

Summer Sunfish Sailing Series

General Information

The Summer Sunfish Sailing Series is designed to bring older Sunfish back to the water in a friendly, semi-competitive, heavily handicapped fashion. Races are held every Thursday evening (weather permitting) during the summer. A total of ten Thursdays will constitute the series. Occasionally more than one race will be held on a given evening. Starts and finishes are off the dock and government marks are used. Racing starts at 6:30.

Although the handicapping system awards older boats and family participation, individuals wishing to hone their skills are also welcome. A Portsmouth class is scored separately from the Sunfish so Snipes, Lasers, MC Scows, Windsurfers, and the lonely Harpoon frequently join the fun. Optimist Prams are also given a separate start.

Following the race everyone is invited to share grills (for cooking) and side dishes under the pavilion. Senior US Sailing judges will occasionally present mock protest hearings for educational purposes. If there are actual protests, I suppose they will hear those also.

The purpose of the series is to offer a non-threatening environment for lightly competitive sailing, while introducing the sailors and the spectators to various conditions, signal flags and procedures used by the race committee.

SCORING

The scoring system used is a cumulative system, wherein scores are assigned for each race and totaled for the series. Weeks that you don't sail you don't get any points. The formula used is:

$$\text{Score} = (\text{WT} / \text{YT}) (\text{BBY} + 1) (100)$$

WT winner's time

YT your time

BBY Boats Behind You

Time is in seconds. For Portsmouth fleets time is corrected using the Portsmouth yardstick prior to inserting into the formula. Since this is a Sunfish Series, handicaps only go to Sunfish.

Handicaps are awarded as defined below. Boats must complete the assigned course before handicap is awarded.

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| Additional person on board | 150 |
| Recreational sail (without window) | 150 |
| Recreational sail (with window) | 100 |
| Wooden daggerboard | 100 |
| Old style rudder (pre 1972) | 200 |
| Lack of tiller extension | 150 |
| Use of JIYC hull | 50 |
| Holes in sail (each) Holes are defined as any opening large enough to pass a standard size beer can. | 50 |
| Holes in hull (each) Hull holes are defined as openings large enough to pass a dime. They may be temporarily covered with duct tape. | 50 |

Handicaps are cumulative. Additional handicaps may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.