



2019 RS Aero North American Championship

June 28 - 30, 2019

Cascade Locks, Oregon

Organizing Authority: Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The rules of the RS Aero Class shall apply.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed).
- 1.5. RRS 31 is changed so that marks, other than starting or finishing marks, may be touched.
- 1.6. In accordance with Class Rule C.1.1(c), RRS P5 applies, modified as follows: If the average wind speed is clearly over 10 knots across the course, the race committee may signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, except (i) prior to the start, and (ii) when the boat is on a leg of the course designated in the SI as a windward leg. For the purpose of this rule, the leg between the start and mark 1, between marks 2 or 5 and mark 1, and between mark 4 and the finish are designated as windward legs. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b), and 42.2(c).
- 1.7. Fleets of different rig sizes may be started together per NOR 3.5. Each fleet will be scored separately.
- 1.8. In all rules governing this regatta;
 - 1.8.1. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and
 - 1.8.2. [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south side of the CGRA Race Office. Notices will also be posted on the electronic notice board at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/event?event_id=562

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the CGRA Race Office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, June 28	8:30-10:30 am 10:30 am Noon	Check-in at CGRA Race Office Competitors Meeting First Race Warning
Saturday, June 29	11:00 am 6:00 pm	First Race Warning Regatta Dinner in the Park
Sunday, June 30	11:00 am 3:00 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be displayed at the Competitors Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be the Columbia River northeast of the Cascade Locks Marine Park beach.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. The course shall be signaled by a placard displayed on the signal boat at the warning signal for that class.
- 8.3. In the absence of one of the gate marks, the remaining mark is to be left to port. Except for the second rounding on the "D" course, in which case it shall be left to starboard.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2S, 2P, 3, and 4 will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Mark 1A will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. Mark 5 will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
- 9.4. The starting and finishing marks will be the signals boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable cylinder at the port end.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The finish line is designated as an obstruction for all boats except boats that are finishing. [NP][DP]

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Appendix P will apply, except that rule P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.1 is changed so that the word "first" is deleted.
- 14.2. The following US Sailing Prescription will apply: Appendix V1 (two-turn penalty replaced with a one-turn penalty except in the zone around turning marks).

15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. Target time for all classes will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 15.2. Time limit for all classes will be 75 minutes.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the CGRA Race Office. Protests and requests for redress must be filed at the Race Office within 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protest time limits will be posted on the notice board.
- 16.2. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the official, and the electronic notice board within 30 minutes of the protest filing deadline. This posting constitutes the notification required in rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.
- 16.3. A list of boats that, under SI 14.1, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a Jury decision shall be delivered to the Race Office no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The number of races scheduled is a maximum of 12. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 17.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5-9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 18.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a commercial vessel, will be subject to protest.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

- 20.1. All support boats must register at the CGRA Race Office during the check-in period to receive identifying flags and berthing assignments (\$20.00/boat refundable deposit required).
- 20.2. Support boats shall be required to display their identifying flags at all times during the event and comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 20.3. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

21. BERTHING [DP]

- 21.1. RS Aeros shall be kept in the designated areas of the beach and parking lot at the east end of the Cascade Locks Marine Park. Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.
- 21.2. Support boats shall moor at the Marina transient dock or other location assigned at check-in.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 22.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and inland waters. See rule 55. Trash may be placed aboard race committee boats.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

- 23.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each of the three rig divisions, the first woman, and the first junior (18 and under). The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division.
- 24.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

25. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 25.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 25.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 25.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in NOR, Attachment B.

ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

NOTE – “2” denotes the gate between marks 2S and 2P where boats shall pass between 2S and 2P and round either 2S to starboard or 2P to port.

NOTE – the finish line is designated as an obstruction for all except boats that are finishing, per SI 10.1

