



Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge & Dinghy Distance Race

Notice of Race

Saturday, September 24, 2011

1. Rules

This regatta is governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the 2009 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 The Sunfish Class Rules
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is: **Portsmouth Boat Club**

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 All Sunfish, Club 420, Laser, Force 5, Thistle, Windsurfer, and any other dinghy sailboat competitors may enter by completing the online registration, located at <http://www.hrsunfishrace.com>.
- 2.2 All entrants must fill out an On line Entry Form or call Jonathan Romero at (757) 285-6017 to register by phone. There will be a \$30.00 registration fee.
- 2.3 Registration on the morning of the regatta, September 24, 2011 between 0800 and 0830 at the Willoughby Boat Ramp, in Norfolk Va.
- 2.4 Participants are reminded that per the class rules, 2 people may sail a boat together in the regatta, **so fathers, bring your son or daughter out to race.**

3. Risk

- 3.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue to race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. 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. The competitors will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

4. SCHEDULE

- 0800-0930** Registration & Light Breakfast at Old Dominion Univ. Sailing Center. Light Breakfast provided by **Yorgo's Bageldashery**.
- 0945** Skipper's Meeting
- 1030** First Warning Signal, race start.
- 1500** Time Limit for all boats to clear the racecourse
- 1600** Food, drinks, raffle, and awards at the ODU sailing center.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration. An opportunity exists to discuss any questions participants have about the SI at the skipper's meeting.

6. Course

- 6.1 These will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. It is likely they will be: A water start from the Willoughby Boat Ramp Beach Area, down the Elizabeth River, to a finish off of the ODU Sailing Center pier.

A map of the course is located at <http://www.hrsunfishrace.com>, and will be included in the SI.

7. Scoring

7.1 One-design scoring will be used for all Sunfish, and any other established fleets, with all other boats, scoring will be per US Sailings Portsmouth Yard Stick 2009.

7.2 If 4 or more boats of the same type race, the fleet maybe further subdivided.

8. Safety

8.1 **Radio Communications:** All boats will be required to, at all times, **carry a whistle** to contact the safety boats.

8.1a. Whistles will be available for purchase at registration, but we encourage you to please bring your own.

8.2 **A US Coast Guard or International equivalent personal flotation device must be worn at all times when racing.**

9. Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to:

9.1 Sunfish Fleet will be subdivided into 3 classes, Racing, Recreation, & Novice, with 4 trophies awarded in each class.

9.2 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each class.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. This is really important so we listed it twice.

11. Changes will be announced on the race website, <http://www.hrsunfishrace.com>

12. Additional Information & Contacts

Regatta Chair: Jonathan Romero (757) 285-6017 Romeroarms@cox.net



Waiver of Liability Agreement

Please accept this Entry Application for the 2011 *Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge & Dinghy Distance Race* in Norfolk, Virginia. I hereby agree to comply with the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

I recognize sailing can be a hazardous sport that can result in serious injury or death. I accept the risks inherent in sailing and its environment. Since I am signing on behalf of a minor, I recognize that I may not release any claims the minor may have. However, I accept full responsibility for all medical expenses and claims incurred as a result of the minor's participation in or travel to and from this regatta.

I also agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify Portsmouth Boat Club, the City of Norfolk, their advisory councils, officers, members, agents, employees, and insurers, both jointly and severally, for any claims brought by the minor for any injury or damage resulting from any cause, including negligence, which arise out of participation in this regatta.

This release is binding as to any other persons, including family members, heirs, and executors. This release does not apply to gross negligence or intentional acts. We agree that the jurisdiction and venue will be Norfolk, VA. USA, and that Virginia State law will govern any arbitration or litigation.

My signature below means I have read, understood, and agree to the conditions and responsibilities as outlined in this Agreement.

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

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