



# DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

## 2026 Notice of Series (Fleet)

### For All Fleet Racing Series

#### EVENTS

The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) will conduct up to four (4) Series of Fleet Races in 2026 as the Organizing Authority (OA). These Race Series will be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, CO.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. These Series will be governed by Rules as defined by the *2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, except as changed by each Series Sailing Instructions (SIs), this Notice of Series (NOS), the Boating Regulations of Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and of the Cherry Creek State Park.
- 1.2. Each Series SIs will be available at least two (2) days prior to the first race of each series on the DSA website, [www.denversailing.org](http://www.denversailing.org).

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Race registration is not required. DSA 2026 Membership is required. All boats must have a DSA Admiral, Flag, Honorary, or Junior member in good standing for the 2026 Season aboard which the scores will be awarded to. All races sailed prior to complete payment of their 2026 membership dues, will be scored as DNC.
- 2.2. Each scored DSA member is required to schedule and complete two (2) days of Race Committee (RC) duties each season under section **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**. Members shall schedule and complete their RC Duty dates to be scored in any series. All races, if RC Duties are not completed, will be recorded as NORC.
- 2.3. All DSA 2026 Series Fleet Races are open to all DSA Members. Rental boats may be entered by DSA Members, but each boat raced must be reported by type of boat, sail number, and DSA Member name, to RC Boat for proper scoring each race day.
- 2.4. Fleet status will be given to groups of four (4) or more One Design boats that sail in any series. All other boats will be formed into one or more handicap fleets. Keel boats will be handicapped under PHRF. Dinghies will be handicapped under Portsmouth. Boats handicapped under Portsmouth must have ratings based on more than five data points to be eligible for a trophy.
- 2.5. Community Sailing of Colorado (CSC) is eligible to race their fleet of teaching keelboats at no registration cost.

#### 3. FEES

There are no separate fees associated with any of these DSA racing series.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.
- 4.2. **Thawout Series:** Five (5) Saturdays April 11 – May 9, 2026. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. No race warning will be signaled after 1600.
- 4.3. **Spring Series:** Eight (8) Thursdays May 21 – July 9, 2026. First warning signal at 1820 hours.

- 4.4. Summer Series:** Nine (9) Thursdays July 16 – September 10, 2026. First warning signal at 1820 hours until August 20. Races on August 27 and later will start at 1745 hours.
- 4.5. Frostbite Series:** Five (5) Saturdays September 19 - October 17, 2026. First Warning signal at 1300 hours. No race warning will be signaled after 1600.
- 4.6.** Two (2) races are scheduled for each evening series. Up to five (5) races are scheduled for each weekend afternoon. Additional unscored races may be run at the discretion of the race committee of the day.

## **6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official DSA WhatsApp Group's Team Racing Series chatroom, DSA website, and the DSA notice board outside the clubhouse.

## **7. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Each Series' SIs may modify the Rules. Changes to the SIs will be allowed on the water under a Code Flag "L". Anticipated changes include but are not limited to modifications of **RRS Appendix A** as described in section **12. SCORING**.

## **8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 8.1.** Any boat intending to protest must notify the RC upon finishing or within the protest time if they do not finish. Protests must be filed with the RC of the day, an attending DSA officer after RC returns to shore, or submitted to [info@denversailing.org](mailto:info@denversailing.org) before 1800 the day following the incident. The Protest filed must be in accordance with the **RRS**.
- 8.2.** **Appendix T** of the **RRS** (Arbitration) shall be in effect for all Series Fleet Races. 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 Arbitration hearings. 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.
- 8.3.** Any protest filed following Series Fleet Races, will be heard within the week following the incident, on an agreed to schedule, in a virtual session.

## **9. TROPHIES**

- 9.1.** The number of year-end series trophies to be awarded will depend on the number of competitors in each fleet, in each series.
- 9.2.** To be eligible for a year-end trophy, each scored member must have met their RC Requirements in section **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**.
- 9.3.** CSC boats are not eligible for trophies.

## **10. VENUE & RACING AREA**

- 10.1.** All races shall be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, CO.
- 10.2.** Attachment A, a Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir, shows the Racing Area.

## **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**

- 11.1.** Each DSA member being scored must serve on RC two (2) days/evenings during any of the Series Fleet Races of the season.
- 11.2.** If RC duties are not met by end of season, all races sailed will be recorded as **NORC**.
- 11.3.** Completing RC duties for a canceled, postponed, delayed, or abandoned race will meet this requirement.

**11.4.** CSC boats are exempt from RC requirements.

## **12. SCORING**

**12.1.** **Rule 90.3(a)** and **Appendix A 4** shall be modified to use the High Point Scoring System described as CHIP3, with the modifications stated in this NOS and the Series SIs.

**12.2.** **Rule 90.3(a)** shall be modified to a race shall be scored if more than one boat starts the race.

**12.3.** **Appendix A 4.2** is modified so that for every five (5) races completed per Series, a successively worse score will be thrown out. **Rule 90.3(b)** is not modified. A **DSQ** is not eligible to be thrown out and will be listed as **DNE**, this changes **A2.1**.

**12.4.** **Appendix A 4.2** is further modified as follows:

**DNF, RET** = scored as number of finishers plus 1.

**DNS** = CHIPS3 Finish Score of 5

**OCS, DNC, NORC** = 0

**DSQ, DNE** = 0

**RC** = scored as the average of all their series finish scores, after throw outs, plus 5

**NORC** = a DSA score designation reserved for competitors that have not scheduled or have not met their RC Requirements in section **11. RACE COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS**.

All races sailed prior to scheduling or meeting their RC Requirements will be recorded as NORC. A limit of four (4) races will be reinstated when RC Requirements have not been met.

**RCP** is a score designation if redress is filed by a competitor and the hearing results are that the RC did not adhere to the SIs.

*Note: Additional Finishing Codes based on sections 3.1, 3.2*

*A detailed explanation of the CHIPS3 High Point Scoring System is available on the DSA website.*

**12.5.** All Races sailed prior to becoming an active 2026 member will be scored as **DNC**.

**12.6.** CSC boats will not be scored.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The RC reserves the right to make announcements on the water via VHF radio on channel 69 in addition to announcements made under Code Flag "L". These calls may include OCS calls and advanced warning of upcoming starting sequences and schedules.

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk (see **RRS Rule 3 Decision to Race**). DSA, 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 DSA at [info@denversailing.org](mailto:info@denversailing.org).

**Attachment A: Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir**

