

# 2020 RS Aero Pacific Coast Championship

August 1-2, 2020 Columbia Gorge Racing Association Cascade Locks, Oregon

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR 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: Rule 63.2 and Rule 63.4.
- 1.3. 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).
- 1.4. Rule 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched.

# 2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted to 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 RS Aero Class.
- 3.2. All competitors must be current members of the North American RS Aero Association or their equivalent national Class Association. Non-members can register online <a href="here">here</a>.
- 3.3. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment on the event website.
- 3.4. All competitors are required to agree to CGRA's Assumption of Risk & Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/Covid-19 as a condition of entry. Forms can be downloaded from the event website.
- 3.5. Competitors under age 18 are required to complete a *Minor Waiver and Parent/Guardian Consent* form signed by a parent or guardian. Forms can be downloaded from the <u>event website</u>.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$95.00, payable online at registration. *Note:* competitors may register without payment at any time and pay fees at a later date. Fees must be paid on or before Thursday, July 30.
- 4.2. CGRA Intermediate or Pro members are eligible for a discount of \$5.00 (you can join CGRA here).
- 4.3. Entry fees include complimentary boat storage during the regatta, post-racing refreshments, and Saturday evening catered dinner in the Marine Park.
- 4.4. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased at online registration for \$25.00. *Note:* guest dinner tickets must be purchased online. There will be no on-site sales of dinner tickets.
- 4.5. The Port of Cascade Locks requires a storage fee of \$7.00/day for trailers over 10 ft. in length. Trailer fees must be paid with online registration.
- 4.6. No entries will be accepted after midnight Thursday, July 30. *Note: All registrations and fee payments must be made online at the <u>event website</u>. There will be no on-site registration for this event.*
- 4.7. In the event the regatta is canceled, at any time, all fees will be 100% refunded.

## 5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 1	Noon	First Race Warning
Sunday, August 2	11:00 am 3:00 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards Presentation

5.1. The maximum number of races scheduled is 8.

## 6. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

6.1. All boats and sails shall comply with current RS Aero Class Rules. Spot checks by the technical committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website no later than 8:30 am Saturday, August 1. *Note*: there will be no competitor's meeting on-site. Competitors are expected to be familiar with the Sailing Instructions posted on the event website.

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1. The racing area will be the Columbia River adjacent to the Cascade Locks Marine Park (see Attachment A).
- 8.2. Shore facilities (CGRA Race Office, boat storage and launching, camping, and meals) are in the Cascade Locks Marine Park (see <u>Attachment B</u>).

## 9. COURSES

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

#### 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. 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).

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. RS Aero 5s, RS Aero 7s, and RS Aero 9s will be started and scored as separate fleets. If a fleet has fewer than 5 boats entered, it may be started with another fleet.
- 11.2. For each fleet, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 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 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 12. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 12.1. 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).
- 12.2. Support boats shall be required to display their identifying flags at all times during the event and comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 12.3. 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.

## 13. BERTHING [DP]

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Support boats shall moor at the Marina transient dock or other location assigned at check-in.
- 13.3. To arrange boat storage outside of the event period, contact the Race Office at <a href="mailto:susan@cgra.org">susan@cgra.org</a>.

#### 14. PRIZES

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

# 15. SAFETY & VESSEL TRAFFIC [DP]

- 15.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the <u>US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules</u>.
- 15.2. Race officials may direct a competitor to alter course in order to clear the channel or make a pathway for passing vessel traffic. Any boat failing to promptly comply with signals from a race official to alter course will be subject to protest.
- 15.3. The penalty for a breach of NOR 15 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).

## 16. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT [DP]

- 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 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.
- 16.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in Attachment B.

## 17. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

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

## 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Additional useful information on lodging, travel, and tourism is available at CGRA.org.
- 18.2. Boat charters are being provided by West Coast Sailing at BoatSales@WestCoastSailing.net.
- 18.3. For more information, contact Regatta Chairman Bill Symes at <a href="mailto:bill@cgra.org">bill@cgra.org</a>.