



**The Crooked Lake Yacht Club**  
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**Summer 2023 Sunfish Series**  
**Sailing Instructions**

Races will be governed by US Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing. These instructions provide further details unique to CLYC's Sunfish Series.

**Participation**

Races are open to both members and non-members of CLYC. It is suggested that competitors make a donation to CLYC to offset the cost of running the races, if they are so inclined. Racing will be held in Sunfish sailboats.

By virtue of their participation, all competitors and spectators assume responsibility for their own personal safety and that of their property.

**Schedule, Start Time of Races**

Sunfish Series races are planned to be held each Saturday and Wednesday afternoon June 28 – August 12, with the exception of July 15. That day is the Crooked Lake Fiasco regatta, which will be scored independently of the series. Three races are scheduled per race day. The day's first race starts with an attention signal at or around 1:30 PM and the remaining races will be held in succession.

At the race committee's discretion, certain races may involve multiple starts ('pursuit races'). The committee will make a verbal announcement prior to a pursuit race indicating the starting sequence to be used for that race. Pursuit races will not be scored for the season series.

The Youth division may start separately from the rest of the fleet. In such races, the Youth sailors will not be scored in the Open division season series but will be scored in the Youth division season series.

Race days are subject to cancellation due to weather or other circumstances. The season may be shortened or extended, with an effort made to communicate any changes to the competitors.

**Courses**

Race courses will be on the waters of Crooked Lake offshore from CLYC. The race committee will establish a starting line between a race committee boat and mark 'S' and place course marks before each race. Courses will be displayed visually on placards posted on the committee boat or be communicated via an auditory hail to the competitors. For the visual signal method, each placard will be either red or green and will show either a number or the letter 'S'. Each placard represents a mark of the course. If a placard is green, the mark represented is to be passed to starboard and if a placard is red, the mark represented is to be passed to port. The number/letter on the placards represent the location of the marks as follows:

<i>Number/Letter</i>	<i>Location</i>
S	Near Committee Boat, offshore from CLYC
1	West of starting line, usually just North of Graham Point
2	South of starting line, usually near the center of the lake
3	East of starting line, usually just West of the sandbar

## Starting

Unless otherwise communicated, starts will be conducted using the methodology in US Sailing's Appendix U "Audible-Signal Racing System". While the text of Appendix U will govern, below is an excerpt that outlines the starting sequence:

The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times. These signals shall be timed from their commencement and shall govern, even if visual signals are also used:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Time before start</i>
Attention	Series of short sounds	Before the warning
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minutes
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	5 short, 1 second apart	5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 seconds
Starting	1 long	0

## Scoring

Divisions. There will be two divisions scored for all races—an Open division and a Youth division. All skippers will be scored in the Open division and skippers who have yet to reach their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of racing will be also scored in the Youth division. The Open division champion will be deemed CLYC's 'Adult' season champion and the Youth division champion will be deemed CLYC's 'Youth' season champion.

Qualification for series scoring. By virtue of competing in at least one race, all competitors are included in the final series results.

Race scores. Define 'N' to be the number of skippers that compete (i.e. come to the starting area) in a particular race. Each skipper finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

<i>Finishing Place</i>	<i>Score</i>
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 point

Any skippers that compete in a race that do not start, do not finish, or finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Skippers that do not compete in a race (DNC) will not be scored.

Series scores. The series score for each skipper will be the sum of the points earned for that skipper's 'X' highest scores, with 'X' defined as the whole number representing 60% of all races scored (no rounding). For clarification, if 39 races are scored for the season, a skipper's best 23 race scores will be summed for that skipper's final series score.

Ties. Ties for the series will be broken in the following order: 1) number of total races sailed, 2) score in the last race in which at least one of the tying skippers sailed.