

Sailing Instructions, Union Sailing Club

2010 Club Racing, Sunday Afternoons and Wednesday Evenings

USC Club Racing is open to Club members in boats no more than 20 feet long, no more than 850 pounds displacement, with a Portsmouth Handicap listed in either the US Sailing Centerboard or Multihull Class tables.

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Union Sailing Club's shed.

3. Sailing Instruction Changes

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1.1. No signals will be made ashore. All signals will be made from the Committee boat.

(Note: This may change when the flag pole is installed at the club)

5. Schedule

Sundays, 1pm start

Spring Sunday Series: Apr 11, 18, 25, May 2, 23, 30

Early Summer Sunday Series: Jun 6, 20, 27, Jul 4, 11, 18

Summer Late Sunday Series: Aug 8, 15, 22, 29, Sep 5, 12

Fall Sunday Series: Sep 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

Wednesdays, 6pm start May through August, 5:30pm start in September

May Wed Series: May 5, 12, 19, 26

June Wed Series: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Jul Wed Series: July 7, 14, 21, 28

Aug Wed Series: Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Sep Wed Series: Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

5.1. Three races are scheduled for each day of racing.

5.2. The warning signal for the first race on Sundays will be given at 13:00, and 18:00 on Wednesdays May through August, and 17:30 in September.

5.3. Warning signals for subsequent races will be given as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

6. Class Flags

6.1. At Race Committee discretion, all boats may be started as one Class. The Class flag will then be solid yellow.

6.2. Race Committee has the option of assigning more than one Class. When there are 2 Classes, Monohull and Multihull, the class flags will be:

6.2.1. Multihull - Green

6.2.2. Monohull - Red

6.2.3. The multihull Class will have the first start

7. Racing Area

The racing area is Union Reservoir. (See diagram on official notice board with locations of the permanent marks.)

8. The Courses

8.1. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will display the course to be sailed on a white dry erase board on board the Committee boat. The Race Committee may post a different course to be sailed for the Juniors than the other monohulls.

8.2. All races will start at mark number 1.

8.3. The start line will also be the finish line.

8.4. The course will be indicated by a series of numbers and letters that correspond to the order in which marks are to be passed and ending with "F" for finish.

8.5. All marks are to be rounded to Port.

8.6 **Start/Finish line as a GATE:** When the course indicated by the Race Committee includes the letter "G", the start/finish line is then a GATE. All boats on that course **must** pass between the committee boat and the pin. The committee boat and the pin are treated as marks for the legs of the course that either start with or end with a GATE.

9. Marks

9.1. Fixed race marks are white plastic 30 gallon drums with the mark numbered in black from 1 to 9 (see diagram).

9.2. Temporary Windward and Leeward marks, when used, will be red flags or orange inflatables and designated on the course board as "W" or "L"

10. Starts

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark. The starting mark will be a red flag or orange inflatable, and the Race Committee boat will be moored to mark number 1.
- 10.3. A boat has 5 minutes to start after their starting signal. A boat that fails to start within this time will not race and will be scored DNS.
- 10.4. The starting area extends 100 feet either side of the starting line and in a 100 foot radius from each end of the starting line. Boats that have not received their warning signal will stay outside of this area during the time any other class is in their start sequence.

11. Finish

- 11.1. The finish line will be between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 11.2. While other boats are still racing, boats will clear the start / finish line area as soon as possible after finishing.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1. Rule 44.2, two turns penalty shall apply to monohulls.
- 12.2. For the Muthull fleet, Rule 44.2 is changed so that only one turn, including 1 tack and 1 gybe, is required.

13. Time Limit

There is no time limit for the first boat to finish. However, the race committee may at its discretion abandon any race at any time. Boats finishing more than 25 minutes in corrected time after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (time limit expired). This changes Rule 35 and A4.1. Any boat that has not finished within 25 minutes of corrected time after the first finisher shall return to the starting area. Race Committee shall begin the next race as soon as possible after the 25 minutes have expired.

14. Protests

- 14.1. A protesting boat must inform the Race Committee of their intention to protest as soon as practical after finishing. Please wait for a break in the finishers to hail the Committee boat.
- 14.2. Protests must be delivered to the Race Committee in writing within 20 minutes after the Committee boat docks. Race Committee will notify the USC Protest Committee of the protest within 24 hours.
- 14.3. Hearings will be held as soon as possible, at a time and place mutually agreed upon among the protesting party, protested skipper and the USC Protest Committee, but no later than 7 days.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. Juniors (helmsman age 18 or younger), Monohull and Multihull fleets will be scored separately, each fleet using the Portsmouth Yardstick.
- 15.2. The CHIPS 3 High Point System will be used to score the Series. The following changes apply.
 - 15.2.1. A boat's worst score will be excluded from her total if 3-5 races are completed in the Series, 2 scores will be excluded if 6-8 races are completed, 9-11 races = 3 scores excluded, 12-14 races = 4 scores excluded, 15-18 races = 5 scores excluded.
 - 15.2.2. RC: Skippers serving on Race Committee staff will be scored for each race served, the average of their points for the races they sailed in the series plus 10 points per race served.
 - 15.2.3. RTC: Representing the Club: A sailor who misses Club races because they are participating in another sailing event and register for that event as a member of Union Sailing Club may notify the Racing Committee and be scored the average of their points in that series for the races missed.
 - 15.2.4. TLE: Number of finishers plus 1 place
 - 15.2.5. OCS, DNF, and DNS: number of starters plus 1 place.
DNC and DSQ: zero points.
- 15.3. VOLUNTEERING: Race Committee volunteers are vital to the success of the Club racing program. Each skipper who races must volunteer a minimum of one day for every 5 days racing to be eligible for Series Awards. Other significant volunteering efforts within the Club may be presented to the USC Racing Committee for consideration of fulfilling this requirement, including helping at a USC Regatta.
- 15.4. GUEST RACING POLICY:
A guest may join a member when the member is the racer-of-record on the Race Committee timing sheet. A guest may race their own boat in two days of racing as the racer-of-record, however, their racing results will not impact the series standings unless they join USC before the series is scored and posted.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. All boats will check in at the Committee boat prior to their first race. The following information will be provided to the Race Committee.
 - 16.1.1. Skipper Name (First and Last please spell your last name).
 - 16.1.2. Boat Type (Snipe, Butterfly, 420, Sunfish, Etc.).

16.1.3. Sail Number

- 16.2. Boats must meet US Coast Guard, State of Colorado, Weld County, and City of Longmont safety requirements.
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.4. All skippers and crew shall wear a PFD when the wind speed exceeds 15 MPH.
- 16.5 All skippers and crew shall wear a PFD when the water temperature is less than 60 degrees F.