

Sunfish Distance Race Port A to Aransas Bay Sprint

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Organizing Authority: Rockport Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

INVITATION. You are cordially invited to participate in the 2023 Sunfish Distance Race Port A to Aransas Bay Sprint hosted by the Rockport Yacht Club. This race is open to all Sunfish class sailboats that file a proper entry form and pay the entry fee by the skippers meeting at 9:00 am, Saturday, May 20.

RULES. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)* and the Sailing Instructions to be provided at the Skippers Meeting. Membership in a class organization is not required. All boats shall have sail numbers which match the registration form. Sail numbers meeting class standards are required.

ELIGIBILITY. The regatta is open to all Sunfish class sailboats and sailors aged 18 and above. Membership in a yacht club is encouraged but not required.

ENTRY. The entry fee is \$45.00 payable online in advance or by cash or check at the skippers meeting. Eligible boats may enter by one of the following methods:

- Registering online at rockportyachtclub.org for the event on the RYC Activities Calendar and submitting payment electronically; or
- Downloading this NOR and completing the attached entry form; then emailing it to Brad Chilcote, Vice Commodore of the Rockport Yacht Club (bc sail@c-estlavietx.com) and paying by cash or check at the skippers meeting; or
- Downloading the NOR and bringing a completed entry with cash or check to the skippers meeting. In this case, for planning purposes, please email your intentions to bc sail@c-estlavietx.com prior to the skippers meeting if possible.

SKIPPER'S MEETING. The skippers meeting will be held at the Rockport Yacht Club at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 20, 2023; located at 722 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382.

CLASS RULES. The International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) Class Rules approved September 7, 2022 and amended March 3, 2023 shall apply.

LAUNCH/RETRIEVAL. Boats will launch from a negotiated recommended launch site in Port Aransas. For participants without a second driver, arrangements will be made to transport sailors back to the launch site for retrieving their vehicles/trailers. Facilities exist at the RYC Clubhouse boat ramp for storing the boats out of the water until the vehicle/trailer is available.

RACING. A single race will be run. The starting line will be located in the Lydia Ann Channel near the Lydia Lighthouse and the finish line will be inside Rockport Harbor near the Rockport Yacht Clubhouse. The course will predominantly be a Leeward Course into Aransas Bay with a single Leeward mark for boats to turn Windward prior to entering the Rockport Harbor. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 12:30 am. The Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the skippers meeting on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:00 am.

SAFETY. Every boat in the race area, whether participant, race committee, or spectator, is required to comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations for equipment carried aboard. The race committee will provide one support

power boat with VHF radio for every five entries. Rules of navigation require all boats to keep clear of any commercial traffic operating in the Intracoastal waterway or other areas of the regatta course.

AWARDS. The awards presentation will be held at the Rockport Yacht Clubhouse approximately 45 minutes after the last boat finishes; or after 3:30 pm, whichever is earlier.

COMMUNICATION. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Principal Race Office Brad Chilcote can be contacted on Channel 71 or by mobile phone at 214-906-4810.

POST RACE ACTIVITIES. Following the race a Happy Hour with appetizers will be provided with a cash bar at the Rockport Yacht Club.

DISCLAIMER. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 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

FURTHER INFORMATION. For further information please contact Regatta Chair Brad Chilcote at 214-906-4810 or bcsail@c-estlavietx.com.

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ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Sail #: _____

Entry Fee: \$45.00

Race Entry Agreement with Rockport Yacht Club.

In consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I agree to the following:

1. My sailboat will be equipped to conform to USCG safety requirements and those of the ISCA Class Rules.
2. I agree with the RYC Race Committee and all other contestants to comply with all the Rules of Sailing as per US SAILING Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 and Sailing Instructions governing the race. Any Changes to the rules will be announced at the skippers meeting.
3. IN CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MY REGISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA AND, RECOGNIZING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPORT OF SAILING, THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY WAIVES ALL CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND HEREBY RELEASES THE ROCKPORT YACHT CLUB AND ALL OF THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND THE REGATTA VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS, OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF WHATEVER KIND, INCLUDING THOSE OF NEGLIGENCE AND GROSS NEGLIGENCE, WHICH I MIGHT HAVE, ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE REGATTA AND ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING THERETO.
4. I assume any risk of injury to myself, and or my sailboat arising out of my participation in the race.
5. I certify that I am able to swim.
6. I will notify the RYC Race Committee immediately of my withdrawal form the race.
7. I own or have chartered the sailboat entered.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Payment: Cash: _____ Check#: _____

Please bring this form with Cash or Check to Skippers Meeting

Principal Race Officer: Brad Chilcote
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