

**Special Races  
SI's**

**WINDLASSES  
Notice of Races  
Sailing Instructions  
Cruising  
Special Races  
September 2011 - May 2012**

**Rules**

The races will be governed by the current The Racing Rules of Sailing.

**Eligibility**

The races are open to all members in good standing.

**Registration**

Members shall indicate their intention to race using electronic sign up or on the official notice board. Sailing instructions will be made available prior to each special race.

**Schedule, Categories and Courses**

Each special race will have the same categories as the current series race being sailed. Schedule time will be posted at least two weeks prior to the race date and the course will be posted at least one hour prior to the race time.

**Make Up races**

Prams/OPPI/IOD: Any special race required to be postponed will be sailed next series race and the first race will be scored as both the special race and the series race.

Sunfish: Any special race required to be postponed will be sailed the next series race and the average of all races sailed will be scored as both the special race and the series race.

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Asst. Race Chairman*	Holly Dowling	727-772-5968	727-215-4737
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Sunfish Assignments*	Leah Hayes	727-771-1504	
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\* Members of the Planning Race Committee  
RC = Race Committee

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Windlasses is the organizing authority for four series and special races in Sunfish, International Optimist Dinghy (IOD) and Clearwater Optimist Prams/OPPI's on Thursdays in St. Joseph's Sound off the Dunedin Boat Club and Pram Shed. The pram fleet will consist of IOD's, Clearwater Optimist Prams and OPPI's. Each series has five or six race days and the schedule is published on the Windlass website and in the Windlass roster.

**Rules**

The races will be governed by the by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing, As modified by the SI's in 6.4, 9.1, 10.3, 11.3, and 14*

**Eligibility**

The races are open to all members who have met the requirements of Windlasses membership in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Bylaws and have signed a waiver of liability form.

**Registration**

Members shall indicate their intention to race either a Pram/OPPI, IOD, or Sunfish by signing the sheet on an official notice board or notifying their assignment coordinator in writing two weeks before the start of each series. Pram/OPPI sailors who do not race after registering may not be assigned to a fleet for the following series. The assignment coordinators will make fleet assignments and post them on the website and on an official notice board. Sailing instructions will be available at the *General Meeting and Coffee* in August to all members who have met the requirements.

**City-Owned Equipment**

Pram/OPPI selection consists of choosing a boat each week and signing by that number on the posted boat sign up list. No Pram/OPPI sailor may use the same boat more than once in any racing series. The city-owned IOD's will be assigned by a lottery system. All sailors will be eligible to enter the lottery allowing them to sail an IOD for the series. If no one else enters the lottery other than those who have already sailed, those sailors would be eligible to place their name in the lottery again.

City-Owned Sunfish (COS) will be assigned by a lottery system. All sailors who have notified the COS coordinator at least three weeks prior to the start of the series will be eligible to enter the Sunfish lottery. The COS sailors selected by lottery will be assigned a specific sunfish for that series. In the following series all sailors may enter the lottery, although preference shall be given to those who have not previously sailed a city-owned sunfish

**Series Awards and Series Qualifications**

No. Assigned to Fleet	No. of Awards
Fewer than 5	2
5-8-	3
9-12	4
13 and up	5

To qualify for a series award, a sailor must compete in more than half of the races completed in that series.

**Cruises**  
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Cruises will be sailed under the management of the Cruise Chairman & Cruise Committee. Available Prams/OPPIs/IODs will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have signed up for cruises. Prams will be assigned only to those members who have successfully completed the new member orientation program. City-owned sunfish may be available to members who have successfully completed the new member orientation program.

**Times** - Boats should be rigged and ready to go at 0900, unless announced otherwise. Plan on being out until at least 1400.

**Safety** - All persons (guests included) must sign in before launching. A buddy system will be used. Only one sailor is permitted in each Pram/OPPI/IOD and two sailors in the city-owned sunfish.

**Guests** - A fee may be charged for guests. Members must arrange rides for guests. No guests are permitted on the grape cruise. Guests are not permitted on city-owned boats.

**Equipment**— members and guest should provide sun protection and wear proper shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Members and guests must provide their own water for drinking. Minimum Coast Guard equipment required for a dinghy: Coast Guard approved life jacket with a whistle attached by a lanyard. A Coast Guard inflatable life jacket is not counted as a life jacket unless it is being worn.

**Course** - Cruise Chairman will determine course and destination. Prams shall stay with the cruising group. Other boats may leave the group but must inform Cruise Chairman and assume their own liability.

**Towing** - The safety boat has the authority to tow any city-owned boat. Upon return to the Pram shed, the boat will be cleaned and properly stored by the assigned sailor.

Preference will be shown to non-sailing race committee members when providing transportation for cruises.

## 12 Safety and Equipment

**12.1** Each sailor is responsible for the seaworthiness of her boat. Sailors of city-owned boats must perform a visual inspection and check the Maintenance Request List, hanging on the wall to the left side of the work bench, before making a boat selection.

**12.2** No pram/OPPI sailor may use an individual boat more than once during each racing series.

**12.3** Prior to the warning signal for a fleet's first race of the day, sailors shall sail by the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack, check in by hailing name, sail number and receiving RC acknowledgement. Failure to check in properly may result in being scored DNC for any races that day.

**12.4** Sailors who retire should attempt to report to the RC before leaving the racing area.

**12.5** The RC may order a city-owned boat towed at any time.

**12.6** Sailors of city-owned boats shall report damage, however slight, by indicating on the Maintenance Request List, the sail number, sailor's name, date and damage sustained. The advisory board will resolve any disputes concerning payment if the protest committee determines that the sailor was responsible.

**12.7** All boats racing shall be equipped with an attached painter at least as long as the boat and Coast Guard required equipment.

**12.8** The floating dock is for the use of the safety boats and support boats only. Failure to comply will result in +5 points added to the sailor's score in the first race of the day. This score cannot be discarded.

## 13 Protests and Requests for Redress

**13.1** Forms for protests and requests for redress are available on the official bulletin board or on the web site. Forms must be delivered: by hand, mailed or emailed to the protest chairman within 48 hours of the race involving the incident.

**13.2** The protest chairman will appoint a committee and notify parties of the time and location of the protest hearing.

**13.3** The skipper of a city-owned boat disabled through a breakdown of equipment may seek redress from the protest committee. She must make every effort to finish the race provided that no further damage will occur. Rule A10 will apply.

## 14 Scoring

**14.1** Series Races - The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used as changed below. Rule A9 will apply.

**14.2** A2 is changed as follows: A boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst 1/3 scores.

**14.3** Three races will constitute a series when 15 are scheduled; two races will constitute a series when 10-12 scheduled; one race will constitute a series when 5 races are scheduled.

**14.4** The following addition and change are made to A4.2:

OOD (assigned or scheduled Race Committee, Mark/Safety Boat duty) shall receive an average of all points in all races, excluding DNC, in the series.

## Sailing Instructions September 2011 - May 2012

### Part I

**1** Parking for Pram sailors is available in the east lot by the park. Owners of privately-owned boat shall not park their boats south of the sunfish launching ramp. Their cars shall not be parked on the west side of the lot and within ten feet north of the davits for the mark set/safety boat.

**2** All boats should be rigged and ready to race not less than 15 minutes before the scheduled first signal time. Delays shall be communicated to and from the on the water RC via the radio operator who will be located near the bench between the pram shed and the Dunedin boat club house.

**3** Prior to the start, after checking in with the signal boat and between races, sailors shall wait in the holding area shown on the course diagram. If the race committee is starting or finishing another class, sailors shall not attempt to check in.

**4** Sunfish and individually-owned IOD's may be washed north of the boat club only. Do not use equipment owned by the slip renters.

**5** Sailors may choose or be assigned a volunteer duty before the beginning of each series. The duties will be posted on the website and on the official bulletin board. Sailors not performing their assigned or chosen duties may not be given a fleet assignment for the following series.

### Part II

#### 1 Rules

The races will be governed by the rules defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*. As modified by the *SI's* in 6.4, 9.1, 10.3, 11.3, and 14

#### 2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to prams will be posted on an official notice board. Sunfish notices will be posted on the back door on the Windlass equipment locker or on an easel on the southwest corner of the pram shed

#### 3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

**3.1** On shore - Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted 45 minutes before the first signal of the first race on the day that they will take effect.

**3.2** On the water - Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made by the RC by flying the "L" flag with one sound signal and notifying all competitors of the change.

#### 4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole near the Pram Shed.
- 4.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP is lowered.
- 4.3 The RC may postpone the start of any of the fleet's races up to, but not to exceed, 60 minutes before postponing to a later day or abandoning those races.
- 4.4 Flag "L" means "A notice has been posted on an official notice board." Or on the water come within hail of the signal boat.

#### 5 Schedule and Number of Races

- 5.1 The schedule and number of races will be posted in the Pram shed and will be announced per the notice of races.
- 5.2 Any changes to the schedule of races will be made by posting one week before it will take effect or notification by email or telephone of all affected not less than 12 hours before it will take effect.
- 5.3 Makeup races for special races will be scheduled for the following race day for only those sailors who has previously registered. Prams- the first race of the makeup day will count for the special races charm in addition to counting for the first race of the regular race day. Sunfish- all three races will count for the special races charm in addition to counting for a regular race day.

#### 6 Other Flags

- 6.1 Pram and IOD class - Pram insignia on purple.
- 6.2 Champion Sunfish class - Sunfish insignia on yellow.
- 6.3 Challenger Sunfish class - Sunfish insignia on pink.
- 6.4 White flag with the black numeral "1" sail one triangle or white flag with the black numeral "2" sail two triangles when displayed as the Preparatory flag. This changes racing rules 26 & 27.1.

#### 7 Courses

- 7.1 The diagram of the Pram/OPPI and IOD courses that may be sailed each race day will be posted on the official notice board and web site. Pram/OPPI and IOD on the water race committee will post the course for each race on the signal boat.
- 7.2 The diagrams for the sunfish courses will be posted on the back of the door of the Windlass equipment locker in the Dunedin Pram shed or an easel on the southwest corner of the pram shed

#### 8 Marks

Marks will be orange balls and/or flags. Balls for the Pram/OPPI and IOD course have a black stripe around them. Sunfish marks will be solid orange balls.

#### 9 The Start

9.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the following changes or unless altered by 6.4.

Visual Signal	Sound	Time to Start
Warning - Class Flag (up)	1 - horn	3 min.
Preparatory - Flag (up) P, 1, or 2	1 - horn	2 min.
Preparatory - Flag (down)	1 - long horn	1 min.
Start - Class Flag (down)	1 - horn	0

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the port end starting mark.

9.3 Wind requirements for starting or canalling races shall include a minimum 3 knots across the course and not to exceed 18 knots sustained.

#### 10 The Finish

10.1 The sunfish finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the floating mark at the port end of the line.

10.2 The Pram/OPPI and IOD finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the floating mark approximately ten boat lengths from the port side of the signal boat. This mark is a mark of the course only at the finish.

10.3 For the trapezoid courses for the finishing line will be off the bow of the signal boat. This changes 10.1 and 10.2

#### 11 Time Limit

11.1 Time limits are as follows:

Class	First Mark Time Limit	Race Time Limit
Pram/OPPI, IOD	15 minutes	25 minutes
Sunfish	15 minutes	45 minutes

A race shall be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within the first mark time limit or if no boat has finished within the race time limit.

11.2 The race committee may award last place to any boat(s) unduly delaying the start of the next race.

11.3 Any Pram/OPPI IOD not finished within 15 minutes of the first boat of her start shall be scored DNF. This changes rule 63.1.