



# 2024 INTERCLUB FLEET RACING SERIES



## NOTICE OF RACE

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## 1. Place and dates

The Duke City Model Yacht Club (DCMYC) invites members and guests to participate in an annual series of races on Saturdays at the Tingley Beach Aquatic Model Boat Pond in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Specific dates and times are posted on the Club website (<http://www.dcmyc.org/>).

## 2. Race day schedule

2.1. Practice and course set-up will begin one hour prior to the first start time.

2.2. The Race Director (RD) shall assemble all competitors for a pre-race briefing five (5) to ten (10) minutes prior to start time. The briefing will describe:

2.2.1. The course to be sailed, number of laps, and location of start and finish lines.

2.2.2. The control area.

2.2.3. Whether any marks may be touched without penalty.

2.2.4. Any changes to the Standing Sailing Instructions.

2.2.5. Any rules needing emphasis and any other items the RD feels important.

2.3. Prestart for the first heat will begin at scheduled race time provided the boat minimum is met.

2.4. Racing will continue until the scheduled end time unless the RD abandons further heats or at least two-thirds of competitors decide otherwise.

## 3. Rules

### **THE CORINTHIAN SPIRIT**

*There are no referees in sailboat racing. Competitors are expected to recognize when they have broken a rule and voluntarily take a penalty. This is called the Corinthian Spirit after an early yacht club and is best described by saying you respect your competitors, and you sail by the rules even when no one is looking.*

All racing will be conducted under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except where the Club has approved an exception.

Except as may be modified by the Board, the races sponsored by the DCMYC, its elected Regatta Captain, and its appointed Race Directors shall be governed by this Notice of Race, the Standing Sailing Instructions, the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) class specifications, and the current World Sailing (formerly the International Sailing Federation) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). All races shall be the responsibility of and conducted by a Race Director (RD) under the organization of the DCMYC.

#### 4. Classes

4.1. A separate series of races is conducted on alternating Saturdays for boats of the following classes approved by the Club for competition:

- DragonForce 65 (DF65) Note: The A+ rig is not approved for Club competition.
- DragonFlite 95 (DF95)
- Soling One Meter (S1M)

#### 5. Entry Requirements

- 5.1. To be scored for the series, a competitor must be a Club member in good standing.
- 5.2. A guest or prospective member who does not meet the requirement above may compete but will not be included in race results.

#### 6. Boat requirements

- 6.1. Boats must be of a class approved by the Club for competition. The Regatta Captain shall perform the inspections and certifications, and maintain all inspection records. New, modified, or repaired boats may be raced one time only prior to inspection and certification. A Club member must notify the Regatta Captain that inspection and certification is needed.
- 6.2. Boats must display proper numbers as specified in class rules. To avoid duplicate numbers, any number not provided and registered by the national class secretary must be approved by the Board of Directors. Non-registered boats shall be required to change sail numbers in cases of duplication with registered boats. As per RRS E8 Identification on Sails, the sail number shall be the last two digits of the boat's registration number or the competitor's or owner's personal number, allotted by the relevant issuing authority. When there is conflict between sail numbers, or when a sail number may be misread, the Regatta Captain shall require that the sail numbers of one or more boats be changed to numeric alternatives.
- 6.3. Boats may use a soft bumper attached to the bow. Unless required by class rules, any extra boat length from an attached bumper shall be ignored for all rule interpretations.
- 6.4. Radio frequency (channel) management
- 6.4.1. Only those frequencies assigned by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for R/C surface applications and coordinated by the Club will be permitted.
- 6.4.2. Only transmitters using 2.4 GHz band digital modulation, or its equivalent are permitted unless specific prior exception has been granted by the Regatta Captain.
- 6.4.3. Wide-band (40 kHz) or aircraft band transmitters are not permitted.
- 6.4.4. As per RRS E2.5 Radio Interference, transmission of radio signals that cause interference with the control of other boats is prohibited. A competitor that has broken this rule shall not race again until permitted to do so by the race committee.
- 6.4.5. As per RRS E6.6(e), a competitor may request redress if a boat's score has been made significantly worse by external radio interference.

## 7. Scoring

- 7.1. **General.** A race consists of at least three (3) heats which at least three (3) boats started conducted on a single day or consecutive days.
- 7.2. The RD will send race results to the Regatta Captain and Fleet Coordinator by the end of the day. The Regatta Captain or Fleet Coordinator assures the scores are correctly tallied and formatted by entering them into Afleet or by some other means. The results are then posted to the Club website by the Monday following the race.
- 7.3. A competitor must have scored in six (6) races to be included in the season standings. The average of a competitor's six (6) best (lowest) race scores determines the competitor's season score.
- 7.4. **Breaking ties.** RRS A9 shall not apply and RRS A8.2 shall consider only those races when all who are tied were competing.
- 7.5. If the Regatta Captain determines that a competitor has been unfairly prevented from scoring in the minimum number of races required to be included in the season standings due to serving as a non-sailing RD, the competitor may be awarded race points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races in the series. This redress is limited to two races. This rule modifies RRS 62.1 and A10.

## 8. Prizes

The Club will award trophies at the annual awards banquet in January 2023 as follows:

- First place trophy to the lowest scorer in each fleet.
- If there are at least five (5) qualified competitors in a fleet, a second place trophy to the next lowest scorer.
- If there are at least seven (7) qualified competitors in a fleet, a third place trophy to the third lowest scorer.

## 9. Right-of-Way Rules

**See RRS Parts 1 through 3**, except as may be changed by the Standing Sailing Instructions when so permitted under RRS 86. All members shall be thoroughly conversant with these rules, which are available on the Club website along with the complete RRS and the Standing Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Race Directors

### 10.1. General

The Race Director (RD) performs the function of the race committee to assure that races are conducted in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Standing Sailing Instructions.

### 10.2. Member Requirements

10.2.1. Every Club member is expected to volunteer to serve as RD at a least two (2) races per year for each fleet in which the member competes.

10.2.2. RDs are assigned by the Regatta Captain with input from the Fleet Coordinators.

10.2.3. The RD, upon learning they cannot direct an assigned race, shall immediately take action to secure a replacement. If a replacement cannot be secured, the RD shall immediately notify the Fleet Coordinator.

10.2.4. If racing marks need to be set for the event, the RD should arrive at the sailing location at least one (1) hour before scheduled start time to set up the course and equipment. If racing marks have already been set, the RD should arrive at least 30 minutes before scheduled start time. The Regatta Captain may or may not be present to assist.

### 10.3. Racing Judge

The RD shall act as racing judge during sailing, including the pre-start period of the heat. The RD shall accompany and observe the main flock of boats and judge mark rounding, call sail numbers of boats contacting or missing marks, and verify penalty turns or re-roundings as necessary.

### 10.4. When RDs May Sail.

10.4.1. If six (6) or more competitors (including the RD) are present at race start time, the designated RD shall NOT sail and will perform all RD duties. This rule may be suspended for that race only by unanimous consent of all competitors present.

10.4.2. When four or five competitors (including the RD) are present at start time, the RD is not required to sail.

10.4.3. If the number of competitors increases to more than five after the first heat, the RD may elect to serve as a non-sailing RD.

10.4.4. If the RD and only two (2) competitors are present for a race, the RD must sail and shall receive only the score earned for the day.

11. DCMYC 2024 Interclub Fleet Racing Series Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Your boats**

Sail number	Class (circle one)	Sail number	Class (circle one)
Boat 1		Boat 4	
	DF65 S1M DF95		DF65 S1M DF95
Boat 2		Boat 5	
	DF65 S1M DF95		DF65 S1M DF95
Boat 3		Boat 6	
	DF65 S1M DF95		DF65 S1M DF95

For class and sail number requirements, see 6.1 and 6.2 under “Boat requirements” in the Notice of Race

Mail this completed form along with a check for \$20 to “DCMYC” to:

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 Albuquerque, NM 87105