



# 2017 Gorge Skiff Regatta

July 14-16, 2017

Columbia Gorge Racing Association  
Cascade Locks, Oregon

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following [US Sailing prescriptions](#) will not apply: RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, at all times when on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Inflatable floatation devices are not acceptable." 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 RRS "Race Signals".

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

|                   |                   |                                      |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday, July 14   | 0830 - 1030       | Check-in at CGRA Race Office         |
|                   | 1030              | Competitors Meeting                  |
|                   | 1200              | First Race Warning                   |
| Saturday, July 15 | 1100              | First Race Warning                   |
|                   | 1800              | Regatta Dinner                       |
| Sunday, July 16   | 1100              | First Race Warning                   |
|                   | 1500              | No warning signal will be made after |
|                   | ASAP after racing | Awards presentation                  |

- 5.1. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**—Each class flag will be the class insignia as described 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 course shall be signaled by a placard displayed on the signal boat at the warning signal for that class.
- 8.3. If Mark 1A is absent it shall be disregarded.
- 8.4. If either of the leeward gate marks, Marks 2S or 2P is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2S, 2P, 4, and 5 will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.2. Mark 1A will be a red ball.
- 9.3. 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 and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

**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.
- 11.2. The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by displaying Flag C alone. This modifies RRS 33.

**12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The starting and finishing lines may be on either side of the signal boat. See course diagrams.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of the Incident, applies. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a two-turns penalty.'

**14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1. Target time for all classes will be 30 minutes.
- 14.2. Time limit for all classes will be 75 minutes.
- 14.3. 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**15. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize Appendix T. Section B (Post Race Penalties) and Section C (Expedited Hearings) shall apply.
- 15.2. 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 and protest time limit will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.3. 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 RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.
- 15.4. Breaches of instructions 1.3, 10.4, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, and 25 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.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1. The number of races scheduled is 11. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 16.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee (on-the-water or on-shore) as soon as possible.

**18. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 18.1. 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.

**19. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 19.1. Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period.
- 19.2. 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.
- 19.3. Support and coach boats shall berth at the public dock in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina.

**20. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]**

- 20.1. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. RRS 41 is changed to permit a boat to place trash on a race committee boat prior to her preparatory signal.

**21. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 21.1. By entering and competing in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right to use and show from time to time at its discretion, any motion or non-motion images and live, recorded or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition, without compensation.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1. 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.

**23. PRIZES**

23.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet to the top boats.

23.2. The number of prizes will 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.

**24. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

24.1. 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.

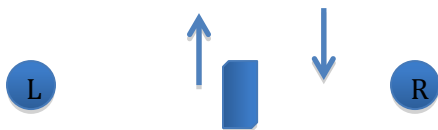
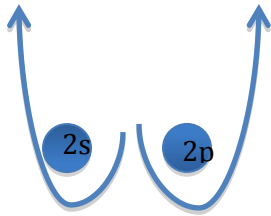
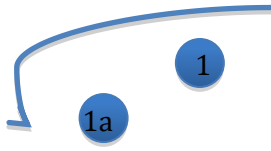
24.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

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

ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

**W**

Start(L)-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish(R)



**M**

Start(R)-1-1a-4-Finish(R)

**M2**

Start(L)-1-1a-4-1-1a-4-Finish(R)

2.

