



Colorado Sail and Yacht Club

2017 Dinghy Racing Series

NOTICE OF RACE

Colorado Sail and Yacht Club will conduct Dinghy Racing on Tuesday evenings from May 30 – August 29, 2017. There will be no racing on Tuesday July 4th, in honor of the Independence Day Holiday.

1. **Rules:** This Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2017-2020, as amended by the US Sailing prescriptions, the Series Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the CSYC Dinghy Racing Series to conduct races as informally as practical as to allow for both experienced and inexperienced competitors. Most courses are set by Race Committee in conjunction with racers to accommodate all wind and weather conditions, along with competitor abilities. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the CSYC website, www.csync.org.
2. **Entries:** Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fees as stated on the CSYC Web Site no later than June 6st. Special CSYC Crew/Dinghy Memberships for non-current members may be purchased for \$25.00. Racing fees are \$40.00 per boat for the entire season.
3. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the CSYC notice board located on the west side of the Chatfield Marina Office. Notices may include classes/fleets, start order, any changes in schedule, sailing instructions, and protests if any.
4. **Schedule:** A competitor's meeting will be held the first Tuesday of racing (May 30st) at 5:45 pm near the south boat ramp to announce fleets, starting order, if necessary, or any other changes or special instructions. The warning signal for the first race will be at 6:15 pm, notifying competitors that the Race Committee is on station with the first race of each evening commencing at approximately 6:30 pm. The last race of the evening (determined by Race Committee) will be conducted as to allow competitors time to get back to the boat ramps by sunset, if at all possible.

Racing for any particular evening may be terminated by Race Committee conjunction with the Race Director or other Officers of CSYC and/or in conjunction with the majority of skippers due to special circumstances or weather conditions. Since small boats will be racing, close attention to weather and safety conditions will be given top priority. It is the responsibility of the skipper of each boat to determine if it is safe to leave the shore and race.
5. **Racing Area:** The racing courses are normally set up in Roxborough Cove at Chatfield Reservoir (with some courses for Windriders, etc. to extend into the main lake). CSYC will have three inflatable buoys in Roxborough Cove that vary in color to accommodate these races.

6. **Safety:** It is required that all racers wear a personal flotation device at all times while racing. It is the responsibility of all racers and skippers to adhere to the U.S. Coast Guard and State of Colorado requirements. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
7. **Time Limits:** The time limit for the first boat to finish each race will be no more than 45 minutes from the starting horn. Changing Rules 35, A4.2 and A5, boats after the first to finish shall have 10 minutes from that time to finish; the race committee may give an estimated finish time or place to boats not finishing within 10 minutes. A finish time or *place estimated by the race committee is not subject to redress.*
8. **Scoring:** Mixed fleet races will be scored by Portsmouth handicap. Racing will be scored using the Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS. One race will constitute a series. Provided that there are more than three races, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If there are three races or fewer, there shall be no discards. After that there will be one race discarded for each 7 races conducted (i.e. 1, 2 or 3 races, no discards, 4-7 races = 1 discard, 8-14 races = 2 discards, 15-21 races = 3 discards, etc.). This changes A2, modifying A4.2, letter scores (scores other than finishing place). Scores will be tabulated weekly and posted on the CSYC web site.
9. **Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded based on the number of competitors in each class.
10. **Courses and Marks:** Each Fleet's course will be disseminated from the committee boat. This will normally be done verbally informing all racers of time to start and appropriate course for that particular race. The course may be changed without notice up until the fleet's preparatory signal. Courses will be designated in the sequence that the marks are to be rounded. All marks are to be rounded to port unless otherwise specified.
11. **Questions and Concerns:** Please forward any questions or concerns to Tim Walilko vice.commodore@csyc.org or Trey Hegstrom racedirector@csyc.org.

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