

# Union Sailing Club



## 2009 Firecracker and Sparkler Open Regattas

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Location:** Union Reservoir, Longmont, Colorado

**Dates:** July 4, 5, 2009

**Organizing Authority:** Union Sailing Club

Visit [www.unionsailingclub.org](http://www.unionsailingclub.org) for a map and other information.

#### 1. Rules:

This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

#### 2. Eligibility and Entry:

- The event is open to sailboats no more than 20 feet long, no more than 850 pounds displacement, with a Portsmouth Handicap listed in the US Sailing Centerboard or Multihull Class Portsmouth Table and skipper and crew who fill out a registration form and pay the appropriate fees.
- The Sparkler is open to juniors only, who were under the age of 19 as of January 1, 2009.
- Five boats of the same one-design class will be scored as a fleet. Boats that don't form a one-design fleet will be grouped into one or more Portsmouth Fleets.
- Boats entered in the Sparkler will be given their own start. Multihulls will be given their own start.

#### 3. Fees:

##### Adults:

- Pre-registration, received by July 1: \$40, USC or US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount (\$35).
- Registrations received after July 1: \$50, USC or US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount (\$45).

##### Juniors: (under the age of 19 as of January 1, 2009)

- Pre-registration, received by July 1: \$30, USC or US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount (\$25).
- Registrations received after July 1: \$40, USC or US Sailing members receive a \$5 discount (\$35).

Entry fee includes: pancake breakfast Saturday, continental breakfast Sunday, trophies, giveaways, Sunday BBQ and the opportunity to have a great time and win bragging rights among your fleet. It also includes one entry into a raffle for valuable items donated by local businesses.

Entry fee does not include mandatory Union Reservoir Park vehicle or boat passes, available at the park entry station.

[http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park\\_list/overview/unionfees.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_list/overview/unionfees.htm)

#### **4. Schedule of Events:**

##### ***Saturday, July 4, 2009***

08:00 to 09:30 Registration at USC

08:00 to 10:30 Pancake Breakfast at USC

10:00 Competitor's meeting at the USC clubhouse, including an announcement of fleets and starts.

11:00 Warning signal for the first race, additional races to immediately follow.

No race will be started after 17:00.

##### ***Sunday, July 5, 2009***

08:30 to 09:30 Continental breakfast at USC

10:00 Warning signal for the first race, additional races to immediately follow.

No race will be started after 15:00

Awards ceremony and Raffle Drawing will be held as soon as practical after the last race, at the USC clubhouse.

#### **5. Sailing Instructions:**

Sailing instructions will be available at registration. If they are available before registration, they will be posted on the USC website:

[www.unionsailingclub.org](http://www.unionsailingclub.org)

#### **6. Regatta Site:**

A. The regatta site will be at Union Sailing Club on the South Eastern Shore of Union Reservoir, Longmont, Colorado. **NOTE: Only launching by hand or by hand-dolly is allowed at USC.** Trailer launching is available at the public launch ramp at the South West end of the lake.

B. Union Reservoir does not have an inspection process in place at this time for invasive aquatic species like the Zebra or Quagga Mussels. We request that any boats being brought on site that have sailed in a body of water other than Union Reservoir be drained, cleaned, and dry for at least 5 days before being launched in Union Reservoir. Regatta or Park staff may choose to perform an inspection before launching. For more information:

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/Profiles/InvasiveSpecies/ZebraandQuaggaMussels.htm>

<http://100thmeridian.org/zebras.asp>

**7. Racing Area and Courses:** Racing area and courses will be as shown on the Union Sailing Club 2009 Race Course Chart, available at registration.

**8. Scoring:** The Low Point System of Appendix A in the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

Results of the Firecracker Regatta will also be included in the scoring for the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes Dinghy Championship Tour. Results of the Sparkler will also be included in the S.A.I.L Junior Championship Tour.

[www.rmsail.org/regional.htm](http://www.rmsail.org/regional.htm)

**9. Trophies:**

Fleets with four or less boats will be awarded first and second place trophies for skipper and crew. Fleets with five or more boats will be awarded first, second and third place trophies for skipper and crew.

**10. Disclaimer of Liability:**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Union Sailing Club, Union Reservoir Park, and the City of Longmont 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.