

# Joe's Pond Association

## 2026 Sunfish Sailboat Race

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All participants must have a life preserver on board and the Commodore mandates any one <16 years of age wear the life preserver at all times.

### Basic right of way rules to avoid protests, disqualifications or collisions

- **Port – Starboard** Port tack boat keeps clear
- **Windward – Leeward** Windward boat keeps clear
- **Tacking** Tacking boat keeps clear
- **Luffing** Windward boat before the start is OK
- **Barging** Don't force your way between the Committee boat and another boat at start
- **Over easy** Return and start over, keep clear of all boats
- **Buoy room** Give room to all boats that have inside overlap
- **Luffing after start** You may luff an overtaking boat to protect your position
- **Hitting a mark** Circle the mark once and continue racing
- **"360" rule** Infractions above will be on the honor system and require a complete circle

### Starting rules

The Commodore will position the Committee boat perpendicular to the first leg and all boats will pass between the first buoy and the Committee boat at the start of the race. The first leg will be into the wind. The Commodore will sound a series of horn blasts as follows:

- Three long blasts 3 minutes to start
- Two long blasts 2 minutes to start
- One long blast 1 minute to start
- Three short blasts 30 seconds to start
- Two short blasts 20 seconds to start
- One short blast 10 seconds to start
- One long blast **START**

The race will go four legs and the finish will be at the second buoy. The Committee boat will be positioned perpendicular to the line between the first and second buoy, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> buoy. Boats must pass between the 2<sup>nd</sup> buoy and the Committee boat.

## Scoring

Tally the best 3 races out of the four races for the season. Highest point total wins. If tied then the one with the most wins is the first tiebreaker. If still tied, best finish in the last race is the second tiebreaker.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 9 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: 7 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: 6 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place: 5 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place: 4 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> place: 3 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> place: 2 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> place or higher: 1 point

## Races sponsored by Caledonian Record

Regular season races start at 1 pm sharp:

- 21 June 2026 with rain date of 28 June 2026
- 12 July 2026 with rain date of 19 July 2026
- 2 August 2026 with rain date of 9 August 2026

Final race starts at 1 pm sharp

- 23 August 2026 with rain date of 30 August 2026

Award ceremony will follow the final race at Smith's place on North Shore Road. Trophies will be awarded for the winners in the Single Division and Double Division.