



# DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

## 2025 Notice of Series

For All Series

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### EVENTS

The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) will conduct up to four (4) Series of Races in 2025 as the Organizing Authority (OA). These Race Series will be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, CO.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. These Series will be governed by Rules as defined by the *2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, except as changed by each Series Sailing Instructions (SIs), this Notice of Series (NOS), the Boating Regulations of Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and of the Cherry Creek State Park.
- 1.2. Each Series SIs will be available at least two (2) days prior to the first race of each series on the DSA website, [www.denversailing.org](http://www.denversailing.org), or the official DSA **Notice Board** at the DSA Clubhouse.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Race registration is not required. DSA 2025 Membership is required. All boats shall be helmed, primarily, by a DSA Admiral, Flag, Honorary, or Junior member in good standing for the 2025 Season. All races sailed prior to complete payment of their 2025 membership dues, will be scored as DNC.
- 2.2. Each racing DSA member is required to schedule and complete two (2) days of Race Committee (RC) duties each season under section **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**. Members shall schedule their RC Duty dates to be scored in any series. All races sailed prior to scheduling or meeting their RC Duty commitment, will be recorded as **NORC**. Failure to meet their RC Duties on their schedule date will result in removal of all prior scores for that series.
- 2.3. All DSA 2025 series are open to all DSA Members. Rental boats may be entered by DSA Members, but each boat raced must be reported, by type of boat, sail number, and DSA Member name, to RC Boat for proper scoring each race day.
- 2.4. Fleet status will be given to groups of four (4) or more One Design boats that sail in any series. All other boats will be formed into one or more handicap fleets. Keel boats will be handicapped under PHRF. Dinghies will be handicapped under Portsmouth. Boats handicapped under Portsmouth must have ratings based on more than five data points to be eligible for a trophy.
- 2.5. Community Sailing of Colorado (CSC) is eligible to race their fleet of Sonar keelboats at no registration cost as long as all on board are active DSA members.

### 3. FEES

There are no separate fees associated with any of these DSA racing series.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.
- 4.2. **Thawout Series:** Five (5) Saturdays April 12 – May 10, 2025. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. No race warning will be signaled after 1600.
- 4.3. **Spring Series:** Eight (8) Thursdays May 22 – July 10, 2025. First warning signal at 1820 hours.
- 4.4. **Summer Series:** Nine (9) Thursdays July 17 – September 11, 2025. First warning signal at 1820 hours until August 21. Races on August 28 and later will start at 1745 hours.
- 4.5. **Frostbite Series:** Five (5) Saturdays September 20 - October 18, 2025. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. No race warning will be signaled after 1600.
- 4.6. Two (2) races are scheduled for each evening series. Up to five (5) races are scheduled for each weekend afternoon. Additional unscored races may be run at the discretion of the race committee of the day.

### 6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official DSA notice board located on the DSA Clubhouse.

### 7. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Each Series' SIs may modify the Rules. Changes to the SIs will be allowed on the water under a Code Flag "L". Anticipated changes include but are not limited to modifications of **RRS Appendix A** as described in section **12. SCORING**.

### 8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 8.1. Any boat intending to protest must notify the RC upon finishing or within the protest time if they do not finish. Protests must be filed with the RC of the day, an attending DSA officer after RC returns to shore, or submitted to [racecommittee@denversailing.org](mailto:racecommittee@denversailing.org) before 1800 the day following the incident. The Protest filed must be in accordance with the **RRS**.
- 8.2. **Appendix T** of the **RRS** (Arbitration) shall be in effect for all Series races. 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 Arbitration hearings. 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.
- 8.3. Any protest filed following Series races, will be heard within the week following the incident, on an agreed to schedule, in a virtual session.

### 9. TROPHIES

- 9.1. The number of year-end series trophies to be awarded will depend on the number of competitors in each fleet, in each series.
- 9.2. To be eligible for a year-end trophy, each skipper must have met their RC Requirements in section **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**.
- 9.3. CSC race boats will receive score acknowledgements but will not receive awards.

### 10. VENUE & RACING AREA

- 10.1. All races shall be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, CO.
- 10.2. Attachment A, a Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir, shows the Racing Area.

## 11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS

- 11.1. Each DSA Member being scored must register and serve on RC two (2) days/evenings during any of the Series races of the season or during any scheduled DSA Regattas. Members who helm boats in one or more races, i.e. skippers, must serve at least one (1) RC duty in the role of Primary Race Officer (PRO).
- 11.2. All races sailed prior to scheduling or meeting RC duty commitment will be recorded as **NORC**. Up to two (2) race day scores, four (4) races maximum, will be reinstated following completion of scheduling RC duties commitment. Failure to meet their RC duties on their scheduled date will result in removal of all prior scores for that series.
- 11.3. Completing RC duties for a canceled, postponed, delayed, or abandoned race will meet this requirement.
- 11.4. Competitors who serve as RC on their normal day of racing will be scored for the races that they serve as described in section **12.4. RC**.
- 11.5. Failure to meet the RC duties a registered boat has volunteered for will be scored as a “**NORC**” non-discardable and credit for the date fulfilled will be given to the registered skipper(s) that met the duties.
- 11.6. CSC boat volunteer skippers/coaches are exempt from RC requirements if they are only being scored as/helming the CSC race boats.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. **Rule 90.3(a)** and **Appendix A 4** shall be modified to use the High Point Scoring System described as CHIP3, with the modifications stated in this NOS and the Series SIs.
  - 12.2. **Rule 90.3(a)** shall be modified to a race shall be scored if more than one boat starts the race.
  - 12.3. **Appendix A 4.2** is modified so that for every five (5) races completed per Series, a successively worse score will be thrown out. **Rule 90.3(b)** is not modified. A **DSQ** is not eligible to be thrown out and will be listed as **DNE**, this changes **A2.1**.
  - 12.4. **Appendix A 4.2** is further modified as follows:
    - DNF, RET** = scored as number of finishers plus 1.
    - DNS** = CHIPS3 Finish Score of 5
    - OCS, DNC, NORC** = 0
    - DSQ, DNE** = 0
    - RC** = scored as the average of all their series finish scores, after throw outs, plus 5
    - NORC** = a DSA score designation reserved for competitors that have not scheduled or have not met their RC Requirements in section **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**. All races sailed prior to scheduling or meeting their RC Requirements will be recorded as NORC. A limit of four (4) races will be reinstated when RC Requirements have not been met.
    - RCP** is a score designation if redress is filed by a competitor and the hearing results are that the RC did not adhere to the SIs.
- Note: Additional Finishing Codes based on sections 3.1, 3.2*
- A detailed explanation of the CHIPS3 High Point Scoring System is available on the DSA website.*
- 12.5. All Races sailed prior to complete payment of 2025 DSA dues will be scored as **DNC**.
  - 12.6. CSC boats will be scored separately in their own fleet.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The RC reserves the right to make announcements on the water via VHF radio on channel 69 in addition to announcements made under Code Flag "L". These calls may include OCS calls and advanced warning of upcoming starting sequences and schedules.

#### 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk (see **RRS Rule 3 Decision to Race**). DSA, as the organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series.

#### 15. INFORMATION

For further information contact the DSA Race Committee Chair [racecommittee@denversailing.org](mailto:racecommittee@denversailing.org) or any member of the Race Committee. Contact information available online at [www.denversailing.org](http://www.denversailing.org).

#### Attachment A: Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir

