



Sailing Instructions

DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

2012 Series Races

April 1st through October 27th, 2012

1 EVENTS

The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) as the organizing authority will conduct six (6) series of races in 2012 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 Flag, Admiral, Honorary or Junior member in good standing. **Races sailed prior to 2012 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 must 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 Denver Sailing Association Clubhouse. 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 Denver Sailing Association mariners' pole.

7 SCHEDULE

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

7.2 **Thawout Series:** one(1) Saturday and four (4) Sundays - April 1st, 7th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 2012. 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 2nd, 2012 through July 4th, 2012. 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 3rd, 2012 through July 5th, 2012. 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 11th, 2012 through September 12th, 2012. 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 12th, 2012 through September 13th, 2012. 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 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th 2012. 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, L or P. Numbers 1 through 8 indicate permanent marks. All mark roundings will leave the mark to port.

10 MARKS

Marks 1 through 8 are white cylinders located approximately as shown on the Reference Map. Marks W (windward), G (gibe), L (leeward) and P (Pin-the pin end of the starting line) are inflatable buoys positioned by the race committee.

11 STARTS

Races will be started using Rule 26.

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.

- 13.1 The Race Committee has the discretion to finish one design classes in their current position with a dying breeze or approaching dusk.

14 PROTESTS

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 any member of the RC of the Principal Race Officer (PRO) no later than 30 minutes after RC returns to shore and flies the Code "B" flag.

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. A DSQ is not eligible to 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

(Note 3.1 Eligibility and Entry, "...races sailed prior to payment of 2012 dues will be scored DNC")

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

17 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.

18 RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT

- 18.1 Each DSA skipper should plan on serving on RC in the role of PRO (Primary Race Officer) at least once during the season. Each DSA member should plan on serving on RC in the role of helper at least twice during the season.

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

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

18.4 If a skipper does not fulfill their RC requirements they will not be eligible for yearend rewards.

APPENDIX A: Reference Map

