



# Union Sailing Club

## 2023 Notice of Season Series

### 1 EVENTS

The Union Sailing Club (USC) will conduct five (5) Series of Races in 2023 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 and Weld County. Series SIs will be available five (5) days prior to the first race of the series on the USC website [www.unionsailingclub.org](http://www.unionsailingclub.org).

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** No race registration is required. Membership is required. All boats must be helmed or crewed by a Union Sailing Club member in good standing for the 2023 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 Union Reservoir-specific Portsmouth Handicap derived as described on the USC website:

<http://unionsailingclub.org/Resources/Documents/clubDocs/uscPortsmouth.pdf>

- 3.4** For scoring purposes these are the anticipated fleets:

- Monohull Portsmouth
- LMS (Laser, Mutineer, Snipe)
- Multihull Portsmouth

### 4 FEES

There are no separate fees associated with any racing series.

### 5 SCHEDULES

#### 5.1 Series 1: Spring Sunday

- First Warning Signal at 1400

- 33 races planned over 11 race days
- Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7,\*, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25 - \*no racing on Mother's Day, May 14

### **5.2 Series 2: Spring Wednesday**

- First Warning Signal at 1800
- 39 races planned over 13 race days
- Dates: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26

### **5.3 Series 3: Summer Sunday**

- First Warning Signal at 1400
- 27 races planned over 9 race days
- Dates: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27

### **5.4 Series 4: Fall Sunday**

- First Warning Signal at 1400
- 24 races planned over 8 race days
- Dates: September 3, 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22

### **5.5 Series 5: Fall Wednesday**

- First Warning Signal at 1800 (August), 1730 (September)
- 27 races planned over 9 race days
- Dates: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27

## **6 APPENDIX T**

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

## **7 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on the Union Sailing Club website (<https://www.unionsailingclub.org/>)

## **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 class for each series (a minimum of 3 skippers must race in a series in order to qualify for awards):

- Class 1 :Monohull Portsmouth
- Class 2: LMS (Laser, Mutineer, Snipe)
- Class 3: Multihull Portsmouth

## 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 modified 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 modified as follows:

- **TLE** (Time Limit Expired) = scored as number of finishers plus 1
- **RTC** = Average of races sailed in that Series for the races missed (may not exceed number of races sailed at Union Reservoir in that Series)
- **DNS, OCS, DNF, RET** = number of boats in their fleet that came to the starting area plus 1
- **DNC, DNE, DSQ** = 0
- **RC** = scored as 10 points higher than their 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 4 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 on the banner of your newsletter and available online at [www.unionsailingclub.org](http://www.unionsailingclub.org).