal Starting sequence is as follows (in accordance with RRS 26):

Minutes to Start		Official Signal	Sound Signal
5	Warning	Sunfish Class Flag	X
4	Preparatory	Raise Code Flag P	X
1		Lower Code Flag P	X
0	Start	Lower Sunfish Class Flag	X

10.5 Individual Recall signal is verbal with one additional sound signal.

10.6 General Recall signal is two additional sound signals.

10.7 Official finishing is by sail number - called out by Race Committee.

10.8 Skippers officially enter a race by signing up on the race sheet prior to the race. If you are signed up but don't race, notify the Race Committee immediately after the race. If you do not finish or disqualify yourself, notify the Race Committee immediately.

10.9 Protests - notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Fill out a hearing form on shore and submit it to the Protest Chairman for determination.

10.10 Only club members present at the time of the race will have their results count toward any sailing awards.

11. RACE COMMITTEE BOAT DUTY

- 11.1 Race is run from the Race Committee boat which is to be operated by a minimum of 1 capable adult or person with boater safety certification.
- 11.2 Due to the small size of the club, the sailors in each fleet will be assigned one or more Race Committee boat duties. He/she will be awarded 3 points for the race and a "Did Not Compete" (DNC) for other races. One committee boat duty in a Senior race is minimum to be eligible for season awards.
- 11.3 Race Committee boat duty will count as the average of the days' races in the Travelers Trophy series as well as for regatta awards.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows:
 - Low point system: First = 1 point, Second = 2 points, Third = 3 points, Fourth = 4 points, etc.
 - Did not compete (DNC): points = number of boats registered for race plus 10.
 - Did not finish (DNF): points = number of boats registered for race plus 1.
 - Disqualified (DSQ): points = number of boats registered for race plus 1.
- 12.2 Ties
 - Ties will be decided as follows (in sequence):
 - Skipper with most firsts, seconds, thirds, etc. wins. If still tied, whichever skipper beat the other the most times, only races in which both skippers raced are used. If still tied, whichever boat beat the other in the most recent race of the day, series, or season.
- 12.3 Season Scoring:
 - Senior Fleets: Minimum 24 races scheduled (8 separate race events) - count the best 11 races.
 - Examples: 24 races - count 11; 11 races - count 11; 6 races count 11.
 - Ladies: 8 races scheduled - count best of half of the races sailed (maximum of 4).
 - Examples: 8 races - count 4; 4 races - count 4; 2 races – count 4.
 - Juniors: 8 races scheduled - count best of half of the races sailed (maximum of 4).
 - Examples: 8 races - count 4; 4 races - count 4; 2 races – count 4.

Travelers Trophy Series Trophies: Holiday Open Regattas scores combined for Club Members Only.

 - Senior Fleet:
 - 2 throw-outs if 12 or more races raced.
 - 1 throw-out if 6 or more races but less than 12.
 - 0 throw-outs if 5 or less races raced.
 - Junior Fleet: Count best 3 races.
 - Ladies Fleet: Count best 3 races.
- 12.4 Twelve Senior Fleet, 4 Ladies Fleet and/or 4 Junior Fleet races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.5 Scoring will be determined by skipper name only, regardless of boat used for all events – all races. No skipper may substitute for another.
- 12.6 Races will be held regardless of the number of boats – all fleets. In no wind or unsafe conditions, the Race Committee can cancel racing. Decision to be made at the sailing venue.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14 AWARDS

Awards will be given as follows:

Season Series

Fleet Champion

Senior Gold Fleet

Perpetual plus keepers to top 3

Senior Blue Fleet

Perpetual plus keeper to top 1

Ladies Fleet Champion

Perpetual plus keeper to top 1

Junior Fleet Champion

Perpetual plus keeper to top 1

Travelers Trophy Series

Perpetual to top finisher

Ladies Fleet Travelers

Trophy

Perpetual to top finisher

Junior Fleet Travelers

Perpetual to top finisher

Sportsman

Perpetual

Sportswoman

Perpetual

Junior Award

Perpetual

Novice Award

Perpetual

Fleet Captain

Perpetual plaque

Regattas:

1st – 3rd Gold Fleet

1st – Blue Fleet

1st-3rd Junior Fleet

1st – Ladies Fleet

Number of awards subject to adjustment based on number of active participation in each fleet.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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

Each participating boat is recommended to carry valid third-party liability insurance.

17 REGATTA EVENINGS

Greater Detroit Sunfish Club traditionally has a potluck dinner Saturday evening and group entertainment that may include a casual Euchre tournament, movie viewing, scavenger hunt or other group event. Regatta guests shall be guests at the dinner, though as we're all camping, please bring a plate, silverware and your beverage.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Race Committee Chair Kirk Beadle, kirk.beadle@yahoo.com, 313.600.7008, <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterDetroitSunfishClub>.

**GREATER DETROIT SUNFISH CLUB
2025 RACING SERIES AND REGATTAS
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regattas and series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing with US Sailing Prescriptions and the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association except as modified by this Notice and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Appendix P shall not apply.
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear a properly secured personal flotation foam-based device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing clothes.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Fleet Captain's vehicle or announced location.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. This may be done by email.
- 3.2 Oral changes may be given only on the water and shall be communicated to each boat before her warning signal.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Number of races:
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- 4.2 On single dates no warning signal will be made after 4:00 p.m.
On the first day of a regatta no warning signal will be made after 4:00 p.m.
On the second day of a regatta no warning signal will be made after 3:30 p.m.

5 MARKS

- 5.1 The marks will be orange balls.

6 THE START

- 6.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between the staff on the Race Committee boat and a buoy. Either may be at either end.

7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between the staff on the Race Committee boat and a buoy.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V is in effect.

9 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1 Hearing forms are available at the Race Committee boat. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 9.2 Protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee arrives at the dock after the last race of the day.
- 9.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at an announced time and location.

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11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

11.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

2025 GREATER DETROIT SUNFISH CLUB MEMBERSHIP / REGISTRATION



Membership is open to ALL SUNFISH owners / sailors and their immediate families.

NATIONAL and WORLD competitors must also join the UNITED STATES SUNFISH CLASS ASSOCIATION to enter "Qualifying" regattas (encouraged but not required for membership in GDSC).
Contact US Sunfish Class Association at <https://www.sunfishclass.org/>, sunfishoff@gmail.com, 404.451.7743

Your Name	Spouse Name	
Child 1	Birth Date	
Child 2	Birth Date	
Child 3	Birth Date	
Child 4	Birth Date	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	

REGISTER EACH BOAT IN YOUR FAMILY

Fleet = Gold / Blue / Ladies / Juniors

Sail #	Skipper	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies <input type="checkbox"/> Junior
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MEMBERSHIP / REGISTRATION FEES (Check type of membership/registration)

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Send registration and remittance by 4/15/2025, payable to: Debbie Pettitt
51381 Plymouth Heights Lane
Plymouth, MI 48170

ALL Participants MUST wear FOAM-FILLED LIFE JACKETS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

The undersigned, fully recognizing and acknowledging the inherent risk in sailing activities hereby releases the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club, its officers and agents, any municipalities, any park officers or their agents, from any and all liabilities arising out of, or as a result of, any accident or injury while participating in activities that are sanctioned, promoted or sponsored by the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club whether deemed through negligence or not on the part of any of the aforementioned persons or entities.
I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED IF AN APPLICANT IS A MINOR:

The undersigned Parent or Guardian, fully recognizing and acknowledging the inherent risk in sailing activities, hereby releases the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club, its' officers and agents, any municipalities, any park officers or their agents, from any and all liabilities arising out of, or as a result of, any accident or injury while participating in activities that are sanctioned, promoted, or sponsored by the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club whether deemed through negligence or not on the part of any of the aforementioned persons or entities.

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