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Commodore's Remarks

St. Patrick's Blizzard of 2003, which postponed our monthly seminar, gave us a lot of water to sail on this season, but it didn't save us all from the drought. The South Platte River drainage got the most, now up to 114% of the normal snowpack -- as those east of The Divide know from shoveling up to 8' of that wet, heavy white stuff. But, some basins are still in the 80% range, which doesn't bode well for filling our lakes.

There's not much SAIL can do to make rain, but we'll be trying to help you cope with its lack. Contact any member of the SAIL Board if you have a question or need help with rules, race management or judging. We're still having trouble getting Clubs to send in their Notices of Race and Yearbook pages, so get them in folks.

For those of you that missed out on the word of postponement, then cancellation, of our March seminar, our apologies. All Mother Nature left us time for by way of notice was a broadcast e-mail. If we didn't have your current e-mail address, we couldn't reach you.

..... -ralph

SAIL's Website

Tim Dunton continues his work on SAIL's website, www.rmsail.org. A discussion board will be going up with threads on Crew Wanted/Available, Handicapping (PHRF), Junior/Youth Sailing, and General Topics. Many of the improvements are up now and more will come.

Tim's goal is to make it a place you'll want to visit often. Drop in from time to time to look at it and give us your opinion on what you'd like to see.

Junior Sailing

The Colorado Junior Sailing Council has scheduled three regattas this season. Watch www.rmsail.org for notices.

For more information, contact Steve Frank, at thesc@mindspring.com, or Ivan Andrade, at ivemoe@aol.com. Steve and Ivan are working hard to promote and organize junior sailing in the Rocky Mountains.

Homeland Security

You can help US SAILING and homeland security too. US SAILING is looking for one sailor from each state to liaison with that state's homeland security agency in regard to harbors and inland waters. We still need liaisons for New Mexico and Wyoming. To nominate a person from your state, send an e-mail to rtaylor@informationtools.com.

2003 SAIL Calendar

April 2003

- 1st SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
- 11-12 Area F O'Days, Easter Regatta, Austin YC, TX
- 16th SAIL Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's, Denver
- 26-27 USC Collegiate Regatta, USC SC, Pueblo Res.

May 2003

- 3-4 **Rocky Mountain Shootout**, Ch. Crk. Res, K
- 6th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
- 10th Team Races, Comm Sailing, Ch. Crk., Boats Provided
- 17th **Hornblower**, DSA, Cherry Creek, D M
- 17-18 Prairie Winds, Boyd Lake, CO, M
- 24-25 Mem'l Day Reg., New Mexico SC, Heron Lake, K,M
- 5/31-6/1 **Carter Open**, Carter Lake SC, Carter Lk, KD

June 2003

- 1st **Carter Open**, above
- 3rd SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
- 14-15 **WY Gov. Cup**, Casper Boat Club, Alcova Res., KD
- 28-29 Hawaiian Dreams, Lake McConaughy, NE, M

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2003 SAIL Calendar *(Continued)*

July 2003

1st SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
 5th Firecracker, DSA, Union Res., D
4-6 Neb. Gov. Cup, Ogallala YC, Lake McCon'hy, KD
 4-5 4th of July Regatta & Long Race, New Mexico SC, Heron Lake
 5-6 4th of July Open, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon
12-13 Aspen Open, Aspen YC, Ruedi Res., KD
 12-13 TransMac, Ogallala YC, Lake McConaughy,
 19-20 That Particular Regatta, Glendo Res. WY, M
 20th Junior Regatta, Carter Lake, Sunfish/Snipes
 26-27 Leukemia Cup, CSYC, Chatfield Res.

August 2003

2-3 Dillon Open, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon, KD
 2-3 Hobie Division 5 Championship, Angostura, SD, M
 5th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
 16-17 Wild Bill Thrill, Flaming Gorge, WY, M
 16-17 Colorado Laser Champs, Grand Lake YC, Grand Lake, CO
 30-31 Mac Attack, Ogallala YC, Lake McConaughy, KDM
 30-31 Dillon Labor Day, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon
30-31 Labor Day Regatta & Buccaneer Rodeo, New Mexico SC, Heron Lake

September 2003

2nd SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
20-21 Colorado Gov. Cup & Frostbite, DSA, Ch. Crk. Res., K D

September 2003

27-28? Sunrise Regatta, Rio Grande SC, Truth or Consequences, NM

October 2003

4-5 Team Races, Comm'y. Sailing, Ch. Crk., Boats Provided
 7th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
11-12 Columbus Day Regatta, CSYC, Chatfield., K
 19? Pumpkin Bash Inv., Cor. 15 Flt., Union Res., D

November 2003

1st SAIL Annual Meeting, Place TBD

December 2003

2nd SAIL Monthly Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver

Legend: Regattas in **boldface/red** are open to other than members of host organization and counted in the SAIL Championship tours.

K = Keelboats, D = Dinghies, M = Multi-Hulls

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Notice of Race

Denver Sailing Association & Mile High Yacht Racing Squadron
 Present

2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Shootout Regatta
Saturday & Sunday, May 3 & 4, 2003
 Cherry Creek Reservoir

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules. Class rules will apply for those sailing in One Design fleets.

Eligibility: The regatta is open to all PHRF rated boats. All eligible boats may be entered by completing a registration and release form and paying the appropriate fees. Fleet status will be given to groups of five or more One Design boats; other boats will be formed into one or more PHRF Handicap fleets. Entrants without a SAIL PHRF Fleet membership and rating will be assigned a rating by the regatta OA and PRO.

Schedule of events: Registration will begin at 09:00 outside the Marina office. Competitors meeting will begin at 11:00 on Saturday. The warning flag will be at 1200 Saturday. No races will be started after 1600 Sunday. Refreshments/Dinner will be available after Saturday's racing. Dinner will be DSA's World Famous Buck-a-Burger. Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration/check in table Saturday morning and at the DSA website – www.denversailing.org & www.mhyrs.org.

Fees: Regatta registration - \$ 35.00
 DSA Member Discount -\$5.00

Regatta / Race Area: The Regatta site for registration and competitors meeting will be outside the Cherry Creek Marina office. The race area will be Cherry Creek Lake. Each race course will be described in the Sailing Instructions and posted with each fleet's preparatory signal.

Up to four races are scheduled for each race day, with no race scheduled later than 1600 Sunday. One Race will constitute a regatta. Scoring will be based on no throwouts and the Additional scoring will include: DNF ...Finishers +1. DNSStarters +1. DSQ Registered plus 2.

NOTICE OF RACE

Community Sailing of Colorado Fundraiser
2003 Team Racing Regatta

Sat. May 10, 2003, Cherry Creek Reservoir

Schedule of events: Saturday, May 10, 8:30-9:00 AM, Registration & Check-in. At 9:00-9:30 AM, the required skippers meeting (team racing rules & safety review) will be held on the dock. Races will begin at 9:30 AM. No bracket

will be started after 6:00 PM. No races will be started after 7:00 PM. Sunday will be reserved as a make-up day or used to complete the series. Races will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday. Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration/check-in table. *An informational introduction to team racing class is strongly recommended.* It will be offered on Thursday May 8th, 8:15 PM at Cherry Creek Marina docks. No extra charge.

Registration: Must be completed in advance of the regatta, due to equipment acquisition and logistics, as dictated by the team racing format. After May 5, 2003 teams will be allowed to register on a case by case basis, ONLY at the non-negotiable discretion of the race committee. The registration and payment must be received by the dates listed below, postmarks will not be honored.

Registration prior to April 15, 2003 is **\$150** per team
Reg'n. April 16 to May 5, 2003 is **\$200** per team
Reg'n. May 6 May 10, 2003 is **\$250** per team (ONLY if permitted by the race committee)

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules. [**Note:** This event is specifically addressed in Appendix D of the Racing Rules of Sailing.]

Eligibility: The regatta will be sailed in Vanguard Prams supplied by the race organizers. All participants will be required to fill out and sign the attached Waiver and Assumption of Risk forms, as required by CSC. If necessary, signatures may be provided day of race. Teams will consist of 3 sailors. Any change to a team's roster must be accompanied by the appropriate release forms. Each team is required to have a very cool name. All sailors will be required to attend the Saturday morning competitors meeting/review session, or provide evidence of team racing knowledge and experience.

Races: Any team might participate in as few as 3 races and as many as 10.

A maximum of two race courses, and

A maximum of two races per course at any time.

A maximum of 50 races will be run by the committee.

The number of races on each day and in total may be changed by the Race Committee, and the number of brackets will be determined by the number of teams.

Note: Due to the logistics involved in organizing a team race championship, the committee reserves the right to change the format. Registered competitors will be properly informed.

Registration:

Community Sailing of Colorado, Ltd.
P.O. Box 102613, Denver, CO 80250
303-757-7718

NOTICE OF RACE

Denver Sailing Association
HORNBLOWER REGATTA

Saturday May 17, 2003
Cherry Creek Reservoir

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004; the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Sailing Instructions, and any other applicable rules. Class rules will apply for those sailing in One Design fleets.

Eligibility: Competitors may enter by completing a registration and release form and paying the appropriate fees. Fleet status will be given to groups of five or more One Design boats. All other boats will be formed into one or more Portsmouth Handicap fleets. OOAK Boats must have a Portsmouth to be eligible for a trophy. The race committee reserves the right to modify the number of boats required to achieve Fleet status.

Schedule of events: Registration will begin at 9:00 AM outside the marina office. Competitors meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Yellow warning flag will be at 11:00 AM. No races will be started after 4:00 PM. Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration/check in table.

Refreshments and dinner will be served after the races are completed.

Races: Up to 4 races will be held. No throw outs will be allowed. One race is required to make a regatta.

Fees: Regatta registration is \$35.00. The registration fee includes 1 shirt and 1 meal ticket. Additional meal tickets are \$5.00 per person. Additional shirts may be purchased separately at registration.

Access: Access to Cherry Creek Lake is governed by the rules and regulations of Cherry Creek Park. Competitors have no privilege beyond that of the general public and may not use participation in this regatta as a reason to gain access to the lake in the event it reaches capacity on May 17, 2003. Races will not be delayed for people stranded ashore in a ramp line.

Announcement
CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB

44TH ANNUAL CARTER OPEN REGATTA
May 31 & June 1, 2003
 Open to all

CARTER JUNIOR REGATTA
JULY 20TH 2003
 SUNFISH AND SNIPES

Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and schedules to be posted on www.sailcarter.org and NOR at www.rmsail.org.

Carter Lake Sailing Club is located west of Berthoud, Colorado, nestled in the foothills 30 minutes from Boulder or Fort Collins and about an hour from Denver.

NORs/Announcements Not Received

Look for information at www.rmsail.org or at host's web site.

June 14-15 Wyoming Governor's Cup
 July 4-5 Nebraska Governor's Cup
 July 12-13 Aspen Open

Regatta Planning Tips

by Ralph Taylor

A common problem in planning open regattas is not allowing enough lead time in the planning process. Among the tasks that need significant lead time are getting the race committee, making sure you have the equipment, and publishing the Notice of Race (NOR).

Good principal race officers are committed well in advance, so don't leave this until the last week. Equipment, too, can take longer than you anticipate; so it's a good idea to check it early in case repairs or replacements are needed.

If your Club wants competitors to travel to your lake, you need to give them enough notice to make their plans. Otherwise, you're depending solely on the group that came last year and the year before that, plus the few that might hear by word of mouth.

A good NOR isn't that difficult to write, but it needs to be published at least three months before the event. That's especially true if you want SAIL to publish it in its quarterly newsletter. We publish on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Copy deadlines are one week before the publication dates.

Here's an excerpt from the third & latest edition of US

SAILING's Race Management Handbook:

12 months in advance:

- * Pick regatta dates {before SAIL's general meeting, 1st Saturday of November}
- * Select steering committee

9 months:

- * Select key members of regatta committee, hold organizational meeting (then meet monthly)
- * Complete preliminary detailed budget
- * Confirm sponsorships if applicable

6 months:

- * Confirm major assignments
- * Publish NOR & put on websites

3 months:

- * Complete registration packets
- * Issue initial publicity
- * Order necessary outside equipment
- * Submit permit application (if not previous)

2 months:

- * Arrange housing, dinners, trophies, etc.
- * Invite dignitaries

1 month:

- * Publish final Sailing Instructions, put on website
- * Entry deadline for major regattas
- * Confirm all equipment
- * Confirm borrowed/chartered boats
- * Confirm final social, ceremony, etc. plans
- * Start media contact

1 week:

- * Final regatta committee meeting
- * All printed material at regatta office
- * All display materials ready
- * Set up venue
- * Confirm trophies received
- * Send updated publicity to media

So, if attendance at your regatta isn't what you would like, look to start the planning and get the notice out earlier and wider.

Little America's Cup

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, the trustees of the International Catamaran Challenge (also known as the Little America's Cup) are changing the rules of the game due to a lack of challenges in recent years. In short, the challenger no longer needs to build a Class C catamaran; the regatta will be sailed in production boats. Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2003.

Any club wanting to challenge should contact Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Boulevard, Sea Cliff, NY 11579. Their phone & fax number is 516-908-8770, e-mail info@icct2003.org.

America's Cup

Just in case you haven't heard, the America's Cup has gone to Europe. Team Alinghi, representing Société de Nautique de Geneve, defeated Team New Zealand from the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron by a score of 5-0. In two of the races, New Zealand was disabled by breakdowns to the point where it couldn't complete the course. In one race TNZ led until nipped at the finish line.

The "Auld Mug" is now being toured around Europe, starting with Swiss venues. Eight venues, none Swiss and all in southern Europe, are in consideration for the next edition of the competition to be sailed in 2006.



The protocols are being revised to coordinate media for both the challenger rounds and the America's Cup round as well as to ensure a neutral race committee.

Team Racing

Team racing's rules are a little different than fleet racing rules. The main point is that it's OK to interfere a little with your teammate if you're trying to move them up in the race so your team can score a winning combination of finishes. Here are some of the basics; you can find the complete version in Appendix D of the 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing.

Rule 17.2 is changed to read "Except on a beat to windward, while a boat is less than two of her hull lengths from a leeward boat, she shall not sail below her proper course unless she gybes." {The clear astern language comes out.}

Rule 18.4 {requirement to gybe at a mark or obstruction} is deleted.

Rule 22.2 {interfering with a boat making penalty turns} gets this added: "Except when sailing a proper course, a boat shall not interfere with a boat on another leg or lap of the course. For the purpose of this rule, a boat that has finished is on a different leg from one that has not."

New rule 22.3 is added: "When boats in different races meet, any change of course by either boat shall be consistent with complying with a rule or trying to win her own race."

Rule 41 {outside help} gets this added: "A boat that receives help from a teammate does not break this rule."

Two other, new rules are added:

- " (a) There shall be no penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 (the right-of-way rules) when the incident is between boats in the same team and there is no contact.
- (b) A boat damaged by a team-mate boat is not eligible for redress based on that damage."

