



2024 NOTICE OF SEASON SERIES

1. EVENTS

The Union Sailing Club (USC) will conduct five (5) Series of Races in 2024 as the Organizing Authority. These Series will be held on Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO.

2. RULES

These USC Series will be governed by rules as defined by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by each Series Sailing Instructions (SIs), this NOS, the Boating Regulations of the City of Longmont Parks, Weld County, and the State of Colorado. Series SIs will be available five (5) days prior to the first race of the series on the USC website www.unionsailingclub.org.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 No series registration is required. USC membership is required. All boats must be helmed or crewed by a Union Sailing Club member in good standing for the 2024 Season, although a Guest may race two (2) days before joining.

3.2 Guest racing policy: A guest may join a member when the member is the racer-of-record on the 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.

3.3 The Wednesday and Sunday series are open to all boats which are to be no more than 20 feet long, no more than 850 pounds of displacement. with a Portsmouth Number rating defined by the Union Sailing Club and published on the USC website here: [USC Portsmouth Number ratings](#).

Please contact the Race Committee Chair if a class of boat is not listed on USC Portsmouth Number ratings page at rcchair@unionsailingclub.org

3.4 For scoring purposes these are the anticipated fleets:

- “Dinghy” (using [2024 USC Portsmouth Number ratings](#))
- “LMS” (Laser, Mutineer, Snipe)

4. FEES

There are no separate fees associated with any racing series.

5. SCHEDULES

2024 SERIES RACING SCHEDULE

Spring Sunday Series:

First Warning Signal at 14:00

April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, *, 19, 26, **, 9, 16, 23, 30

*no Series racing on Mother's Day, May 12

**no Series racing on June 2 due to the second day of the ReUnion Regatta (June 1-2)

Spring Wednesday Series:

First Warning Signal at 18:00

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Summer Sunday Series:

First Warning Signal at 14:00

July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25

Fall Sunday Series:

First Warning Signal at 14:00

September ***, 8, 15, 22, 29, October ****, 13, 20, 27

***no Series racing on September 1 due to the second day of the Rocky Mountain Snipe Championship (August 31 - September 1)

****no Series racing on October 6 due to the second day of the USC Laser/ILCA Regatta (October 5-6)

Fall Wednesday Series:

First Warning Signal at 18:00 (August), 17:30 (September)

August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25

6. APPENDIX T

Appendix T of the RRS shall be in effect for all races of this Series.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be emailed to the Union Sailing Club email list. All competitors are encouraged to sign up here: <https://groups.io/g/unionsailingclub>

8. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

9. PROTEST SCHEDULE

Any protest filed following races will be heard as soon as possible at a time and place mutually agreed upon between the protestor, protestee and the USC Protest Committee, but no later than 7 days. This affects only the protest hearing schedule. It does not affect the protest requirements that must be met in accordance with the RRS at the time of the incident. Arbitration may be heard immediately following the conclusion of races that evening, if agreeable to all parties involved. It may also be delayed until prior to the Protest Hearing.

10. AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the top 3 placing skippers in each fleet for each series (a minimum of 3 skippers must race in a series in order to qualify for awards):

- “Dinghy” (using [2024 USC Portsmouth Number ratings](#))
- “LMS” (Laser, Mutineer, Snipe)

11. VENUE

All races shall be held on Union Reservoir, Longmont, CO.

12. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS

12.1 Each USC club member who races must volunteer for the Race Committee a minimum of one day for every 5 days of racing. Competitors who do not complete the volunteer requirements will not be scored in the series and not be eligible for any

awards. Note: This requirement can be waived by the Race Committee Chair on the occasion where there are sufficient volunteers to complete the series.

12.2 Competitors who serve as Race Committee will be scored for the races that they serve as described in **13.3 SCORING RC**.

12.3 Completing these duties for a canceled, postponed, delayed or abandoned race will meet this requirement.

13. SCORING

13.1 Rule 90.3(a) and Appendix A4 shall be changed to use the High Point Scoring System described as CHIPS 3, with the modifications stated in this Notice of Series and the Series SI's.

13.2 Every three (3) races completed per series, a successively worst score will be thrown out.

13.3 Appendix A 4.4 is further changed as follows:

TLE = number of finishers plus 1

RTC = Average of races sailed in that series for the races missed by a skipper representing the club at another regatta. RTC is also granted for up to two racing days for parents traveling with juniors who race in junior regatta events. **The number for RTC in a Series can be equal to, but not exceed the number of races sailed at Union Reservoir.**

DNS, OCS, DNF, RET = number of boats in their fleet that came to the starting area plus 1

DSQ, DNC, DNE = 0

RC = Scored as 10 points higher than average of the series. For more than one racing day per series, the second and subsequent days will be scored for each race served, their average place of the races they sailed in the series.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. (See RRS Rule 3 Decision to Race.) Union Sailing Club, as the organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the series.

15. INFORMATION

For further information contact the USC Race Committee Chair or any member of the Race Committee. Contact information is available online at www.unionsailingclub.org