



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Carter Lake Sailing Club**  
**2007 Columbia Cup**

**1. RULES**

This Regatta will be governed by the "Rule" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located on the porch window of the CLSC clubhouse.

**3. SAILING INSTRUCTION CHANGES**

Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 or after the Skippers' 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.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal boat in the marina area.

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

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Columbia Cup:

May 26, 27

5.2 Three races are scheduled for each day of racing. Start times for races that are rescheduled shall be posted by 20:00 on the day before they will be sailed.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the each day of racing is:

May 26 – 12:30

May 27 – 11:30

5.4 The warning signal for succeeding races will be as soon as practicable.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flags will be:

Racing fleet - Green

Cruising fleet - Yellow

**7. RACE AREA**

7.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas and approximate location of the marks, starting area, "no wake" and "fishing" areas.

7.2 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. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be a 20% scoring penalty. Penalty places shall be as defined in rule 44.3 (c).

**8. COURSES**

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed. 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.

8.2 The start / finish line may be used as a mark of the course, indicated on the course board by the letter "G", this mark is a gate and boats will sail between the RC boat and the start / finish mark (orange pin) from the direction of the previous mark.

8.3 All marks, excluding the gate, are left to port.

8.4 Courses may be shortened at any rounding mark of the course in accordance with Rule 32 and Race Signals S flag.

## **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 with a yellow horizontal band. Marks may have a red "cone" on top to improve visibility. Marks 5 & 7 are county "NO Wake" buoys which will have a temporary red cone marker attached.

## **10. STARTS**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the "RC" flag on the RC signal boat and the starting mark (orange pin).

10.3 A boat has 5 minutes to start after their classes start time. Boats unable to start within this time period will not race and will be scored DNS.

10.4 The starting area extends 100 feet either side of the starting line and in a 100 foot radius from both ends of the line. Boats that have not received the preparatory signal will stay out of this area. A boat that violates this rule and either obstructs the Race Committee's view of the start or interferes with a boat that has received the preparatory signal will be subject to protest.

## **11. FINISH**

11.1 The finish line will be between the "RC" flag on the Signal boat and the finishing mark (orange pin).

11.2 The finish line may be realigned after the start.

11.3 Boats will clear the finish line area as soon as possible after finishing. A boat that violates this rule and either obstructs the Race Committee's view of the finish or interferes with a boat that is finishing will be subject to protest.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.2 Two Turn Penalty shall apply.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

13.1 The time limit will be 1.5 hours for all fleets and within 30 minutes of the first boat in your fleet to finish correctly.

13.2 Boats failing to sail the course and finish correctly within the 1.5 hour limit, will be scored TLE (time limit expired). This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

13.3 Boats failing to sail the course and finish correctly within 30 minutes after the first boat of their fleet finishes correctly, will be scored TLE (time limit expired). This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

## **14. PROTESTS**

14.1 Protesting boats must inform the Race Committee of their intentions to protest as soon as practical after finishing. Please wait for a break in the finishers to hail the committee boat.

14.2 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee on the signal boat. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes. The protest time starts when the Race Committee signal boat docks. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, and requests for redress.

14.4 Hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible and held at a mutually agreed upon time and place.

14.5 Pre-hearing / arbitration will be available to all parties involved in protests. Protests may be resolved in a pre-hearing, attended by both parties, if the penalized boat accepts a 40% scoring penalty. Penalty places shall be as defined in rule 44.3 (c) except "20%" is replaced with "40%". The full protest committee will hear unresolved pre-hearings.

14.6 Appeals of protest committee decisions and any PHRF ratings will be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by S.A.I.L.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 will be used. The following changes shall apply:

RC: Skippers represented on race committee staff, with their boat not racing, will be scored the average of their boat's other scores for the series, excluding discarded scores. Only one boat per race may receive this score.

TLE: Number of finishers plus 1

OCS, DNF: Number of starters plus 1.

DNC, DNS and RAF: Number of starters plus 2.

DSQ: Number of starters plus 3.

15.2 A minimum of 2 races must be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 To determine the Columbia cup winner from among the fleets we will use the Cox-Sprague scoring system as set fourth in the CLSC Governing Code available on the CLSC web site.

## **16. RECALLS**

16.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat may hail premature starters either by boat name or sail number on VHF channel 69. The following shall not be grounds for redress:

- Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast.
- Failure of the Race Committee Signal Boat to broadcast recall numbers.
- A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 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. The penalty for breaking this rule is a warning.

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 RC will attempt to use VHF Channel 69 for race communication while on the water. Channel 16 will continue to be used for emergency situations.