



Colorado Sail & Yacht Club

2024 Dinghy Racing Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules:** This Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2021-2024, 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. **Sailing Instruction Changes:** Changes to these sailing instructions will be communicated to all participants verbally on-shore or near the committee boat before each race.
3. **Schedule:** The dinghy series will conduct races on Tuesday evenings from May 21 through July 9, Spring Series and July 16 through August 27, Summer Series. Check in at the Race Committee boat will open at about 6:00 pm with the first start estimated at **6:15 pm**, conditions permitting. Any boat not ready to start at the appointed start times 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 day will be timed to allow competitors to return to the shore at or before sunset.
4. **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 Laser fleet is established, it is desired that all boats race with the same sized sail).
5. **Fleets:** Fleets will be determined by the Race Chairman. Any fleet of more than four boats may be classified as a separate fleet.
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 each 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 verbally 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 performed 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. Use your boat model and your name if the boat does not have a number.
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. Since small boats will be racing, close attention to weather and safety conditions will be given top priority.
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. Significant progress shall not be made by paddling, swimming, rocking, pumping, sculling or walking.
11. **Course Markers:** Marks will be placed in Roxborough Cove by the race committee. These marks will be designated by color, shape or number. Other temporary marks or lake marks may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee. (e.g., Mark 1 of the Keel Boat marks)
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 roundings 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 #18).
14. **Starts:** Rule 26 for starting races shall be modified to the following start sequence:
- Give 3 minute warning of start by three long blows on the whistle.
 - Give 2 long blows at 2 minutes prior to start.
 - Give 1 long blow at 1 minute prior to start.
 - Give 3 short blows at 30 seconds.
 - Give 2 short blows at 20 seconds.
 - Give 1 short blow at 10 seconds.
 - Give a short blow for 5, 4, 3, 2, and 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, 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 protests are resolved on the water prior to any subsequent race.

In the event this protest is not resolved, protests are to be filed with the Principal Race Officer (RC) or a CSYC Officer. Protests must be filed before the race committee departs 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 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 by the race committee and CSYC scorer, 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. Appendix A 4.2 is modified as follows: DNF, DNS, OCS, DSQ, RAF = number of starters +1; DNC = number of registered boats + 1.

21. **Trophies:** Trophies for each series 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.
23. **Questions and Concerns:** Please forward any questions or concerns to Alan Parsons dinghysailing@csyc.org or Michael Kline race.director@CSYC.org.