



Blue Spruce Open Regatta
Dillon Yacht Club (Organizing Authority)
July 17-19, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

****The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1.****

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with the State Aquatic Nuisance Species Act.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 3: **Decision to Race**.
 - 1.4. **[NP]** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. Wetsuits or drysuits do not qualify as PFDs.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online at <https://dillonyachtclub.com/regatta/uX1QrYFqBB/#notice-board> by July 10, 2026.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all on-self-righting boats (Dinghies) and Junior Sailors.
- 3.2 To qualify as a **Junior**, competitors must not have reached their 19th birthday during the current calendar year.
- 3.3 Fleet/Class racing will be available to those Classes registering 5 or more boats. Anticipated classes are Laser, Lightning, Melges 15, Snipe and Portsmouth.
- 3.4 Boats not able to form a fleet will race in their appropriate Portsmouth division decided by the Race Committee (RC).
- 3.5 Competitors who will be racing in Portsmouth, shall provide a valid Portsmouth Rating number to the RC.
- 3.6 Portsmouth Classes and/or One Design Classes may be started together but will be scored separately.
- 3.7 Online entry forms and fees must be received no later than July 17, 2026. Walk up registration is available at Dillon Yacht Club during posted Registration Check-In hours. Regatta packages and sailing instructions will be available at registration starting at 5:00 PM, July 17, 2026.
- 3.8 Boats that have not registered and have not paid their entry fee will not be considered competitors and will not be scored.
- 3.9 Eligible boats may enter by July 17, 2026 to avoid any late fees by completing the online registration form available at <https://dillonyachtclub.com/register/regatta/uX1QrYFqBB/class>

4 FEES

4.1. Required entry fees are as follows:

Adult Entry: \$90.00 or \$100 after July 17th

Junior Entry: \$25.00 (Includes all races and post-race refreshments)

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. **July 17 – 19, 2026**

Friday, July 17

1700 – 1900 Registration at DYC Club House

Beers and Brats and fixins provided (compliments of [A-Peak Asphalt Inc](#))

Saturday, July 18

Late Registration and Check-in

10:30 Competitor's Briefing (Attendance is mandatory for Junior guardians)

12:00 First Warning Signal with subsequent races to follow.

Beers and Burgers and fixins provided (compliments of [A-Peak Asphalt Inc](#))

Sunday, July 19

11:00 First Warning Signal with subsequent races to follow.

1730 Awards Presentation (estimate)

Snacks and beverages (compliments of [A-Peak Asphalt Inc](#))

5.2. A maximum of (7) races are scheduled. No warning signal will be made after 1530 on the final day of racing.

6. COURSES & RACING AREA

6.1. Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Dillon in Dillon, Colorado

6.2. Courses will be standard configurations (e.g., Windward/Leeward or Triangle) and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7. SCORING & HANDICAPPING

7.1. Scoring uses the Portsmouth Yardstick (D-PN) System

7.2 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A will be used with the modifications stated in this NOR.

7.3 One race constitutes a series, with applied throw-outs based on the completion of 6 races completed.

7.4 RRS 90.3 (e) shall be in effect for this event, 24 hours is changed to 7 days. This changes RRS 90.3 (e).

8. PRIZES

8.1 Adult first, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each class with 5 or more boats.

8.2 Junior first, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each class with 5 or more boats.

8.3 Highest Finish Junior Female Helm Trophy

8.4 Next Generation Trophy

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

9.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

10.2 THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, DILLON YACHT CLUB, DILLON MARINA, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, AND VENUE (COLLECTIVELY, "RACE ORGANIZERS") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY, AND DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, "DAMAGES") TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (i) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (ii) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT (AND IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN AND MINORS, EACH PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, SUITS AND CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST RACE ORGANIZERS FOR ANY DAMAGES TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. PARTICIPANT FURTHER RELEASES ALL RACE ORGANIZERS FROM ALL DAMAGES WHATSOEVER ON ACCOUNT OF ANY OF THEM GIVING ASSISTANCE, AID, CARE, ADVICE, RESCUE, FIRST AID, TREATMENT OR SERVICES.

11. INSURANCE

11.1 [DP] All boats must maintain Liability Insurance in full force and effect during *racing* which will include a General Liability policy written by a reputable insurance company insuring the owner and any operators against liability for bodily injury in limits of not less than \$300,000 and for property damage of not less than \$100,000. Each boat will present proof of insurance upon OA's request.

12. PUBLICITY & PHOTOGRAPHERS RIGHTS

12.1 As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children/minors) grant RACE ORGANIZERS, sponsors and their designated photographers the perpetual, irrevocable right, license and permission to use, publish and distribute the participant's name, photos, video, images, finishes, results, and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide (including without limitation Internet) for any purposes whatsoever (including without limitation advertisements, promotions, public sale of pictures, etc.) without compensation or further permission.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 Contact info@dillonyachtclub.com for more information.

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