

Union Sailing Club

Race Committee Instructions

Safety

The Race Committee has to make the decision for themselves about whether it is safe to be out on the water in the given conditions, just as each skipper has to make their own decision. You should abandon the races if you don't feel safe either going out or being out on the water.

Have a PFD for each person on the RC boat and please wear them to set a good example for the sailors.

Remember to put the drain plug in before launching the RC boat. (Hopefully not an issue if the boat is already in the water.) (Not applicable to the pontoon boat.)

Take your cell phone (just in case), preferably in a waterproof container.

In a life or limb threatening emergency, call **911**.

Park Ranger phone number is **303-772-1265**

What to bring to the Lake

Watch (regular wristwatch will work fine if it displays seconds, it's actually easier than a stopwatch)

Cell phone

PFD for each person on the RC boat.

Water

Snacks (or a meal)

Sunscreen, hat, long sleeves

Rain gear

Camera (in a waterproof case?)

Binoculars

Current rule book from US Sailing

Shed

Combination to the shed is 10-36-22. Inside are the RC flags, marks and equipment.

What to take from the shed

Just grab all the flags from the shed and at least one mark (for the pin, although you may not need to use it if you can anchor the RC boat off the #1 mark)

Course board (white board with two snap_hooks on a cord).

Dry erase markers in the RC box.

Pens, pencils, paper and clipboards in the RC box

These RC Instructions in RC box

Copy of SI's in the RC box

Timing forms and finishing forms in the RC box

Whistles in the RC box

Duct tape and electrical tape in RC box

Flashlight in RC box

Multi-tool in RC box

3 is between 2 and 4, roughly 30 degrees from #1, 5 is between 4 and 6, roughly 150 degrees from #1, 7 is between 6 and 8, roughly 210 degrees from #1, and 9 is between 8 and 2, roughly 330 degrees from #1.

Try to select a course that will take 20 – 30 minutes to sail on a Wednesday evening (for example, with a moderate easterly wind, 4-8-4-F could work out about right). . On Sunday afternoons the courses can be longer since we have more daylight to work with. In light wind, err on the side of too long; you'll be surprised how quickly the boats will finish in a bunch if the wind picks up and the course is 4-F.

Record the type of boat, the sail number, and the skipper's name for each boat before the starting sequence if you can. You can catch up later, but it's better to get them all up front.

Raise the Postpone flag (with two sounds) at the announced start time (6pm Wed, 1pm Sun) if you are not ready to go.

Raise the Postpone flag (with two sounds) at any point where you need to regroup.

Start

Use the timing worksheet, fill in the times before you start the sequence. Use even minutes. Lower the postpone flag with one sound one minute before raising the warning (class) flag. (6 minutes to start)

The class flag is yellow for a single start. If you start the multihulls separately, their class flag is green and the monohull class flag is red (or yellow if you can't find the green flag).

Class flag up – one sound. (5 minutes to start)

Prep flag up – one sound (4 minutes to start) (Racing Rules apply as of now)

Prep flag down – one long sound (1 minute to start)

Class flag down – one sound (0 minutes to start)

Don't hail "all clear" (everyone may not hear you, giving some skippers an advantage)

The signaler (flag person) should sight the line (between the RC flag and the pin) for the start, with the Individual Recall (X) flag ready. If anyone is over early (any part of the boat on the course side of the starting line when the class flag comes down), raise the X flag with one sound. Record the sail number(s). Try to hail the skipper, but it is the skippers responsibility to start correctly even without hails (i.e. "643 over early").

Finish

One person records all the finish TIMES, and notes the corresponding sail number when possible.

One person records all the SAIL NUMBERS in order of finish, and notes the corresponding finish time when possible.

Record on scratch paper and transfer to the finish form later.

Record every boat, even if there is a question about starting or sailing the course. If a boat finishes twice, write them both down! Sort it out later.

Make note of protests. There are protest forms in the shed.

Scoring

The races will be scored later by entering the start and finish times into Sailwave, the scoring software. Scores and standings will be available on the USC web site and the Yahoo Group site.

Deliver the results along with any protest forms to Paul Culnan. 303 938-8150. If you can't find Paul, leave them in the RC box in the shed and let him know they are there.

Protests

Have the protestor fill out a protest form. There are protest forms in the shed. Deliver any protest forms along with the results to the RC Committee: Gib Charles, C-970-412-0219, Jim Daus c-303-912-2920, or Paul Culnan, 303 938-8150

Put Away the RC Boat and Equipment

Park the RC boat back where you found it. If in the water, be sure it is facing out into the waves.

Disconnect the gas line from the engine. Close the vent on the gas tank

Put the Flags, marks and RC equipment back in the shed.

If on the trailer, remove the drain plug and replace the tarp on the boat.