



2016 Laser North American Championships

July 21-24, 2016

Cascade Locks, Oregon

Organizing Authority: Columbia Gorge Racing Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the International Laser Class Association.
- 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. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted to the current World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser class, including Standard, Radial, and 4.7 rigs.
- 3.2. All entrants must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at www.laser.org.
- 3.3. A minimum of five entries is required to constitute a fleet.
- 3.4. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the Columbia Gorge Racing Association website www.cgra.org.
- 3.5. All participants, or their parent or guardian if under age 18, will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.
- 3.6. All participants under the age of 18 shall be accompanied for the duration of the regatta by a responsible adult who shall be named in the Parent/Guardian Consent Form.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$200 for entries completed with payment on or before June 20, 2016.
- 5.2. An entry fee of \$250 will be charged for entries completed or paid after June 20, 2016.
- 5.3. CGRA Members (Intermediate or Pro) are eligible for an additional discount of \$5.00.

- 5.4. Entry fee includes racing, berthing during the regatta, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all regatta social events. A regatta souvenir will be provided for all entrants registered prior to the early registration deadline.
- 5.5. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased online or on-site for \$25.00 each.

6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 20	9 am-4 pm 6 pm	Registration & Sail Measurement Welcome BBQ on the beach
Thursday, July 21	10:30 am Noon	Competitors Meeting First Race Warning
Friday, July 22	11:00 am	First Race Warning
Saturday, July 23	11:00 am 6 pm	First Race Warning Regatta dinner in the park
Sunday, July 24	11:00 am 3 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee or judges at any time during the event.
- 7.2. National sail letters must be included on all sails, and all sail numbers must be applied in accordance with ILCA class rules (refer to www.laserinternational.org for detailed instructions). Competitors will be required to present their sails at check-in for inspection of sail numbers and sail buttons to ensure compliance with class rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in and posted online on Wednesday July 20, 2016.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The Columbia River adjacent to Cascade Locks Marine Park (see Attachment A)

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.
- 11.2. The maximum number of races scheduled is 12. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. If any fleet has a large number of entries, the Organizing Authority may divide that fleet. Divided fleets will sail a qualifying series prior to being split into a Gold/Silver final series.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

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

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. Boats 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.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be given to the top 3 finishers in each fleet.
- 14.2. The number of prizes may be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each fleet. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. 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. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. Competitors shall 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.
- 16.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in Attachment C.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 17.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, and tourism is available online at www.cgra.org.
- 18.2. Charter boats for this event are available through West Coast Sailing and can be reserved online at www.westcoastsailing.net.
- 18.3. For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Bill Symes at bill@cgra.org.

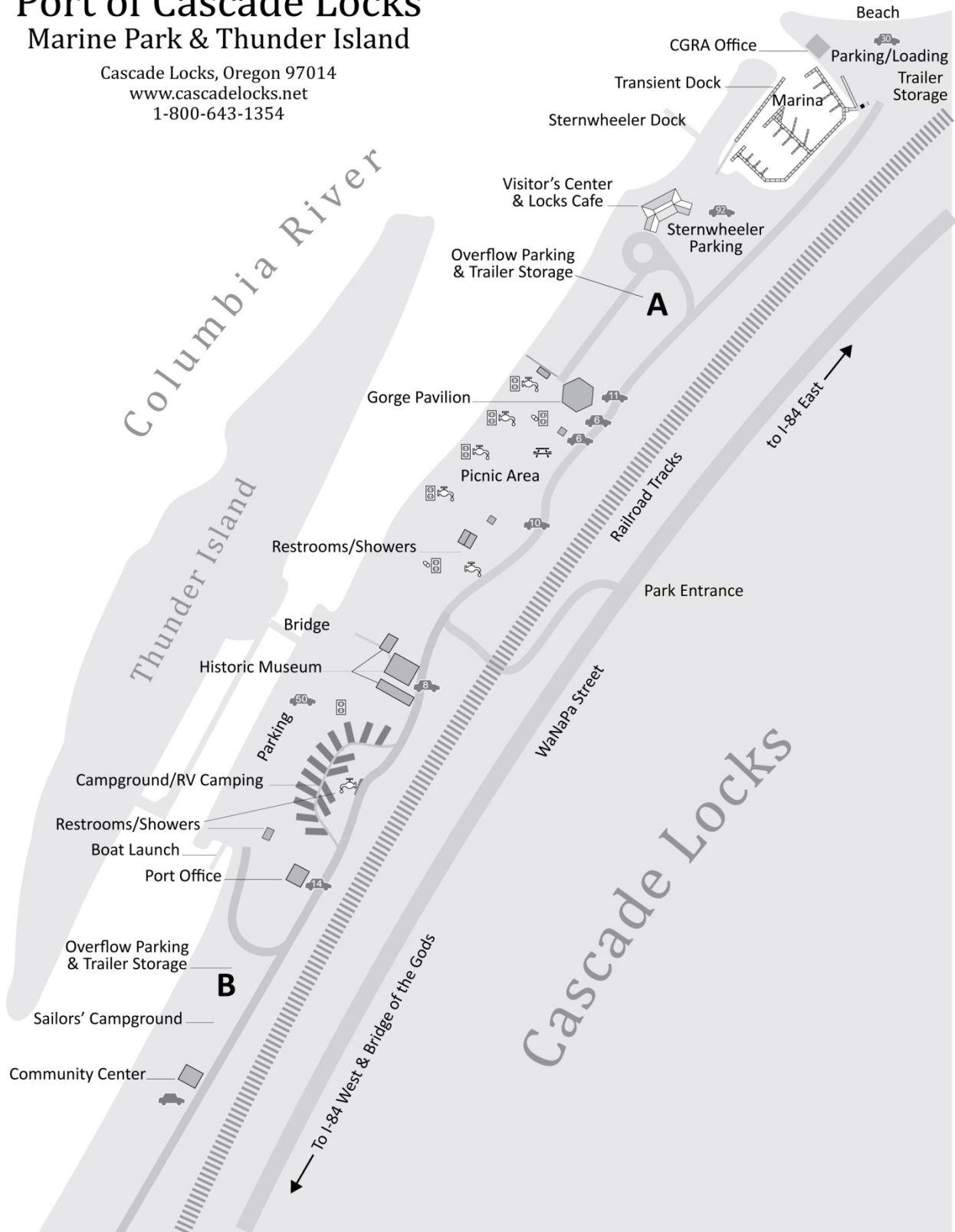
Attachment A: Racing Area



Attachment B: Marine Park Map

Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park & Thunder Island

Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014
www.cascadelocks.net
1-800-643-1354



Attachment C: Marine Park Rules & Guidelines

Welcome to Cascade Locks Marine Park. This is a public facility that CGRA shares with other visitors, so please be courteous and respectful to other park and beach users. Also, please obey all posted signs and regulations. By following these guidelines you will help to ensure that we may continue to hold regattas at the Marine Park.

Parking

- Park all cars and trailers in the grass parking lot (A) to the south of the Visitor's Center.
- No parking or trailer storage will be allowed in the beach parking lot or on the access road leading to the beach. These will be accessible only for boat and equipment loading and unloading prior to and after the event.
- Do not park in the parking lot adjacent to the Visitor Center. This is exclusively for use by patrons of the Sternwheeler Cruises.

Trailer Parking

- Trailers must be parked in designated areas only (areas A and B on map).
- Trailers may not be left in automobile parking spaces.
- Overflow trailer parking will be available if trailer area is full. Please see the race management office or notice board.
- Boats may be left in the moorage pen only with the permission of the CGRA facilities manager. See the regatta office for more information.
- Trailer fee of \$5/day, for trailers longer than 10', can be paid either at the Port office (see map) or upon event check in at CGRA office. Trailer tag must be affixed to the trailer.

Camping

- On most weekends camping is available at the Marine Park. Check in with camp host to get a camping spot. Campground pricing is as follows:
 - Sites 1-12: \$28/night (hookups)
 - Sites 13-16: \$18/night (2 tents per site)
- Reservations are accepted for campground only.
- Overflow camping area is for sailing events only (no reservations). Fee: \$12/tent.
- Camping must be in designated areas only. No camping in parking lots or beach area.
- No campfires allowed.
- Showers/restrooms are open to public. Restrooms are located in three areas:
 - Boat Launch area
 - Marine Park (middle)
 - Campground (with showers)
- RV dump station is located in the campground.

Miscellaneous

- Please keep personal gear and boat equipment together, out of the way and safe at all times. CGRA and the Port of Cascade Locks are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Bins are available for secure, overnight storage in the CGRA container.
- Pick up all trash.
- Park hours: No person shall remain in the Port Marine Park between the hours of 10 pm- and ½ hour before sunrise unless the person is a camper in an authorized Port campsite. Unauthorized vehicles, trailers, or boats left unattended are left at their own risk and may be subject to towing and/or a fine.