



Sailing Instructions

2023 ReUnion Regatta UNION SAILING CLUB

June 3rd and 4th, 2023
Updated June 2, 2023 (Rule 11.4)

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions 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. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ('RRS').
2. Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard and other applicable governmental laws, rules, or regulations. [DP].
3. If there is a conflict between the NOS and the SI's the SI's will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
4. The following Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 4.1. SI 1.3 changes RRS 63.7.
 - 4.2. SI 5.2 changes RRS Race Signal AP.
 - 4.3. SI 8.5 changes RRS 33.
 - 4.4. SI 15.1 changes RRS 35.
 - 4.5. SI 15.1 changes A 4.
 - 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 change 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.
- 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.

4. Schedule of Events:

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Saturday June 3, 2023:

1000 Competitor's meeting at Union Sailing Club, including announcement of fleets/starts.
1100 Warning signal for first race subsequent signals & races to follow. No race will be started after 1700.

Sunday June 4, 2023

1000 Warning signal for first race, subsequent signals & races to follow. No race will be started after 1630.

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

4.11 The Race Committee will attempt to get as many races as possible in the window described above. One race will constitute a regatta.

5 Signals Made Ashore:

1. Signal made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal boat at dock.
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 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 board displayed on the RC boat.
- 8.2. All races will start at mark one (1).
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. All marks are to be rounded to port, except for a leeward Gate.
- 8.5. **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/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 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.
- 10.2.** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 10.3.** The starting area extends 100 feet on 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 the start sequence.

11. Start & Finish Lines:

- 11.1** The Start 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 Race Committee boat will be moored to Mark Number 1.
- 11.2** The Finish Line shall be a line between a blue inflatable 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 start/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. A boat shall not cross the finishing 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:

12.11 Member Name (First and Last, please spell last)

12.12 Boat Type (Snipe, Butterfly, 420, Sunfish, etc.)

14. Sail Number

and be acknowledged by RC with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before the first race in which a boat competes. 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]

2. 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]

3. Penalty System/ Post-Race Penalties

11. RRS Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties) applies and is in effect for Multihulls.

12. RRS 44.1, Taking a Penalty, shall apply to Monohulls.

13. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

2. Time Limit:

2.11. 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.

2.12. 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.

3. Protests and Requests for Redress:

3.11. 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.

3.12. 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.

4. Scoring:

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

16.2 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.

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

5. Disclaimer of Liability

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 sustain in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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: Reference Map

