



Colorado Sail & Yacht Club

2021 Dinghy Racing Series

NOTICE OF RACE

Colorado Sail and Yacht Club will conduct Dinghy Racing at 6:00 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning on May 25th. The races will run every week. There will be a Spring Series from May 25 through June 29 and a Summer Series from July 13 through August 31. Refer to the CSYC website calendar for dates.

Sailors may participate in the Spring series, the Summer series or both. The Spring races will be scored as one series and the Summer races as a separate series. The racing fee covers BOTH series, so sailors may participate in one or both series for the same fee.

Rules: This Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2021-2024, 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.csyc.org.

1. **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 May 25. Special CSYC Crew/Dinghy Memberships for non-current members may be purchased for \$35.00. Racing fees are \$50.00 per boat for the entire season.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the CSYC website - csyc.org. Notices may include classes/fleets, start order, any changes in schedule, sailing instructions, and protests if any.
3. **Schedule:**
 - a. **Before the First Race:** A competitor's meeting will be held before the first races of each series; Tuesday May 25, at 5:30 pm and July 13 at 5:30 pm at Roxborough Cove at the shore nearest the Colorado Watersports facility. If competitors will be renting the Topaz boats, rental information and expectations will be discussed before the pre-race meeting, at 5:00 pm Tuesday, May 25, and 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 13. The pre-race meeting is to announce fleets, starting order, if necessary, or any other changes or special instructions.
 - b. **Race Days:** The 10 minute warning signal for the first race will be at approximately 5:50 pm, notifying competitors that the Race Committee is on station. The first races will

start at approximately 6:00 pm. The last race of the day (determined by Race Committee) will be conducted as to allow competitors time to get back to the boat ramps or beach area by 7:30 pm or sunset whichever is earlier.

Racing for any day 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.

4. **Racing Area:** The racing courses are normally set up in Roxborough Cove at the east side of Chatfield Reservoir, east of the marina and boat ramps. CSYC will have 3 or more inflatable buoys in the area that vary in color and/or numbers to accommodate these races.
5. **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.
6. **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.*
7. **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. 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. 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.
8. **Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded for each series based on the number of competitors in each class of each series.
9. **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.
10. **Questions and Concerns:** Please forward any questions or concerns to Betsy Gutknecht dinghysailing@csyc.org or Gary Simon Commodore@csyc.org.

Most of all come out and Have Fun!