



Sailing Instructions

For All 2017 Series Races of the DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

April 1st through October 21st, 2017

1 EVENTS

The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) will conduct six (6) Race Series in 2017 as the organizing authority. These Race Series will be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Aurora, CO.

2 RULES

These DSA Race Series will be governed by rules as defined by the current *2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as changed by these Sailing Instructions (SI's), the 2017 NOS and the Boating Regulations of Colorado Parks & Wildlife for Cherry Creek State Park.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 No individual race registration is required. DSA Membership is required. All boats must be helmed primarily by a Denver Sailing Association member (Admiral, Flag, Honorary or Junior), in good standing for the 2017 Season. **All Races sailed prior to complete payment of 2017 membership dues will be scored DNC.**

3.2 The Thaw-out and Frostbite Race Series are open to all boats; PHRF and Portsmouth.

3.3 The Spring and Summer Wednesday Night Keel Race Series are open to self-righting (PHRF) boats.

3.4 The Spring and Summer Thursday Night Dinghy/Portsmouth Race Series are open to all dinghies and keelboats 21 feet in length (LOA) or less.

3.5 Fleet status will be given to five (5) or more One Design (OD) boats that sail in a series. All other boats will race in a handicap fleet. OD Boats shall sail in a Handicap Fleet until five (5) boats of that Design have sailed in the series. Once any OD boats have qualified as a fleet in a series, they will continue as a fleet for the duration of that series.

Keel boats will be handicapped under PHRF. **All** boats racing on Thursday Night will be handicapped by Portsmouth. Keel Boats, less than 21 feet in length, racing in the Portsmouth Series are restricted to jib (blade) and NO spinnakers. Boats handicapped by Portsmouth must have ratings based on more than five data points to be eligible for a trophy.

3.6 Competitors must have and sail under a unique/non-duplicated mainsail number. Failure to do so may compromise scoring. In the event two (2) or more boats are sailing under the same mainsail number, all boats with that number may be listed **DNF** until the duplication is identified and resolved.

3.7 Competitors shall schedule/report when they intend to meet their **Item 19, RACE COMMITTEE (RC) REQUIREMENTS**, to have their race results scored.

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4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Denver Sailing Association Clubhouse. In addition, notices will be posted on the Denver Sailing Association website (www.denversailing.org).

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted at least one (1) hour before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1900 hours, one week before to when it will take effect. RC may change the sailing instructions on the water by flying the "Code L" flag and informing each competitor of the change.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Denver Sailing Association mariners' pole.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.

7.2 **Thaw-out Series:** Five (5) Saturdays - April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2017. First warning signal at 1300 hours. Up to five (5) races per day are scheduled. No race warning will be signaled after 17:00. Life jackets (PFD) shall be required to be worn for all racing for this series.

7.3 Keel /PHRF Boats Series:

7.31 **Spring Wednesday Night Keel Boat Series:** Ten (10) Wednesdays- May 3th through July 5th, 2017. First warning signal at 1820 hours.

7.32 **Summer Wednesday Night Keel Boat Series:** Ten (10) Wednesdays- July 12th through September 13, 2017. The First Warning signal will be at 1820 hours on July 13 through August 24. The First Warning signal will be at 1800 hours on August 31 through September 14.

7.4 Dinghy/Portsmouth Series:

7.41 **Spring Thursday Night (Dinghy/Portsmouth) Series:** Ten (10) Thursdays – May 4 through July 6, 2017. First Warning signal at 1820 hours.

7.42 **Summer Thursday Night (Dinghy/Portsmouth) Series:** Ten (10) Thursdays- July 13 through September 14, 2017. The First Warning signal will be at 1820 hours on July 13 through August 25. The First Warning signal will be at 1800 hours on September 1 through September 15.

7.5 **Frostbite Series:** Five (5) Saturdays - September 23 through October 21, 2017. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. No race warning will be signaled after 17:00.

7.6 Two (2) races are scheduled for each evening series and five (5) races are scheduled for each weekend afternoon. After the completion of the scheduled races, additional **unscored** races may be run at the discretion of the Race Committee of the Day.

8 **RACING AREA** All races shall be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Aurora, CO. The racing area is shown in the Reference Chart in Appendix A at the end of these sailing instructions.

9 COURSES

The Race Committee will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the marks to be rounded on a board displayed on the committee boat. Inflatable marks will be indicated by letters W, G & L. Numbers 1 through 8 indicate permanent marks. All mark roundings will leave the mark to port except any gates. The use of the placard "SL" indicates a Starting Line Gate. All racers shall run this gate as part of the course.

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10 MARKS

Marks 1 through 8 are white cylinders located approximately as shown on the Reference Map. Marks W (windward), G (gibe), L (leeward) are inflatable buoys positioned by the RC. "SL" shall be the gate between the starting pin and the Committee Boat.

11 STARTS

All Races will be started under RRS 26.

12 START & FINISH LINES

12.1 The Start Line shall be a line between an inflatable or fixed race buoy in the vicinity of the RC boat and an orange flag on the RC boat.

12.2 The Finish Line shall be a line between an inflatable or fixed race buoy in the vicinity of the RC boat and an orange flag on the RC boat.

12.3 The RC may move from the initial Start Area and establish the Finish Line at a new location.

13 CHECK IN

Each boat shall sail by the RC Boat while RC is flying the Code Flag "L", hail her sail number and be acknowledged by RC with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before the first race in which a boat competes on each day. Any boat failing to check-in and failing to finish with be scored DNC.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The Time Limit for each Fleet race is 90 minutes. The race will be abandoned if no boat from a fleet finishes within 90 minutes of its start signal. Once a boat finishes within the time limit, all other boats in that Fleet have 15 minutes to finish or they will be scored as **TLE**. This changes RRS 35.

14.2 RC may, at its discretion, finish racers from any qualified **OD** fleet, in their current position, if the race is **not** abandoned and at least one boat meets its Time Limit.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Any Skipper intending to protest must notify the RC upon finishing or within the protest time if they do not finish. Protest forms will be available at the registration area. Protests must be filed with the RC or an attending DSA Officer no later than 30 minutes after RC returns to shore.

15.2 **APPENDIX T Arbitration** of the RRS shall be in effect for all races of this Series. Pre-hearing/arbitration will be available to all parties in protests. The penalized boat shall not be scored worse than DNF. The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings.

15.3 **Protest Schedule:** Any protests filed following races of the Spring or Summer Series, will be heard one (1) week following the date of the incident, prior to the races of that following evening. This affects only the protest hearing schedule. It does not affect the protest requirements that must be met in accordance to the RRS at the time of the incident. Arbitration may be heard immediately following the conclusion of races that evening, if agreeable to all parties involved. It may also be delayed until prior to the Protest Hearing.

16 SCORING

16.1 Rule 90.3(a) and Appendix A shall be modified to use the High Point Scoring System described as CHIP3, with the modifications stated in this Notice of Race and the Series SI's.

16.2 Appendix A 4.2 is modified so that for every five (5) races completed per series, a successively worst score will be thrown out. This is a 20% throw-out. **Rule 90.3(b) is not**

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modified. A **DSQ** is not eligible to be thrown out and will be listed as **DNE**.

- 16.3 Appendix A 4.2 is further modified as follows:
DNF, RET, RAF, TLE = scored as number of finishers plus 1.
DNS, OCS, DNC, NoRC = 0
DSQ, DNE = 0,
RC = scored as their average of all their series finish scores, after throw outs, plus 5

(Note **3.1 Eligibility and Entry**, "...**All Races sailed prior to complete payment of 2017 membership dues will be scored DNC.**")

- 16.4 **NoRC** is a score designation reserved for those competitors that have not scheduled **or not met** their RC Requirement. (See 19.5)

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Skippers are solely responsible for the safety of their crew, their vessel, and themselves. (See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.)

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee reserves the right to make announcements on the water via VHF radio on channel 68 in addition to announcements made while under Code L. These may include OCS calls and advance warning of upcoming starting sequences and schedules.

19 RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT

- 19.1 Each DSA Racing member must serve on Race Committee (RC) twice (2 Days) during the season; RC duty spent for evening, weekend and sponsored regatta race days count towards meeting this requirement.
- 19.2 Competitors who serve on the Race Committee, other than regattas, will receive scores for the races on which they served as described in **Item 16.3 Scoring RC**.
- 19.3 Completing these RC duties for a cancelled, postponed, delayed or abandoned race will meet this requirement. Failure to meet the RC duties a skipper has volunteered for will be scored as a "NoRC" Non Discardable and credit for the date not fulfilled will be given to the skipper(s) that meets the duties.
- 19.4 If a skipper does not fulfill their RC requirements, they will not be eligible for year-end rewards.
- 19.5 If a skipper does not schedule when they will meet their RC Requirements, they will not be scored until their RC Duty is scheduled or completed. All races sailed prior to scheduling or meeting their RC Duty commitment, will be scored as '**NoRC**'. Up to 2 of their most current Race day scores will be accurately restored following their scheduling of their RC Duties commitment.

20 TROPHIES

The number of year-end trophies to be awarded will depend on the number of competitors in each fleet, in each series. **To be eligible for a year-end trophy, each skipper must have served as an "On the Water" Race Committee for two (2) days/evenings or one DSA Regatta during the 2017 season** as described in **19 - Race Committee Requirement**.

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APPENDIX A: Reference Map

