



Fiesta Regatta May 20, 2017

Sailing Instructions

The Colorado Sail and Yacht Club (CSYC) as Organizing Authority will conduct the *Fiesta Regatta* at Chatfield Reservoir on May 20, 2017.

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.

Rule 27.1 is modified by Instruction 8

Rule 35 is modified by Instruction 14

Rule 61.3 is modified by Instruction 15

Rule A2 is modified by Instruction 16

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the west side of the Marina building by the entrance gate.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes in sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board (30) minutes before racing starts the day it will take effect.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed near the Official Notice Board as above.
5. **SCHEDULE:**
 - 5.1 **One Day Regatta:** May 20, 2017

Event	Saturday
Registration	0900
Skippers Meeting	0945
Warning Signal – 1 st Race	Anticipate 10:45
No Races After	1600
Evening Event	Anticipate 1730
Awards	Anticipate 1900

6. **CLASS FLAGS:** Each fleet shall be designated by a number flag announced during the Skipper's Meeting. Divisions will be determined and announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

7. **RACING AREAS:** Attachment A shows the racing area and approximate location of permanent marks.
8. **COURSES:** Each Division's course will be displayed from the committee boat. The course may be changed without notice up until the division's preparatory signal, modifying **RRS Rule 27.1**. Courses will be designated in the sequence that the marks are to be rounded. All marks are left to port.
9. **MARKS:** Seven permanent marks designated with a number from 1 to 7. The marks are labeled and are white barrels with an orange stripe and approximately placed as shown on the course map (Attachment A). Temporary inflatable yellow marks may be used and designated "W" for windward, "L" for leeward and "G" for gybe. Temporary designations shall hold for all starts in a race series, independent of wind direction changes during that series.
10. **OBSTRUCTIONS:** The finish line shall be an obstacle for all boats not on their final leg to finish. If the finish line is passed through other than starting or finishing a race, the boat will be subject to a 30% penalty without recourse.
11. **THE START:** Races will be started by using **RRS Rule 26**.
 - 11.1 The start line will be a line between the starting pin or a course marker and an orange line flag on the Race Committee (RC) Boat.
 - 11.2 The committee may shorten or move the line after all divisions have started.
 - 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A non-starting boat interfering with a starting boat may be assessed a 30% scoring penalty on its next race by the RC without a hearing. The penalized boat may ask for redress.
 - 11.4 A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **DNS** without a hearing.
12. **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START:** No change of course will be made after the start, unless the RC shortens the course.
13. **THE FINISH:**
 - 13.1 The finishing line will be a line between the finishing pin or course mark and an orange line flag on the Committee Boat when it is on station, after the start.
 - 13.2 Boats shall clear the finish line area as soon as possible after finishing or withdrawing from their race. If a boat, which has already finished their race, interferes with another boat that is finishing, they may be assessed a 30% penalty by the RC for the race they just finished without a hearing. The penalized boat may ask for redress.
14. **TIME LIMITS:**
 - 14.1 Any boat finishing a race within one and a half (1.5) hours after its start, makes the race for all boats within that fleet unless abandoned by the RC. All remaining boats in that fleet have thirty (30) minutes to finish after the race is made. This changes **RRS Rule 35**. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after

the race is made will be scored DNF. If no boat within a Fleet finishes within one and a half (1.5) hours, the RC shall abandon the race for that Fleet.

14.2 In the event the Race Committee believes it would be in the best interest of a fleet to curtail a race for the last few boat(s) of that fleet on the race course, the RC may hail the affected boat(s) to offer them an estimated finish time. This one time offer shall be either accepted or rejected by the affected skipper(s). Should the skipper(s) accept this estimated time, it will be scored as their official finish for that race. They will not be scored DNF. Should the skipper(s) not accept the estimated time, they will be scored via their actual finish, including DNF, if appropriate. This offer may be made only once to any boat during a particular race.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS: Protesting boats must inform RC of their intention immediately upon finishing. At the end of the day, a boat has forty-five (45) minutes to file a written protest. Filings are to be made to the Principal Race Officer or a Regatta Official. Time to file will begin when RC hoists Code flag "B" with one horn sound onshore near the Official Notice Board. It will end when Code Flag "B" is lowered 45 minutes later with one sound. This changes **RRS Rule 61.3**. Protest forms are available from the RC. Pre-hearing/arbitration will be available to all parties involved in protests.

15.1 Protests may be resolved in pre-hearing/arbitration by both parties if the protested boat accepts a 30% scoring penalty. Penalty places shall be rounded up to the next full place. The penalized boat shall not be scored worse than DNF.

15.2 The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings

15.3 Appeals of protest committee decisions and any PHRF ratings shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by SAIL.

16. SCORING: A minimum of one race will make the regatta. There will be no throw-outs; this modifies **Rule A2**.

16.1 One Design fleets will be scored Head to Head unless PHRFs are different.

16.2 PHRF and multi-hull fleets will be scored Time on Time.

16.3 PHRF rating adjustments adapted by **SAIL** shall apply.

17. 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.

17.1 Check-in: All boats must check-in to advise the RC they intend to start the race. This is to be done by sailing on starboard tack behind the committee boat after they have raised the "L" flag; then call out their sail number and number of crew on board. Boats failing to check in which do not finish the race will be scored **DNC**.

17.2 Check-out: A boat that retires from the race shall notify the RC on the water or as soon thereafter as possible.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: RC will monitor VHF Channel 68 for all communications. RC may hail starting sequences and identification of boats not complying with **RRS 29.1** by VHF on Channel 68. Competitors may NOT hail the RC to check in under a Code "L"

flag. RC will not respond to hails during a starting sequence or race, except to acknowledge protests, retirements, or emergencies, when possible. Competitors are urged to monitor RC radio communication at all times as the RC may attempt to give competitors advanced warning of upcoming starting sequences, schedules or other information.

18.1 Boats without radios shall *not* be given redress for missed communications.

19. Trophies: Trophies will be awarded by Fleet for the regatta. Fleets with three boats will be awarded a first place trophy. Fleets with four or more boats will be awarded first place and second place trophies.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in these series entirely at their own risk. **See RRS rule 4**, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be currently insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

22. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information please contact:

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ATTACHMENT A

