

**ASPEN YACHT CLUB ANNUAL OPEN REGATTA**  
**July 15 & 16, 2017**  
**RUEDI RESERVOIR, EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES:** The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the rules of the various One Design classes, except as of any of these changed by these sailing instructions. The regatta is designated Category A. The Aspen Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA).

**2. ENTRIES:** PHRF and Portsmouth rated yachts may be entered by completing registration and signing a waiver of liability (including all crew members) with the organizing authority, the Aspen Yacht Club. PHRF ratings for non-S.A.I.L. PHRF members will be determined by the OA/PRO and are not subject to appeal by non-S.A.I.L. Members. Eligibility requirements for boats are that they must be currently registered in the state of origin, display the current registration, have paid their entry fee and boats racing in One Design fleets must be in compliance with their class rules.

**3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the glass door to the clubhouse.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board no later than 10:00 A.M. on the day they are to take effect, or immediately after the Skipper's meeting except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8 PM on the day before it will take effect.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Committee Boat (aka Waterbed). When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will be no sooner than 15 minutes after lowering the AP flag.

**6. FLEETS & DIVISIONS:** Fleet status will be given to groups of FOUR (4) or more one design yachts. Yachts with fewer than FOUR will sail in an OPEN Fleet based on its adjusted rating and the number of boats in the OPEN fleet. Fleets may be formed into divisions for starting only. Fleets, starting divisions and their Class Flag Designations will be announced at and posted after the Skippers' meeting on Saturday July 15th @ 9:30 A.M.

<b>7. SCHEDULE OF RACES:</b>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning Signal</u>
	1 <sup>st</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 A.M.
	1 <sup>s</sup>	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.

Subsequent races will start immediately following the completion of the preceding race. **No race start shall begin after 2:30 PM on Sunday.**

**8. THE COURSE:** Each division's race course will be displayed from the white board on the committee boat before or at the division's warning period. All marks are rounded to port unless the mark number is followed by an (S). For example: 1-3S-4-F; mark number 3 would be rounded to STARBOARD. Courses will be sailed according to Rule 28.

**9. MARKS:** Marks are bright yellow barrels and are numbered. The approximate location of marks, starting line, and finish line is shown on attached map of Ruedi Reservoir. The Start line is a line between the orange line flag on the Race Committee Boat (aka Waterbed) and a thin white pin adjacent to Committee Boat. The Finish line will be between the orange line flag on the 27 ft. blue Newport 27 (aka Dauntless) sailboat and adjacent yellow West Marine tetrahedron.

**10. THE START:** Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.

**11. RECALLS:** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1. A general recall will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the FIRST SUBSTITUTE is removed, and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

**12. TIME LIMIT:** Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in their division that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

**13. PROTESTS:** Upon finishing the race, a yacht intending to file must notify the Race Committee. Forms are available on the Committee Boat on its return to the dock. A yacht must file a written protest within 30 minutes after the docking of the Committee Boat. Filings are to be made to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) who shall be located in the tent near Margot's blue & white RV.

For a protest involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2, an Arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing. After the protest form is filed, one designated representative from each yacht will testify before an Arbitrator. No witnesses shall be allowed. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the Arbitrator may make one of the following conclusions:

1. There was no foul, or the protest is invalid. If all the protesting parties agree, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened or appealed; if a party does not agree, the protest goes to the protest committee for a full hearing.
2. A foul was committed by one or more of the yachts involved. The representative of the offending yacht(s) has the option of accepting a 40% scoring penalty (rounded to the next larger number) or submitting the matter to the jury for a full protest hearing. If the scoring penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be reopened, appealed, or re-addressed;
3. Direct that the protest go the protest committee for a full hearing. The penalized boat shall not be scored worse than DNF.

**14. SCORING:** The low point scoring system will apply. Appendix A2 shall be amended by removing: "excluding her worst score." There will be no throw outs. One race shall constitute a regatta. Appendix A8 (Series Ties) of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. Handicaps will be computed using the "time on time" PHRF as published by S.A.I.L. or Portsmouth Handicap System, which ever is applicable. Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A7 and A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

DNF/RET/RAF - # of finishers plus 1

DNS - # of starters plus 1

DSQ - # of Entries plus 2

OCS - # of starters plus 1

**15. COMMUNICATIONS;** The RC will monitor Channel 69 for radio communications. RC may hail starting sequences. RC will not respond to hails during a starting sequence, except to acknowledge protests or retirements, when feasible. Failure to hear any RC transmission shall not be grounds for redress.

**16. TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded at the club house as soon as possible after the last race for the first, second, and third place finishes.