



Carter Lake Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

65th Carter Lake Open Regatta & Santana 20 Mountain Regional Championship

June 1st & 2nd, 2024

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.

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).

1. RULES:

- 1.1 This Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS) and its prescriptions
- 1.2 Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard, Larimer Country Parks and other applicable governmental laws, rules, or regulations. [DP].
- 1.3 Class rules shall apply for those sailing in One Design (OD) fleets. Each fleet is responsible for enforcement of its class rules.
- 1.4 For any conflicts between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 The Carter Lake Sailing Club (CLSC) is the organizing authority (OA).
- 1.6 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.6.1 SI 1.5 changes RRS 63.7
 - 1.6.2 SI 5.2 changes RRS Race Signal AP.
 - 1.6.3 SI 9.4 changes RRS 33.
 - 1.6.4 SI 11.2 changes the Race Signals
 - 1.6.5 SI 14.1 changes RRS 35
 - 1.6.6 SI 14.4 changes RRS 62.1
 - 1.6.7 SI 16.1 changes RRS A5.
 - 1.6.8 SI 16.2 changes RRS A2.1

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2.1 Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 or after the Competitor's Meeting on the day it will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to the SI's may be made on the water under a Code L flag. All boats competing shall come within hail to receive oral changes.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the www.sailcarter.org website and the front window of the CLSC clubhouse.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT:

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat in the club marina area.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

6.1 The Regatta schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 1, 2024

1000 Competitor's meeting Carter Lake Sailing Clubhouse

1125 Warning signal for first race, additional races to immediately follow

Sunday, June 2, 2024

0955 Warning signal for first race, additional races to immediately follow

6.2 As many races as practical will be run each day. Races will be run back-to-back with each race immediately following the preceding race. No race will be started (warning signal) after 1600 on Saturday, June 1, or after 1430 on Sun. June 2.

7. CLASSES:

7.1 Classes, Starting Divisions and Class Flags will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.

7.2 Classes will consist of PHRF, Portsmouth, and One-Design Fleets. Handicap fleets may be split into multiple classes depending on the number of entries. Four or more boats entered may form a One-Design class; however, the minimum number of boats needed to form a fleet may be lessened at the discretion of the Regatta Chair.

8. **RACING AREA:** The racing area is described in SI Addendum A.

9. COURSES:

9.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course to be sailed on the stern of the signals boat. The course will be designated by indicating the order in which marks are to be passed beginning with the first mark and ending with "F" for finish.

9.2 All marks are left to port except for the starboard end of a gate.

9.3 The approximate positions of the marks are shown on the racecourse map attached.

9.4 To change the next leg of the course, RC will display the number or letter of the next mark. This modifies RRS 33(a) (1) & (2) and 33(b).

10. MARKS

10.1 Carter Lake Sailing Club race marks are each designated 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, M and G. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are fixed upright three-foot white plastic cylinders with yellow horizontally banding and may have an orange traffic cone on top to improve visibility.

10.2 M is an inflatable orange 3' buoy and would normally be deployed as a short windward mark from the start. G is a gate with 18" yellow and red inflatable buoys on either end. M and G may or may not be deployed.

10.3 Racers should expect an Offset Mark at the Windward mark.

11. THE START:

- 11.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark (orange pin), roughly in the center of the lake. This changes the Race Signals (Orange Flag) as the Start Line. The RC flag will be raised on the signal boat at least five minutes before any warning signal is issued.
- 11.3** Boats, not in their starting sequence, shall remain outside 300' of the starting line and avoid interfering with any Fleet in its start sequence. The starting line is bounded by the starting pin and the RC signal boat. The starting line ranks as an obstruction while racing. Violators will be subject to a 20% scoring penalty.
- 11.4** A boat has 5 minutes to start after her class start time. Boats unable to start within this time period shall not race and will be scored DNS.
- 11.5** Additional races will be started as soon as all boats in a Division have returned to the starting area. Subsequent starting orders may differ from the initial starting order.

12. THE FINISH:

- 12.1** A separate Race Committee Finish Boat will be recording finishes.
- 12.2** The Finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and the finishing mark (orange pin with a blue flag).
- 12.3** The finish line will be in the vicinity of the last mark or gate of the course.
- 12.4** Boats shall not cross the finish line unless finishing. The finish line ranks as an obstruction for all boats not on their final leg to finish. Violators will be subject to a 20% scoring penalty.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM: Appendix V shall be in effect.

14. TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1** The Time Limit for each fleet race is 90 minutes.
- 14.2** The race will be abandoned if no boat from a fleet finish within 90 minutes of its starting 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.
- 14.3** RC may, at its discretion, finish racers from any qualified OD fleet in their current position, if the race is not abandoned and at least one boat has met the time limit. Handicap fleets cannot be finished in place.
- 14.4** Failure to meet the Time Limit will not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. HEARING REQUESTS:

- 15.1** Protesting boats must inform the Race Committee Finish Boat of their intention as soon as practical after finishing or the RC Boat within the protest time if they do not finish.
- 15.2** The Protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the RC signal boat returns to its slip. Filings are to be made to the Principal Race Officer or any member of the RC. Or to the CLSC Clubhouse. The Protest Time Limit will begin when the Race Committee returns to shore and flies a Code B flag with one horn. Protest forms are available from the Race Committee.
- 15.3** Appeals of protest committee decisions and any PHRF ratings will be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by S.A.I.L.
- 15.4** Appendix T will be used for arbitration.

16. SCORING:

- 16.1** The low point scoring system of Appendix A5 is modified as follows:
DNF, TLE, RET (Retired), DSC = number of finishers plus 1
DNS, OCS, NSC, DNC = number of starters plus 1
DSQ & DNE = total number of boats registered in the Fleet plus 2
- 16.2** Appendix A is modified such that after 6 races have been completed, each competitor's single worst score will be thrown out. A DSQ (DNE) is not eligible to be thrown out.
- 16.3** Scoring ties shall be broken as defined in Appendix A8.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:

- 17.1 CHECK-IN:** Boats shall check-in on the water, each race day, while the RC is flying the code "L" flag, by sailing by RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing sail number and number of souls on board.
- 17.2** Boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard, State of Colorado, and Larimer County safety requirements.
- 17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4** The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 69 for race communication while on the water. Channel 16 will be used for emergency situations.

18. PRIZES: One or more trophies will be given for each fleet depending upon the number of participants.

19. RISK STATEMENT:

RRS 3 states: 'The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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.**

Addendum A.

