

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2023 Front Range Laser Championship

SEPT 9th & 10th 2023

UNION SAILING CLUB

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS'0.
- 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 8.5 changes RRS 33.
 - 1.4.4. SI 12.1 changes RRS 35.
 - 1.4.5. SI 13.2 changes A 4.
 - 1.4.6. SI 16.2 changes A5.2

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located on the USC Clubhouse or distributed via email.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any changes to the schedule will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3. 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 - which means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral instructions.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1. Schedule

Saturday September 9th , 2023

- 1000 - Competitors meeting
- 1100 - Warning signal for first race, with subsequent signals & races to follow.
- 1700 - No races will be started after

Sunday September 10th, 2003

- 1000 - Warning signal for first race, with subsequent signals & races to follow.
- 1600 - No races will be started after

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1. The Class Flag will be assigned and posted at the competitors meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Attachment A shows the Racing Area.

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 the white board on the RC boat.
- 8.2. All races will start at mark [1]
- 8.3. The course will be indicated by a series of numbers and/or letters that correspond to the order in which marks will be passed and ending with “F” for the finish.
- 8.4. All marks are to be rounded to port
- 8.5. Rule 33 (a) (1-2) Changing the next leg of the course displays the number or letter of the next leg. [DP]

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 through 9 are white buoys with orange stripes located approximately on the reference map.
- 9.2. Additional marks, when used, will be Orange or Yellow inflatable and/or flags are are designated as “O” or “Y”
- 9.3. Start/Finish line as a GATE - when the course indicated by the RC includes the letter “G”, the start/finish 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 using the Audible-Signal Racing System in RRS Appendix U. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.2. This sequence is as follows

Signal	Sound	Time Before Start
Attention	5 short	4 minutes
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds

	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Starting	1 long	0 (Start)

10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS

11. START & FINISH

11.1. The Start & Finish Line shall be a line between an orange inflatable in the vicinity of the RC boat and an Orange Flag on the RC boat. The RC boat will be moored to Mark 1

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

12.1.1. First and Last Name

12.1.2. Sail Number

And be acknowledged by the RC with a return of her sail number. This shall be done before the first race in which the boat competes. Any boat failing to check-in and failing to finish will be scored DNC [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 competitors must wear a PFD when the wind speed exceeds 15 MPH. [DP]

13.4. All competitors must wear a PFD when the water temperature is less than 60F [DP]

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties) applies.

14.2. RRS 44.1, Taking a Penalty, shall apply.

14.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15.2. RC shall begin the next race as soon as the last competitor has finished when the time limit has been exceeded.

16. PROTESTS & 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. Protest 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: TLE = number of finishers plus 1 DNS, OCS, DNF, RET = number of boats that came to the starting area plus 1 If 1-4 races have been completed all races will be scored. If 5 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.
- 17.4. Three races completed shall constitute a regatta.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 19.1. Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or Union Reservoir or the Union Sailing Club's facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

APPENDIX A

Union Sailing Club Permanent Race Marks

*Note: Temporary marks may also be set.
These marks will be orange buoys or orange flags.*

