

Sailing Instructions



DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

2010 Series Races

April 3th through October 30th, 2010



1 EVENTS

The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) as the organizing authority will conduct six (6) series of races in 2010 as described in 3 Eligibility and Entry and 7 Schedules. 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

These series will be governed by the rules as defined by the current *2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing* except as changed by these Sailing Instructions and the rules of the Colorado Parks Department and 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 and have a dues paid Flag or Admirals member on board. **Races sailed prior to 2010 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 Spring and Summer Thursday Night (Dinghy) Series are open to boats 21 ft in length or less. Self righting boats may compete without the use of a spinnaker.
- 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 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 will be posted on the Denver Sailing Association website (www.denversailing.org).

5 CHANGES IN 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 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 in her slip.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.
- 7.2 **Thawout Series:** four (4) Saturdays - April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 2010. 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:** ten (10) Wednesdays – May 5th, 2010 through July 7th, 2010. First warning signal at 1820 hours. Up to two (2) races per evening. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.
- 7.4 **Spring Thursday Night (Dinghy) Series:** ten (10) Thursdays – May 6th, 2010 through July 8th, 2010. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. Up to two (2) races per evening. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.
- 7.5 **Summer Wednesday Night (Keel) Series:** ten (10) Wednesdays – July 14th, 2010 through September 15th, 2010. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. Up to two (2) races per evening. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.
- 7.6 **Summer Thursday Night (Dinghy) Series:** ten (10) Thursdays – July 15th, 2010 through September 16th, 2010. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. Up to two (2) races per evening. RC may run additional un-scored races at their discretion.
- 7.7 **Frostbite Series:** six (6) Saturdays – September 25th, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th, 2010. 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 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, 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 (all 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.

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 run in each series, each 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 1

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 2010 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."

16 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

The two turns penalty as provided in RRS 44.2 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn, instead of two.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

18 CHECK IN

Each boat shall sail by the Committee Boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the Committee 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 will be scored DNC.

19 RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT

19.1 Each DSA member helming in a racing series must serve as a member of the Race Committee for at least one race day or race evening in any of the six (6) season series. The Race Committee chair requests that each member volunteer for three (3) separate race days or race evenings.

19.2 Competitors who serve on the Race Committee will receive scores for the races that they serve as described in 15.3 Scoring RC.

19.3 Completing these duties for a cancelled, postponed, delayed, or abandoned race will meet this requirement.

APPENDIX A: Reference Map

