



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB

### Spring Series 2004

#### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004*, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA), the rules of the Carter Lake Sailing Club, and the rules of the participating fleets, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

#### 2. Entries

To be eligible to compete, a boat must be owned by a member in good standing of the Carter Lake Sailing Club. PHRF A and PHRF B boats should have a valid PHRF certificate issued by the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (S.A.I.L.). Boats without certificates will use the lowest rating published in the US Sailing PHRF Handicaps book for their boat.

#### 3. Fleets

Fleets will consist of PHRF A for boats rated under 200, and PHRF B for boats rated 200 and over. The rating split may be adjusted if necessary to evenly divide the fleets. Additional fleets may be formed with a minimum of four boats by declaration prior to the first race and may be either PHRF or one design. (A score can not be transferred from one fleet to another).

#### 4. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the CLSC clubhouse.

#### 5. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the first scheduled start on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

#### 6. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee boat.

Flag AP with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

Flag B hoisted with one sound means protest time has begun. When lowered with one sound it means protest time has ended.

#### 7. Schedule of Races

The warning signal for the first race on Saturdays will be at 12:25 p.m. The warning signal for the first race on Sundays will be at 11:25 a.m. Two races are scheduled for each race day. Additional races may be run if time permits. The warning signal for the second or subsequent races will be as soon as is practical after the preceding race.

The official race schedule will be posted on the CLSC Web site: [www.sailcarter.org](http://www.sailcarter.org)

#### 8. Courses

The course to be sailed will be indicated on a white board displayed on the race committee boat, either by indicating a numbered course from the Carter Lake Race Course Chart, or by indicating the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks are to be left to port.

While racing, no boat will sail in the "fishing area" or "no wake area". While racing, no boat will cross between a "no wake" or "fishing" buoy and the nearest shore. This area is an obstruction while racing. A boat breaking this rule will be subject to protest. Buoys that are designated as marks under instruction 9 are exempt from this rule.

#### 9. Marks

Carter Lake Sailing Club race marks are each designated as follows: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are upright four-foot white plastic cylinders and are banded horizontally with reflective tape. Marks

may have a red “cone” on top to improve visibility. Marks 5 & 7 is a county “NO Wake” mark and will have a red cone on top.

Larimer County Regulations require that all boats stay at least 500 feet from all dams. There are “NO BOAT” buoys marking this limit at all dams. This area is an obstruction while racing. Failure to stay clear of this area can result in a fine from Larimer County and will be subject to protest.

#### **10. Starts**

Races will be started using rule 26. A boat must start within 5 minutes of its fleet start time. PHRF A class flag will be Green and PHRF B class flag will be Yellow.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying the race committee flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark (orange pin).

After starting, a boat will not sail through the start/finish line unless finishing a race. A boat doing so will be subject to protest. The start/finish line is an obstruction after the start of a race.

#### **11. Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the race committee flag on the race committee boat and the finish mark (orange pin). The race committee boat is on station when the race committee flag and a blue flag or shape is displayed.

Courses may be shortened at any rounding mark of the course in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing, Race Signals, S flag.

#### **12. Time Limit**

The time limit will be two hours for all fleets. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat of their fleet finishes, or within the two hour limit, whichever is earlier, will be scored did not finish (DNF). This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

#### **13. Protests**

Protests shall be written on forms available from the race committee boat, and delivered to the race committee boat during the protest period, which shall begin when the committee boat arrives ashore and flies the Code B flag, and ends 60 minutes later when the code B flag is lowered.

Protesting boats must inform the race committee of their intention to protest immediately upon finishing. Protests will be heard by the protest committee at a mutually agreed upon time.

#### **14. Scoring**

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Twelve races are scheduled, of which six must be completed to constitute a series. Each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 6 or more races have been completed, and her first and second worst scores discarded if 10 or more races are completed.

Races not otherwise scored will be scored as follows (See A11 for definitions of abbreviations):

- RC - Boats represented on the race committee, and not starting the race, will be scored the average of the boat’s other scores for the series, excluding discarded scores.
- DNC, DNS, and RAF – Number of starters plus 1, this changes rule A4.2
- DNF – Number of finishers plus 1, this changes rule A4.2
- OCS and DSQ – Number of registered plus 1, this changes rule A4.2
- Series ties will be scored per Appendix A8

#### **15. Safety Regulations**

- Per rule 1 a boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- Check in is required prior to the first start of the day. Check in on starboard tack when the committee boat is displaying the Code L flag.
- A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- The committee Boat will attempt to monitor VHF Channel 16 while on the water.