



Dillon Open Regatta  
Dillon Yacht Club (Organizing Authority)  
August 21 - 23, 2026  
Dillon, Colorado (USA)

## Sailing Instructions (SI)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

**1. RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

**1.1 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:**

- 1.1.1 Rule 60.4 (a) (2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

**2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS:**

- 2.1. The official notice board will be online, located at  
<https://dillonyachtclub.com/regatta/yXO66ugZn0/#notice-board>
- 2.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcast to competitors on VHF Channel 69
- 2.2.1. The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors, failure to hail her sail number, failure to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.4 (b) 1.
- 2.2.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted within 15 minutes after the competitors' meeting on Saturday, and before 1000 hrs on subsequent days, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the DYC flagstaff on the south side of the DYC clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.



## 6. SCHEDULE:

| Date                | Time      | Item                                   |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| Friday, August 21   | 1600-2000 | Early Registration & DYC Open House    |
| Saturday, August 22 | 0830-1000 | Late Registration                      |
|                     | 1030      | Opening Ceremonies / Skipper's Meeting |
|                     | 1130      | Harbor Gun                             |
|                     | 1200      | First Warning                          |
| Sunday, August 23   | 1030      | Harbor Gun                             |
|                     | 1100      | First Warning                          |
|                     | 1700      | No Warning after this Time             |
|                     |           | Awards Presentation to follow          |

For additional schedule details, including food and drink, social events, and spectator boat information please visit <https://dillonopen.com/schedule>.

## 7. NUMBER OF RACES:

- 7.1. Eight (8) races are planned. As many races as possible will be run each day.
- 7.2. Races will be run back-to-back with each race immediately following the preceding race

## 8. CLASS FLAGS:

- 8.1. The class flags for each fleet and the order of fleet starts for the first races will be posted with flag designations within 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Skippers meeting on Saturday.

## 9. RACING AREA:

- 9.1. The racing area is shown on Attachment 1.

## 10. THE COURSES:

- 10.1. The RC Signal boat will display the course to be sailed by listing the number of the mark or the inflatable mark designation in the order in which they are to be rounded. All marks shall be rounded to port unless the mark designation is underlined, then the mark shall be rounded to starboard.

## 11. MARKS:

- 11.1. Permanent race marks are white cylinders approximately 4' high and numbered 1-12, located approximately as shown on the reference map (Attachment 1).
- 11.2. Lettered marks will be inflatable marks, designated as follows:
  - W = Windward Mark; located upwind of the RC signal boat
  - O = Offset Mark; located approximately 6 to 8 boat lengths and approximately 90 degrees to the port (looking up course) of the windward mark
  - G = Gate (One of the two marks forming the Gate may be a permanent race mark)



L = Leeward Mark; located downwind of the RC signal boat

- 11.3. The Start mark will be a small orange or red inflatable or a black and red drone mark that is approximately 3' tall.
- 11.4. The Finish mark will be a large yellow inflatable.

## **12. STARTS:**

- 13.1 A fleet shall consist of five or more boats of similar design or class. More than one fleet may share a start.
- 13.2 The RC may alter the order of starts after the first race each day.
- 13.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 13.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 13.5 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **13. [DP] CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT**

- 13.6 [DP] Boats shall check-in on the water each race day, while the race committee is flying code flag "L", by sailing on starboard tack astern of the Committee Signal Boat and hailing their sail number and number of souls on board.
- 13.7 [DP] Boats leaving the race area before finishing their last race of the day shall notify the race committee in person at the committee boat or on VHF Channel 69 and rebroadcast until they have received an acknowledgment from the race committee.

## **14 CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 14.1 The Race Committee may change the remaining course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark(s) or by changing which mark(s) are to be rounded, by signaling with a "C" flag with repetitive sound signals and posting the order in which the new marks are to be rounded. If the RC chase boat also displays the class flag(s) then the change of course applies only to those fleets. This changes RRS 33.

## **15 THE FINISH:**

- 15.1 A SEPARATE RACE COMMITTEE FINISH BOAT WILL BE USED FOR FINISHES, located between Mark #8 and the Signal boat.
- 15.2 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and the course side of a large yellow inflatable.
- 15.3 Code Flag "A" displayed from the Race Committee Finish Boat signals that no additional races will be started today.

## **16. TIME LIMITS:**

- 16.1 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat of each fleet to *sail the course and finish*.
- 16.2 The 30 minute Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.



## **17. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 17.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V is in effect.
- 17.2 A breach of a rule that is not in Part 1, 2 or rule 31 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

## **18. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:**

- 18.1. The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the RC Signal Boat has docked. The time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2. Hearing request forms will be available at the Protest Committee table located on the west side of the DYC Clubhouse.
- 18.3. Protests, requests for redress and arbitration will be heard at or near the DYC Clubhouse.
- 18.4. Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses along with the location of the hearing.

## **19. [NP] LAUNCHING AND HAULING: Lake Dillon is very valuable to us! Each boat shall undergo a free Aquatics Nuisance inspection before launching and after retrieval.**

- 19.1. The Dillon crane is available and operated by marina staff only.
- 19.2. Marina staff may also be used for taking boats and trailers to and from the launch ramp.

## **20. SCORING:**

- 20.1. One race shall constitute a regatta.
- 20.2. A boat's score for the event will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

## **21. PRIZES:**

- 21.1. Prizes for places 1st – 3rd will be awarded to fleets with five or more boats.

## **22. Safety:**

- 22.1. There are a large number of boats sailing and racing in a fairly small area! Please be respectful of other boats and keep a lookout at all times. Be SAFE and have a great time! Thank you for participating in the Dillon Open Regatta.



## Attachment 1: Keelboat mark map

