



# DSA 2026 Rocky Mountain Shootout/Hornblower Regatta

May 16 - 17, 2026

## Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking a rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined by the *2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be distributed at registration.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Hornblower Regatta is open to non-self-righting boats (Dinghies). One design classes with four (4) or more entries will be recognized as a fleet. Anticipated classes are Laser, Lightning, Melges 15, and Portsmouth.
- 4.2. The Rocky Mountain Shootout Regatta is open to all Keelboats. One design classes with four (4) or more entries will be recognized as a fleet. Anticipated classes are Santana 20, J22, and PHRF.
- 4.3. Additional fleets may be established at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC). fleets may be formed into divisions for starting purposes and courses.
- 4.4. Early registration can be completed online at [www.denversailing.org](http://www.denversailing.org). Online registrants will be required to check in at the DSA Clubhouse during registration/check-in times, on their first day of racing, to pick up SIs and sign waivers.
- 4.5. Junior racers can register by emailing Community Sailing of Colorado at [admin@communitysailing.org](mailto:admin@communitysailing.org).
- 4.6. On-site registration will be available at the DSA Clubhouse during registration/check times.
- 4.7. Boats that have not registered and have not paid their entry fee will not be considered competitors.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Fees for the 2026 Rocky Mountain Shootout/Hornblower Regatta are \$100 for boats greater than 17 feet in length (\$90 for current DSA Members) and \$80 for boats 17 feet or less in length (\$70 for current DSA Members). These fees must be paid prior to May 2, 2026. Fees and registrations received after May 2, 2026, are subject to a \$30 late fee.

Junior fees (age 18 and under) are \$35.00 with no late fee. Normal registrations may be completed electronically at [www.denversailing.org](http://www.denversailing.org).

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Saturday, May 16, 2026: On-site Registration/Check-in & Breakfast 0900-1100; Competitor's Meeting 1100; first warning signal 1200; subsequent signals & races to follow.
- 6.2. Sunday, May 17, 2026: On-site Registration/Check-in & Breakfast 0900-1100; first warning signal 1200; subsequent signals & races to follow. No race warnings after 1600.

## 7. VENUE

- 7.1. All races shall be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, CO.

## 8. SCORING

- 8.1. Up to eight (8) races are scheduled. One race completed will constitute a regatta.
- 8.2. The Low Point Scoring System in **Appendix A** will be used with the modifications stated in this NOR.
- 8.3. The race committee will assign handicaps for boats entering the handicap (PHRF) class without 2026 SAIL PHRF certificates. Handicap appeals shall be addressed only to the SAIL PHRF Committee by SAIL PHRF members.

## 9. RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1. 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.**

## 10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Awards will be awarded based on the number of competitors in each class. The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat scoring best among all fleets; scoring for this trophy will be described in the SIs.

## 11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact [info@denversailing.org](mailto:info@denversailing.org).