



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Denver Sailing Association 2008 Series Races April 5, through October 18, 2008

1 Events

The events include six (6) series organized by the Denver Sailing Association. They are: Thawout Series, Spring Series Wednesday Night (Keel), Spring Series Thursday Night (Dinghy), Summer Series Wednesday Night (Keel), Summer Series Thursday Night (dinghy), and Frostbite Series.

2 Rules

The series will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race, and the rules of Cherry Creek State Park.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 No registration is required. All boats must be helmed by a Denver Sailing Association member in good standing. ***Races sailed prior to 2008 dues being paid will be scored DNC.***

3.2 The Thawout and Frostbite Series are open to all boats.

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

3.4 The Thursday Night Spring and Summer (Dinghy) Series are open to boats 20 ft in length or less.

3.5 Fleet status will be given to groups of five or more One Design boats that sail in a series. All other boats will be formed into one or more Handicap fleets. Self righting boats will be handicapped by SAIL PHRF. All other boats will be handicapped by Portsmouth. Boats handicapped by Portsmouth must have ratings based on more than five data points to be eligible for a trophy.

3.6 Competitors are strongly encouraged to have and sail under a unique non duplicated sail number. Failure to do so may compromise accurate scoring.

4 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Cherry Creek Marina Office. In addition, notices may be posted on the Denver Sailing Association website.

5 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the 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 will be posted by 1200 one week before it will take effect. Race Committee 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 Race Committee boat.

7 Schedule

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

7.2 **Thawout Series:** four (4) Saturdays - April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2008. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. Up to five (5) races per day. No race warning will be signaled after 17:00.

7.3 **Spring Wednesday Night (Keel) Series:** nine (9) Wednesdays – May 7, through July 2, 2008. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. Up to 2 races per evening. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.

7.4 **Spring Thursday Night (Dinghy) Series:** nine (9) Thursdays – May 8, through July 3, 2008. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.

7.5 **Summer Wednesday Night (Keel) Series:** nine (9) Wednesdays – July 9, through September 3, 2008. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.

7.6 **Summer Thursday Night (Dinghy) Series:** nine (9) Thursdays – July 10, through September 4, 2008. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.

7.7 **Frostbite Series:** four (4) Saturdays – September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2008. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. Up to five (5) races per day. No race warning will be signaled after 17:00.

8 Racing Area

The racing area is shown in the Reference Map 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, or L. Numbers 1 through 7 indicate permanent marks. All mark roundings will leave the mark to port.

10 Marks

Marks 1 through 7 are white cylinders located approximately as shown on the Reference Map. Marks W (windward), G (gibe) and L (leeward) are inflatable buoys positioned by the race committee.

11 Starts

11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 unless the race Committee displays code Q (see 11.2).

11.2 The race committee may, at its discretion, use the three (3) minute Sound-Signal Starting System in RRS Appendix Q, instead of Rule 26. If the race Committee uses Appendix Q it will signal code Q (yellow flag) prior to the starting sequence. This changes Rule 26.

11.3 The race committee may as a courtesy make a series of short sound signals before beginning the starting sequence.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.1

12 Start-Finish Line

The start-finish shall be a line between an inflatable or fixed buoy and an orange flag on the race committee boat. The race committee may shorten the start-finish line.

13 Time Limits

The time for each class to complete a race and finish shall be 90 minutes after its starting signal. The time limit for each boat shall be 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat in its class to finish.

14 Protests

Protests shall be in writing (forms are available from the Race Committee) and delivered to Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee's return to shore.

15 Scoring

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A will used with the modifications stated in these Sailing Instructions.

15.2 Appendix A is modified so that for every 5 races completed the boat's single worst score will be thrown out.

15.3 Appendix A 4.2 is modified as follows:

DNF = number of finishers plus 1

DNS, OCS, DNC = number of starters plus 1

DSQ = total number of boats sailing at least one race in the series plus 2

RC = average of all series finishes after throw outs (if any) minus 1

15.4 Note 3.1 Eligibility and Entry, "...races sailed prior to payment of 2008 dues will be scored DNC".

15.5 Note "3.6 Competitors are strongly encouraged to have and sail under a unique non duplicated sail number. Failure to do so may compromise accurate scoring."

