2025 McGann Cup

September 27 – 28, 2025
Loveland, Colorado

Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Carter Lake Sailing Club
All times are in U.S. Mountain Time

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 rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and its prescriptions

1.2 Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard, Colorado Parks, and Larimer County governmental laws, rules, or regulations. [DP]

1.3 Class rules shall apply for boats sailing in One Design fleets, One Design fleets are responsible for enforcement of class rules

1.4 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

1.5 The following racing rules will be changed as follows:
(a) SI 1.4 changes RRS 63.7
(b) SI 5.2 changes RRS Race Signal AP
(c) SI 16.4 changes RRS 41 (a) (b)

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

2.1 Any change in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted at www.sailcarter.org before 09:00 or after the Skipper's Meeting on the day it will take effect. Any change in the Schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect

2.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2, oral changes to the SIs may be made on the water by hail or by VHF transmission. When the Race Committee (RC) Signal 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

3. Communication

3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official CLSC notice board located at www.sailcarter.org

3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate 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 from the CLSC RC boat on South Dock

5.2 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

6. Schedule

6.1 Dates of racing:

Date	Time	Event
9/27/25	11:00 AM	Skippers Meeting
9/27/25	11:55 AM	First Warning
9/28/25	11:55 AM	First Warning

6.2 For racing on Sunday September 28, no race warnings after 15:00

6.3 As many races as practical shall be run each day. Races will be back to back, and RC may utilize rolling starts between classes. Order of starts may be random

7. CLASSES

7.1 Classes and Class Flags will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting

7.2 Classes will consist of One-Design and PHRF. Handicap fleets may be split into multiple classes depending on the number of entries. Three 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 Racing Chair

7.3 US Sailing is the authority for interpreting the PHRF rules and issuing certificates through its affiliate Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (SAIL). Boats racing PHRF shall have a current SAIL PHRF certificate. Temporary PHRF ratings for non-SAIL members may be assigned by the race committee and are not subject to appeal

8. Racing Area, Courses, and Marks

8.1 The racing area is shown in the attached map of Carter Lake

8.2 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. The course will be designated by indicating the order in which marks are to be passed, beginning with the first mark and ending with the last turning mark. Finishes will be at the RC boat.

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

8.4 Marks 1 through 8 are white cylinders located approximately as shown on the attached map of Carter Lake.

9. THE START

9.1 All Races will be started under RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the Starting Mark (white/green pin)

9.3 A boat has 5 minutes to start after their class start time. Boats unable to start within this time period shall not race and will be scored DNS without a hearing.

9.4 The RC Signal Boat may attempt to hail premature (OCS) starters on VHF channel 69, or vocally. Failure to receive a hail is not grounds for redress.

9.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the Finish Mark (white/green pin)

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix V shall be in effect.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 All boats shall have a time limit of 90 minutes overall and 45 minutes from the time the first boat in their class finishes. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes of their start or within 45 minutes after the first boat in their class sailed the course and finished, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). One boat finishing within the Time Limit makes the race for their fleet.

12.2 One Design racers may be finished in place at the Time Limit.

13. Scoring

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used with the following changes:
(a) TLE: Number of finishers plus 1
(b) OCS, DNF, DNS, RAF: Number of starters plus 1
(c) DSQ: Number of starters plus 2.
(d) All races will be scored.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Carter Lake Sailing Club members are eligible to compete for the McGann Cup Trophy. Non CLSC members will be scored but are ineligible for the McGann Cup Trophy.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Protesting boats must inform the Race Committee 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. Filings are to be made to the Principal Race Officer. The protest time limit will begin when the Race Committee returns to shore. 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 US Sailing and SAIL

15.4 Appendix T will be in effect for arbitration

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 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

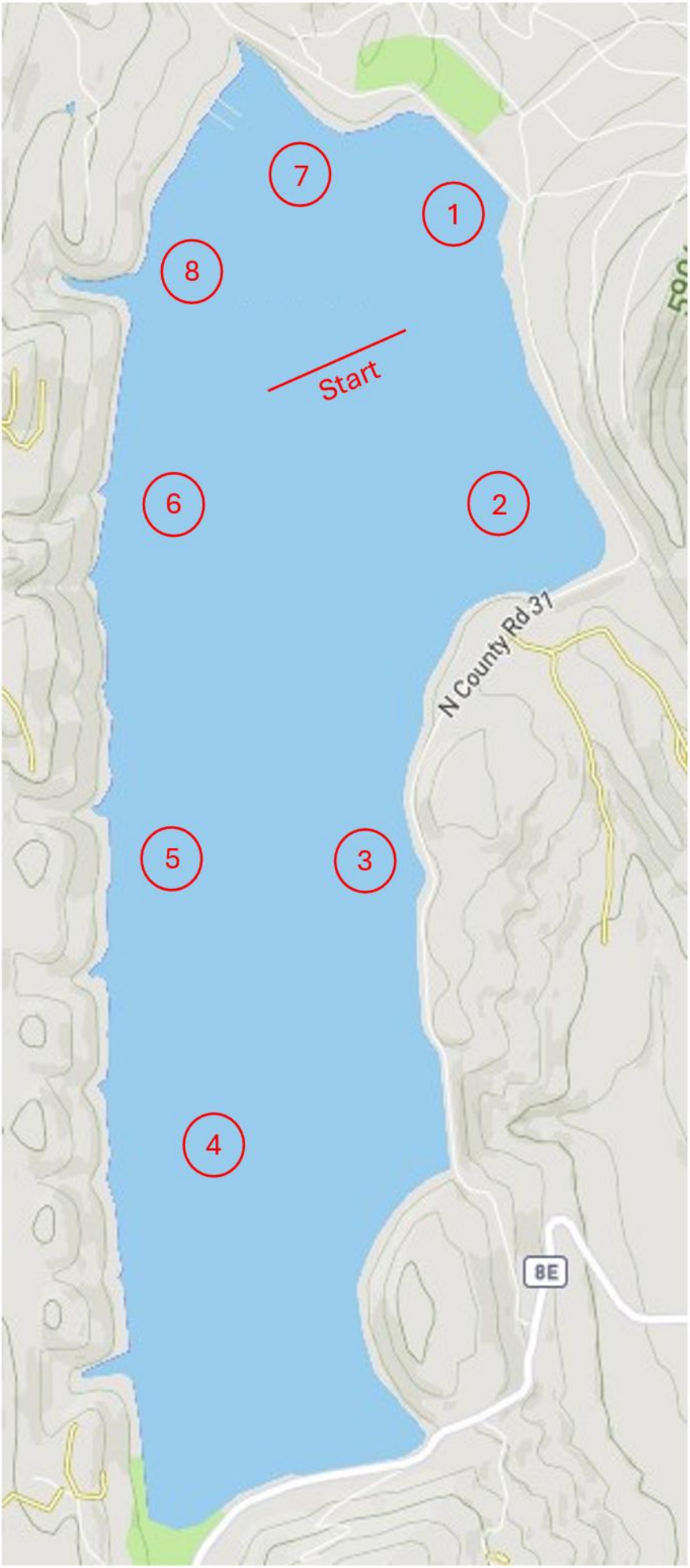
16.2 Boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State of Colorado safety requirements

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible

16.4 A boat that capsizes or has crew overboard shall accept outside help, this modifies RRS 41 (a)(b)

17. Risk Statement

17.1 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.**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