



Colorado Sail and Yacht Club

2017 Dinghy Racing Series

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** This Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2017-2020, as amended by the US Sailing prescriptions and these sailing instructions, and as modified below:
 - 1.1 Rule 26 is modified by Instruction 14
 - 1.2 Rule 27.1 is modified by Instruction 13
 - 1.3 Rule 29.1 is modified by Instruction 15
 - 1.4 Rule 34 is modified by Instruction 11
 - 1.5 Rule 35 is modified by Instruction 19
 - 1.6 Rule 44.3 is modified by Instruction 16 & 19
 - 1.7 Rule 61.3 is modified by Instruction 20

2. **Entries:** CSYC member 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 6th. Special CSYC Crew/Dinghy Memberships for non-current members may be purchased for \$25.00. Racing fees for all members are \$40.00 per boat.

Boats who have not paid their entry fees by the third week of racing (June 13th) will receive a DNC (Did Not Compete) for all races until the boat has been properly registered. Any payment not received before the beginning of the fourth week (June 20th) will result in a DNC for all previous races prior to payment for the series, even though entry fees have been paid after that point.

3. **Handicapping:** Portsmouth rating will be used from US Sailing. If a fleet is established, it is desired that all boats in that fleet used the same sail equipment if at all possible. (i.e., if a Windrider 17 fleet is established, it is desired that all boats race without the use of a Reacher). Otherwise, special handicapping will need to be established.

4. **Fleets:** Fleets will be determined by the Race Chairman. The anticipated fleets are that all dinghies are in the same fleet with the possible exception of the Windrider 17's. However, any fleet of more than four boats may be classified as a separate fleet. Fleets may be combined at the discretion of the Race Director.

5. **Schedule:** The dinghy series will consist of one series. Races will be held each Tuesday night from May 30th through Aug. 29th (No racing on Tuesday, July 4th). Competitors are asked to be in the starting area no later than 6:15 pm. Racing will start at 6:30 pm, conditions permitting (i.e. Weather). Any boat not ready to start at 6:30 pm will receive a DNC for that race unless Race Committee determines races should be delayed for valid reasons. It is the intent of these rules to not hold up the beginning of any race due to competitors not being present in the starting area at the time of designated race starts unless there is a valid reason for the delay. 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 in 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.

6. **Throw outs:** There will be one throw out for every 7 races or fraction thereof, (i.e. 1-7 races = 1 throw out; 8-14 races = 2 throw outs; 15-21 races = 3 throw outs, etc. These are cumulative for the entire dinghy series.
7. **Radio Equipment:** All dinghies are not required to be equipped with a functional VHF radio for Race Committee communications. Instructions on starting sequence and shortening of courses may be given by Race Committee at the start/finish line.
8. **Check-in:** All boats must check-in to advise the Race Committee they intend to start the race. This is to be done by sailing on starboard tack behind the committee boat, once they are on station. If possible, all boats will have a sail number or specific name for the Race Committee to record for their start/finish times.
9. **Safety:** It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to enter, start or continue any race. It is the responsibility of all racers and skippers to adhere to U.S. Coast Guard and State of Colorado requirements at all times.

It is required that all racers wear a personal flotation device at all times while racing. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

10. **Propulsion:** A boat shall be propelled only by the action of the wind on the sail and hull, by the action of the water on the hull and by the unassisted actions of the competitor. However, significant progress shall not be made by paddling, swimming, rocking, sculling or walking.
11. **Course Markers:** Three permanent marks in Roxborough Cove designated with a color buoy. Any missing mark shall not be used for racing. Other temporary marks or lake marks may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee. It is anticipated that if a Windrider 17 fleet is created, they may use the normal race marks outside of Roxborough Cove as well.

12. **Courses:** Each race course will be communicated from the committee boat prior to the commencement of each individual race to all boats racing via voice. The course may be changed without notice up until the 3-minute warning. Courses will be designated in the sequence that the marks are to be rounded. All rounding's will be to port unless otherwise specified by the Race Committee.
13. **Change of Course After Start:** No change of course will be made after the start, unless Race Committee needs to shorten the course (see SI #17).
14. **Starts:** Rule 26 for starting races shall be modified to the following start sequence:
- Give 3 minute warning by one long blow on the whistle.
 - Give 2 long blows for 2 minutes
 - Give 1 long blow for 1 minute
 - Give 3 short blows for 30 seconds
 - Give 2 short blows for 20 seconds
 - Give on short blow for 10 seconds
 - Give a short blow for 5, 4,3,2,1 seconds
 - Give 1 long blow for the start.
 - Give a short blow for the finish of each boat.
15. **Recalls:** The Race Committee may hail premature starters either by boat name or sail number or name using the system described in RRS Rule 29.1. A boat is responsible for starting correctly, regardless of whether she hears a recall.
16. **Hailing Committee Boat:** Once racing has commenced, the committee boat may only be hailed for emergency situations or situations necessary for racing (i.e., missing marks, etc.). No requests for course information shall be addressed by the committee boat once a race has started.
17. **Start-Finish Line:** The start-finish line will be a line between the starting pin or a course marker and Race Committee Boat. The committee may shorten or move the line after all racers have started. Boats shall clear the finish line area as soon as possible after finishing.
18. **Shortened Course:** Courses may be shortened and finished at any rounding mark of the course, in which the committee boat will designate the rounding mark as the finish line by taking station at the mark.
19. **Time Limits:** The time limit for the first boat to finish each race will be no more than 45 minutes. 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, place or DNF to boats not finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat in the fleet finishing. A finish time or place estimated by the race committee is not subject to redress.

20. **Protests:** Protesting boats shall inform the boat(s) they are protesting of the intended protest as soon as practical after the incident initiating the protest, thus giving that boat an opportunity to exonerate itself via penalty turns. Protesting boats must inform the Race Committee of their intention immediately upon finishing, if not previously verbally notifying Race Committee. If at all practical, it is desired that all protest are resolved on the water prior to any subsequent race.

In the event this is not done, protests are to be filed with the Principal Race Officer or a CSYC Officer. Protests must be filed before 9:00 pm on the day of the race. A Pre-hearing will be held to all parties involved in protests the evening of the infraction, if practical. Protest forms are available from the Race Committee, Race Director on the dock after the race, or online via the CSYC website (CSYC.org). If unable to contact a CSYC Officer and get a protest form, or with approval of the Race Director, CYSC Commodore or Vice Commodore, a protest form may be emailed to the Race Director, copied to the Commodore, no later than 8:00 am the following morning. Protests may be resolved in pre-hearing by both parties and if the protested boat is found liable it will accept a 40% scoring penalty. The penalized boat may not be scored worse than DNF. The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings and will be scheduled by the protest committee for the next Tuesday of racing, if practical, or by a time and place agreed to by the protest committee and protest participants. Appeals of protest committee decisions and any Portsmouth ratings shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by SAIL.

RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply. A full protest committee will hear unresolved arbitration hearings and will be scheduled by the protest committee chairman for such a time as primary participants will be available and by the next Tuesday of racing, if practical. Appeals of protest committee decisions shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by S.A.I.L.

20. **Scoring:** Races will be scored and ties broken using the Low-point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A. Racers will be allowed to drop their lowest finish for the series as determined by instruction 6.

21. **Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded for at least the top two places, if four boats or less race, three places if at least five boats or more are scored for the series. (Number will depend on number of fleet entries).

22. **Race Committee:** Boats/skippers serving as race committee will receive their average score excluding any throw outs, in that series, for the races they spend as race committee. Racers may be required to serve as Race Committee at least once during the Series.