



# DENVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

## 2026 Team Sailing Instructions

### For Team Racing Series

#### 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. NOTATIONS

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. 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).

#### 2. RULES

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. Each Series SIs will be available two (2) days prior to the first race of each series on the DSA website, [www.denversailing.org](http://www.denversailing.org).
- 2.3. The following Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - 2.3.1. SIs 1.2 changes RRS 60.1 (a).
  - 2.3.2. SIs 7.2 changes RRS Race Signal AP.
  - 2.3.3. SIs 15.1 changes RRS 35.

#### 3. 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.

#### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be approved by the Race Committee Chairperson and will be posted at least one (1) hour before the first signal on the day it will take effect. Except any changes to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1900 hours one week before when it will take effect.
- 4.2. In accordance with RRS 90.2, oral changes to the SIs may be made on the water. When the Race Committee (RC) 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 SIs.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.

**5.2. 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. VENUE**

**6.1.** All races shall be held on Cherry Creek Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora, CO.

## **7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**7.1.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the DSA Flagstaff adjacent to the DSA Clubhouse or the DSA Race Committee boat.

**7.2.** When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the starting time will be no sooner than 30 minutes after lowering the Code Flag "AP". This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

## **8. TEAMS**

**8.1.** Teams will be made up of at least three (3) sailors, each on a laser boat.

**8.2.** Minimum of six (6) participants required, two (2) teams of three (3), for races to occur.

**8.3.** Participants will meet at the DSA clubhouse 1 hour before the first warning signal to split up into teams.

**8.4.** Teams will be assigned a colored headband which all members must visibly wear during their race to indicate their team.

## **9. RACING AREA**

**9.1.** Attachment A, a Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir, shows the Racing Area.

## **10. COURSES**

**10.1.** The Race Committee will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the marks to be rounded on a board displayed on the RC Boat. Temporary marks will be indicated by letters W (Windward) and L (Leeward). Marks 1 through 14 indicate permanent white cylinder DSA marks. All mark roundings will leave the mark to port except gates. The use of the placard X indicates a Starting Line gate which competitors must sail through. The use of the placard G (gate) indicates a Starting Line gate which competitors will round, with the start line pin and RC boat acting as the gate pins. All racers shall run these gates, in sequence, as part of the course.

**10.2.** The race course will be the course displayed by the start's three (3) minute signal.

## **11. MARKS**

**11.1.** Marks 1 through 14 are white cylinders located approximately as shown on Attachment A. Marks W (Windward) and L (Leeward) are temporary buoys positioned by the RC. X and G shall be the gate between the Starting Pin and the Orange Flag posted on the RC Boat.

## **12. STARTS**

**12.1.** All Races will be started under RRS 26, three (3) minute start sequence.

## **13. START & FINISH LINES**

**13.1.** The Start Line shall be a line between an inflatable or fixed race buoy in the vicinity of the RC Boat and an orange flag on the RC Boat.

**13.2.** The Finish Line shall be a line between an inflatable or fixed race buoy in the vicinity of the RC Boat and an orange flag on the RC Boat.

**13.3.** The RC Boat may move from the initial Start Area and establish the Finish Line at a new location.

#### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1.** On-water penalties will be exonerated with 1-turn, changing Rule 44.1 appendix D.

#### **15. TIME LIMIT**

**15.1.** The time limit for each race is 60 minutes. The Race will be abandoned if no boat from a fleet finishes within 60 minutes of its start signal. Once a boat finishes within the time limit, all other boats in the fleet have 30 minutes to finish or they will be scored as TLE. This changes RRS 35.

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

**16.1.** There will not be an on the water judge.

**16.2.** The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

**16.3.** Protested boats may do a one (1) turn penalty to clear themselves.

**16.4.** Any boat requesting a formal protest hearing must notify the RC upon finishing.

**16.5.** 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.

**16.6.** The losing team in the protest will earn a disqualification, or -1 point, for the race.

#### **17. SCORING**

**17.1.** The team with the lowest total when adding up their boats' finishing orders will be declared the winner of the race.

**17.2.** 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.

#### **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**18.1.** All official radio communication will be made on VHF radio on channel 69.

**18.2.** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, tablets, computers, and similar devices. [NP] [DP]

**18.3.** The RC may attempt to report visual signals displayed, and other pertinent information, over VHF radio for the races. This information is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omission involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

#### **19. TROPHIES**

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

#### **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. (See RRS Rule 3 Decision to Race) Denver Sailing Association, 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.

#### **21. INFORMATION**

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

# Attachment A: Reference Map of Cherry Creek Reservoir

