



# **Colorado Sail and Yacht Club**

**Fall 2011 Series**

**8/28/2011**

**1. Rules:** This Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2009- 2012, as amended by the US Sailing prescriptions and these sailing instructions, and as modified below:

- Rule 27.1 is modified by Instruction 11.
- Rule 29.2 is modified by Instruction 16.
- Rule 34 is modified by Instruction 13.
- Rule 35 is modified by Instruction 21.
- Rule 61.3 is modified by Instruction 22.
- Rule 64.1 is modified by Instruction 22.
- Rule A9 is modified by Instruction 23.

**2. Entries:** Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form and paying all entry fees and accepted by the organizing authority. Boats not registered or who have not paid the entry fees by the third week of a series will receive a DNC score for all races until boat is properly registered.

**3. Handicapping:** PHRF fleet boats are required to have SAIL PHRF certificates. Boats without certificates will accept rating assigned by Race Committee. Challenges to a certified PHRF rating or compliance to certificates will be handled by the S.A.I.L. PHRF fleet. Challenges to an un-certified PHRF rating is handled by the Race Chairman. PHRF Scoring will be based on Time-on-Time accepted by and for the S.A.I.L. PHRF fleet. Portsmouth rating will be used from US Sailing.

**4. Sailing Instruction Changes:** Changes in sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board on or before 1 PM the day it will take effect.

**4.1 Official Notice Board:** The official notice board shall be located on the west side of the Marina building.

**5. Fleets:** Fleets will be determined by the Race Chairman. The anticipated fleets are:

- A Fleet- PHRF with spinnaker**
- B Fleet- PHRF without spinnaker**

**6. Schedule:** The Fall series will consist of a 5 week series.

The series starts September 18<sup>th</sup>, and runs through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All races will be on Sundays, starting at 2 PM.

Competitors are asked to be in the starting area no later than 1:45 PM. See starting sequence section for start times.

**There will be no race on October 9<sup>th</sup>, due to the Columbus Day Regatta.**

**7. Throw outs:** If there are 1-4 races in this series, there will be 2 throw outs. If there are 5-9 races, there will be 3 throw outs. If there are 10-14 races, there will be 3 throw outs. If there are more than 15 races, there will be 4 throw outs.

**8. Radio Equipment:** All yachts are strongly requested to be equipped with a functional VHF radio for Race Committee communications. Instructions on starting sequence and shortening of courses may be given over channel 68 before and during the race. Yachts shall not broadcast on Channel 68 unless responding to a Race Committee hail EXCEPT in case of an emergency or to announce a withdrawal from the race. Yachts without radios shall not be given redress for missed communications.

**9. Check-in:** All boats must check-in to advise the Race Committee they intend to start the race. This is to be by sailing on starboard tack behind the committee boat after they have raised the postponement flag.

**10. Safety:** It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to enter, start or continue any race. It is the responsibility of all racers and skippers to adhere to U.S. Coast Guard and State of Colorado requirements at all times.

**11. Courses:** Each Fleet's racecourse will be displayed from the committee boat. The course may be changed without notice up until the division's preparatory signal, modifying RRS Rule 27.1. Courses will be designated in the sequence that the marks are to be rounded. Courses will be displayed on the committee boat course board and each fleet will be designated on the board. All marks are left to port. The only exception is, in the use of a gate mark.

**12. Change of Course After Start:** No change of course will be made after the start, unless Race Committee needs to shorten the course (see SI #20).

**13. Course Markers:** Six permanent marks designated with a number from 1 to 6. The marks are labeled and are white barrels with an orange stripe and approximately placed as shown on the course map. In the event of missing mark, the lead yacht shall estimate the location of the mark and hail others of the missing mark. All other yachts shall "round" at the same location.

**14. Signals made Ashore:** The RC Boat will attempt to make two (2) blasts of the horn before leaving the dock. If there is an abandonment of any Fall series race, the abandonment pennant will be flown on the dock in the area where the club meets socially after racing.

**15. Starts:** Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26. The committee boat will display the number flag of the division currently starting. Divisions and attempted start times will be as follows:

Division 1 – Fleet A, **PHRF with spinnaker**, (2:00pm) using the #1 pennant.

Division 2 – Fleet B, **PHRF without spinnaker** (2:06:00 PM) using #2 Pennant.

*All starting times are subject to RC discretion and all competitors are advised to monitor their division flag and VHF channel 68.*

**16. Recalls:** The Race Committee may hail premature starters either by boat name or sail number using the system described in RRS Rule 29.1. A boat is responsible for starting correctly, regardless of whether she hears a recall. The Race Committee shall signal general recall by displaying the "First Substitute" pennant and making two sound signals as required by RRS Rule 29.2.

**17. Postponement/Recall:** Following a postponement or recall, the Race Committee may restart the starting sequence by raising the division flag of the next starting division.

**18. Hailing Committee Boat:** After the first warning signal and until the race is concluded for all boats racing, no hails shall be answered unless they pertain to safety, protest or boat retiring. If Race Committee hails a racing yacht by radio, that yacht shall confirm receipt of the hail.

**19. Start-Finish Line:** The start-finish line will be a line between the starting pin or a course marker and an orange line flag on the Race Committee Boat. The committee may shorten or move the line after all divisions have started. The finish line will be designated a finish line when the committee boat is on station, displaying the blue flag after the start. The finish line shall be an obstacle for all yachts not on their final leg to finish. If the finish line is passed through other than starting or finishing a race, the boat will be listed as DSQ without recourse. Boats shall clear the finish line area as soon as possible after finishing.

**20. Shortened Course:** Courses may be shortened and finished at any rounding mark of the course, in which the committee boat will designate the rounding mark as the finish line by taking station at the mark and displaying both the code "S" flag and the blue flag.

In the event the Race Committee is unavailable to shorten course for a particular fleet, Race Committee may hail that fleet via VHF Channel 68 to self time their finish at a rounding mark. Yachts finishing in this manner will record the time to the nearest second when their bow crosses a line from the center of the mark and perpendicular to the line from the finishing mark and the previous mark. Times must be submitted to Race Committee after the race for the yacht to be scored.

**21. Time Limits:** This series will be run as a regatta. There will be as many races as time allows. The time limit for any race is one hour and thirty minutes (1:30:00). After all races all boats stay by the committee boat waiting for your fleet to start another race. No races start after 4:30 pm in September or after 4:00 pm in October

**22. Protests:** Protesting boats must inform the committee of their intention immediately upon finishing. Filings are to be made to the Principal Race Officer or CSYC Official. Protests must be filed before 5 PM of the race day. Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. A Pre-hearing will be held to all parties involved in protests the evening of the infraction. Protests may be resolved in pre-hearing by both parties and if the protested boat is found liable it will accept a 40% scoring penalty. The penalized boat may not be scored worse than DNF. The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings and will be scheduled by the RC for the next Wednesday of racing. Appeals of protest committee decisions and any PHRF ratings shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by S.A.I.L.

**23. Scoring:** Races will be scored and ties broken using the Low-point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A.

**24. Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded by fleet (number will depend on number of fleet entries).

**25. Race Committee:** Boats that serve as race committee will receive their average score, in the series, for the races they spend as race committee.