



2026 Devils Backbone Regatta

August 8 and 15, 2026
Loveland, Colorado



Notice of Race (NOR)

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

1. Rules

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 and its prescriptions*.
- 1.2 [DP] Each boat shall comply with all U.S. Coast Guard, Colorado Parks, and Larimer County governmental laws, rules, or regulations.
- 1.3 Class rules shall apply for boats sailing in One Design fleets, One Design fleets are responsible for enforcement of class rules.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 5PM on Friday, August 7, 2026, at www.sailcarter.org

3. Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at www.sailcarter.org. Notices may also be posted at the CLSC patio.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channel 69 and 16.
- 3.3 Single crew dinghies are exempt from carrying a VHF radio but shall remain within reasonable hailing distance without interference with other boats that are in sequence.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 This event is open to one design boats competing as a fleet of three or more competitors, as well as PHRF and Portsmouth classes.
- 4.2 Race Committee may at their discretion, combine fleets to allow all participants to race.
- 4.2 Boats competing in PHRF shall have a current PHRF handicap certificate issued by Sailing Association of the Intermountain Lakes (SAIL). <https://rmsail.org/phrf/phrf-rating-application/>
- 4.3 There is no registration or entry fee for this event.

5. Schedule

5.1 Dates of Events and Racing:

Date	Time	Event
8/8/26	12PM	Skippers Meeting
8/8/26	12:55 PM	First Warning
8/15/26	11AM	Skippers Meeting
8/15/26	11:55 AM	First Warning

5.2 The skippers meeting will take place on the South Dock at the Race Committee Boat.

6. Courses

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

6.2 Courses for each race will be displayed on a magnetic whiteboard on the starboard side of the race committee boat.

7. Scoring

7.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used.

7.2 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled, one race constitutes the regatta.

8. Prizes

8.1 No Prizes are planned for this regatta.

9. Photography Consent:

9.1 Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or on shore. They consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, republication of such images in any media. This is in conjunction with competitors' name, without compensation, and without competitors' approval of such images or any use thereof.

10. Risk Statement

10.1 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.**

