



2015 Gorge Dinghy Inviitational

RS Aero North American Championship,
International 14 North American Championship,
505's & Weta

July 24-26, 2015

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 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3. Racing Rule 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).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the south side of the CGRA Race Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located on the point behind 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

- 5.1. Dates of Racing

Friday, July 24	8:30-10:30 am	Check-in at CGRA Race Office
	10:00 am	RS Aero Sailing Clinic
	10:30 am	Competitors Meeting (I-14 & 505)
	Noon	First Race Warning (I-14 & 505)
	6:30 pm	Regatta Barbeque at CGRA
Saturday, July 25	8:30-10:30 am	Check-in at CGRA Race Office
	10:30 am	Competitors Meeting (RS Aero & Weta)
	11:00 am	First Racing Warning (I-14, & 505)
	Noon	First Race Warning (RS Aero & Weta)
	6:30 pm	Regatta Dinner in Marine Park

Sunday, July 26	11:00 am	First Race Warning (all classes)
	3:00 pm	No warning signal will be made after
	ASAP after racing	Awards presentation

5.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

5.3. Code Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be those displaying the class emblem or that presented at the skippers 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 courses will be L, L2, W, W2, WM, Z and D. The course will be indicated by placards displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at the warning signal for that class.

8.3. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and subsequently complete their rounding around either of the gate marks.

8.4. If one of the gate marks is missing or absent, the mark in position shall be left to port.

8.5. Course D is a Long Distance Race that will be described at the skippers meeting and posted on the Notice Board for the International 14 fleet.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks of the course will be yellow and orange inflatable marks.

9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.

10. THE START

10.1. 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.

10.2. All courses, if there is another fleet in the starting area, competitors shall avoid interference with the fleet attempting to start. The starting line is not restricted.

10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4. Boats starting later than four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored a DNS.

10.5. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2. The Race Committee may hail the sail numbers of OCS boats. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12. THE FINISH

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

12.2. All courses, the finish line shall be restricted except for boats finishing.

13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. Target time for all classes will be 30-40 minutes.
- 13.2. Time limit for all classes will be 80 minutes.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the CGRA Race Office. Protests and requests for redress must be filed at the Race Office within 45 minutes after the race committee boat docks. Docking time will be posted on the notice board.
- 14.2. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the 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.
- 14.3. Breaches of instructions 12.2, 16, 17, 18, and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.
- 15.2. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 15.3. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4. All RS Aero competitors will start, race, and be scored as a single combined class.
- 15.5. Each RS Aero competitor may choose the 9, 7 or 5 rigs sail and mast, and may change to a different sail and mast during the regatta. All sails used by a competitor must have the same sail number throughout the event.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. 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 and possible disqualification.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1. Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Support and coach boats shall berth at the public dock in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 18.1. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.
- 18.2. Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. The penalty for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the protest jury and may include adding points to a boat's score in the race or the series.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1. 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.

20. PRIZES

20.1. Awards will be awarded to both skipper and crew as follows:

1-4 boats pre-registered: 1 award

- 5-8 boats pre-registered: 2 awards
- 9 or more boats pre-registered: 3 awards

20.2. Special awards will be given to the winner in each rig size division of the RS Aero Class.

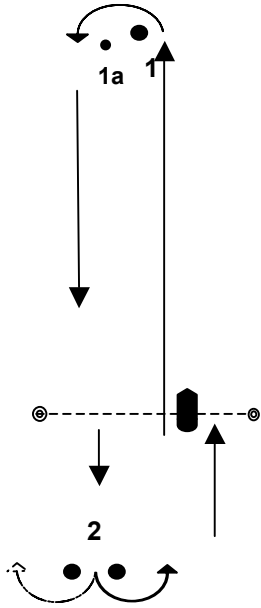
21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

21.1. 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.

21.2. 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.

21.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in NOR, Attachment C.

ATTACHMENT A : COURSE DIAGRAMS

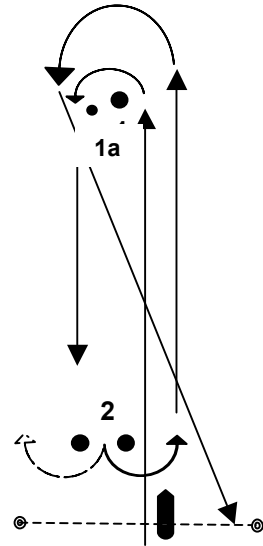


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Start-1-2-Finish

L2

Start-1-2-1-2-Finish

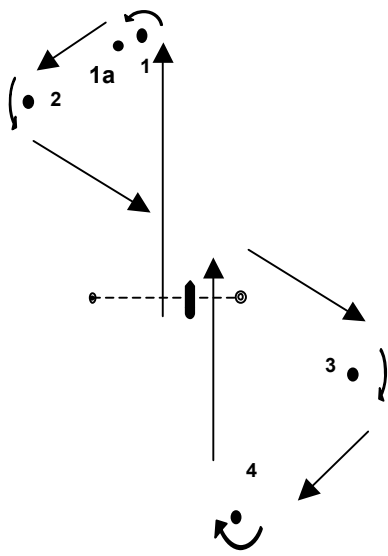


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Start-1-2-1-Finish

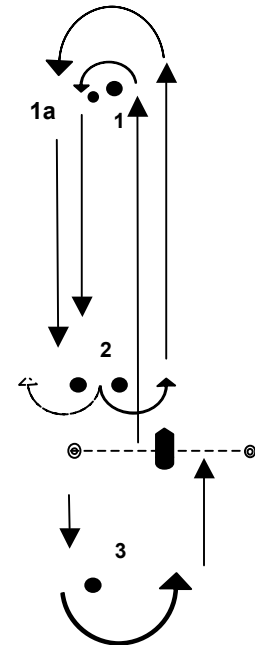
W2

Start-1-2-1-2-1-Finish



Z

Start-1-2-3-4-Finish



WM

Start-1-2-1-3-Finish