



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. We will have eight (8) team racing days this season where we'll do pick-up games with anyone who shows up. To keep things fair, we will attempt to form teams each race day with even overall skill levels.

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.
- 2.2. Teams will be made up of at least three (3) sailors, each on a laser boat.
- 2.3. Minimum of six (6) participants required, two (2) teams of three (3), for races to occur.
- 2.4. Participants will meet at the DSA clubhouse 1 hour before the first warning signal to split up into teams.

3. FEES

There are no separate Series Team Racing fees.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. **Laser Series:** 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. Meet up at the DSA clubhouse 1 hour before the first warning signal to form teams.

6. SERIES FORMAT

- 6.1. The event is a three (3) boat against three (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 have eight (8) individual race days with a goal of two (2) races each day. A winning team will be declared for each race day.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official DSA WhatsApp Group's Announcement board 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. The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.3. Protested boats may do a one (1) turn penalty to clear themselves.
- 9.4. Any boat requesting a formal protest hearing must notify the RC upon finishing.
- 9.5. 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.
- 9.6. The losing team in the protest will earn a disqualification, or -1 point, for the race.

10. TROPHIES

There will be no trophies for this series. Each race day's winning team will get an acknowledgement.

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 race day's standings. The losing team will earn 0 points in the race day's standings. A disqualified team will earn -1 point in the race day's standings. The team with the most standings points at the end of the race day will be declared the winner of that race day.

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

