September 30, 2023
Union Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
(Updated 28 September 2023)

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that breaches in this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1. Rules
    1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS') and its prescriptions.
    1.2 Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules, or regulations. [DP].
    1.3 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI's the SI's will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
    1.4 The following Racing rules will be changed as follows:
        1.4.1 SI 1.3 changes RRS 63.7.
        1.4.2 SI 5.2 changes RRS Race Signal AP.
        1.4.3 SI 8.4 changes RRS 33.
        1.4.4 SI 15.1 changes RRS 35.
        1.4.5 SI 15.1 changes A 4.
        1.4.6 SI 16.2 changes A5.2.

2. Notice to Competitors
    2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the USC Clubhouse AND/OR on the USC website (www.unionsailingclub.org).

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the 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. Changes may be posted at the USC Clubhouse and/or on USC website (www.unionsailingclub.org).

3.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2, oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. When the RC signal boat displays code flag L with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. Oral changes may include changes to the courses, start sequences, number of races, and other racing related changes, however, shall not include changes to the racing schedule posted in the NOR or these SI's.

4. Schedule of Events:

4.1 Schedule: There will be no limit on the number of races scheduled with one discard upon completion of six (6) races. The Race Committee will attempt to hold as many races as possible in the window described below. One race will constitute a regatta.

Saturday, September 30, 2023
9:00 am Competitors Meeting
10:00 am Warning signal for the first race. Six (6) or more races back-to-back. (Lunch on the Water)
No race will be started after 4:30 pm

Awards presentation will be as soon as practical after the last race.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal boat at dock.
5.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the starting time will be no sooner than 30 minutes after lowering the AP flag. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

6. Class Flag

6.1 The Class Flags for competing fleets will be assigned and posted at the competitors meeting.

7. Racing Area

7.1 Attachment A shows the Racing Area. A racing area chart ("Reference Map") of Union Reservoir is attached to these instructions.

8. Courses

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the marks to be rounded on a white dry erase /magnetic board displayed on the RC boat.

8.2 The course will be indicated by a series of numbers and/or letters that correspond to the order in which marks are to be passed and ending with "F" for finish.
8.3 All marks are to be rounded to port, except for a leeward Gate.
8.4 Rule 33 (a) (1-2) Changing the next leg of the course display the number or letter of the next leg.

9. Marks:

9.1 Marks 1 through 9 are white buoys with orange stripes located approximately as shown on the Reference Map.
9.2 Temporary marks, when used, will be Orange or Yellow inflatables and/or flags and are designated as "O" or "Y".
9.3 Start line as a GATE: When the course indicated by the Race Committee includes the letter "G", the start line is then a GATE. All boats must pass between the committee boat and the pin. The committee boat and the pin are treated as marks of the course when they are used as a GATE.

10. Starts

10.1 Races will be started under RRS 26, with a warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal and display of the class flag. A courtesy warning consisting of 5 short audible signals one minute before the 5 minute warning signal may be given.
10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

11. Start & Finish Lines:

11.1 The start line shall be a line between an orange mark in the vicinity of the RC boat and an orange flag on the RC boat. The Race Committee boat will be moored to Mark Number 1.
11.2 The finish line shall be a line between a blue mark in the vicinity of the RC boat and a blue flag on the RC boat.
11.3 While other boats are still racing, boats will clear the finish line as soon as possible after finishing.
11.4 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line (except when it is a GATE). A boat shall not cross the finish line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (see rule 44.2). This changes rule 28.1.

The start and finish lines, their buoys, and the RC boat are, taken together, one obstruction, and therefore rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats while they are approaching and passing it.

12. Check In

12.1 Each boat shall sail past the transom of the RC Boat while RC is flying the Code Flag "L", hail her Sail Number and be acknowledged by RC with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before the first race. Any boat failing to check-in and failing to finish will be scored DNC. [DP]

12.2. Competitors must have and sail under a unique/non-duplicated mainsail number. Failure to do so may compromise scoring. In the event two (2) or more boats are sailing under the same mainsail number, all boats with that number may be listed as DNF until duplication is identified and resolved. [DP]

13. Safety

13.1 Boats must meet US Coast Guard, State of Colorado, Weld County and the City of Longmont safety regulations.

13.2 A boat that retires from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. [DP]

13.3 All skippers and crew must wear a PFD when the wind speed exceeds 15 MPH. [DP]

13.4 All skippers and crew must wear a PFD when the water temperature is less than 60 degrees F. [DP]

14. Penalty System/ Post-Race Penalties

14.1 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

15. Time Limit

15.1 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 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (time limit expired). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15.2 Any boat that has not finished within 20 minutes after the first finisher shall return to the starting area. Race Committee shall begin the next race as soon as possible after the 20 minutes have expired.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress:

16.1 Any registered boat intending to protest must notify the RC upon finishing or within the protest time if they do not finish. Please wait for a break in the finishers to hail the committee boat. Request for Hearing forms are available from the RC, or at the USC Club House. Protests must be filed with the RC or an attending USC officer no later than 30 minutes after RC returns to shore and flies a Code 'B' flag from the RC boat.

16.2 APPENDIX T Arbitration of the RRS shall be in effect for this regatta. Pre-Hearing/arbitration will be available to all parties in protests. The penalized boat shall not be scored worse than DNF. The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings. Arbitration may be heard immediately following the conclusion of races

that day, if agreeable to all parties involved. It may also be delayed until prior to the Protest Hearing.

17. Scoring

17.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 will be used to score the Regatta.

17.2 Appendix A 5.2 is modified as follows:

    17.2.1 TLE = number of finishers plus 1

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

    17.2.3 If 1-5 races have been completed all races will be scored. If 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 Score ties will be broken as defined in rule A8.

18. Risk Statement

18.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By Participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 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.

20. Skipper and Crew Positions

20.1 A boat may alter skipper and crew positions for each race sailed. The change in skipper and crew positions shall not be grounds for protest.

APPENDIX A: Reference Map