



DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

2026 Notice of Series (Team)

PREAMBLE

Denver Sailing Association (DSA) will be hosting a simplified Team Racing series on select Wednesday evenings in the 2026 sailing season. The club is excited to bring this format of racing to Colorado and hopes it provides exciting racing and learning opportunities. This will be our first year hosting this series, so please bear with us as we also learn to organize these events. To even the playing field, we ask that each team only include one sailor with advanced skills (i.e. individuals with the last name Robinson, Abisambra, and Avery).

EVENTS

The Denver Sailing Association (DSA) will conduct one (1) Series of Team 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)*, *including Appendix D - Team Racing Rules*, 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. DSA 2026 Admiral, Flag, Honorary, or Junior Membership is required of all team members at time of registration.
- 2.2. Teams must be made up of three (3) sailors to be on three (3) laser boats.
- 2.3. Teams must be registered by April 30, 2026.
- 2.4. If there are less than 3 teams registered for a series, then the series will not occur.

3. FEES

There are no separate Series Team Racing fees.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.
- 4.2. **Laser Series:** Up to eight (8) Wednesdays: May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19, and September 2, 2026. First Warning signal at 1820 hours. The final schedule of races will be posted on the DSA website and posted as a notice (see section 7) after close of registration.

6. SERIES FORMAT

- 6.1. The event is a 3-boat against 3-boat team race.
- 6.2. Teams will not be mustered. It is the competitors' responsibility to be ready to race.
- 6.3. The series will be a round robin format with each team competing against another team at least once. Each win will be worth +1 point. The team with the most points will be declared the winner. If multiple teams have the most points after the round robin, those tied teams will race against one another as a tie breaker.

7. 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.

8. 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**.

9. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1. There will not be an on the water judge.
- 9.2. Any boat intending to protest must notify the RC upon finishing.
- 9.3. The RC will act as a protest committee and will hear arguments and decide on penalization immediately following the conclusion of races that day and returning to shore.
- 9.4. The losing team in the protest will earn a disqualification, or -1 point, for the race.

10. TROPHIES

There will be one winning team trophy per series.

11. VENUE & RACING AREA

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The team with the lowest total when adding up their boats' finishing orders will be declared the winner of the race.
- 12.2. The winning team of a race will earn +1 point in the Series standings. The losing team will earn 0 points in the Series standings. A disqualified team will earn -1 point in the Series standings.
- 12.3. The team with the most points in the Series standings wins the series.

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.

Attachment A: Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir

