



2020 RS Aero Pacific Coast Championship

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.
- 1.5. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.6. The Covid-19 protocol of Addendum A shall be complied with by all competitors and support persons. The penalty for a breach of this rule may include disqualification from all sailed and not-yet-sailed races. This changes rule 64.1.[DP]

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the electronic notice board at www.regattanetwork.com/event/20728.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the electronic notice board 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

- 5.1. Dates of racing:

Saturday, August 1	noon 6:00 pm	First Race Warning Regatta Dinner in the Park
Sunday, August 2	11:00 am 3:00 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards Presentation

- 5.2. The maximum number of races scheduled is 10.
- 5.3. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be as follows:

- All RS Aeros – Black RS inside a red circle on a yellow background
- RS Aero 5 - Black numeral 5 on a light blue background
- RS Aero 7 - Black numeral 7 on a yellow background
- RS Aero 9 - Black numeral 9 on a pink background.

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, 4, and W will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

9.2. Mark 1A will be an orange ball.

9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be the signals boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable cylinder at the port end.

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. 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.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. 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.

13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

13.1. Target time for all fleets will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not constitute grounds for redress.

13.2. Time limit for all fleets will be 75 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 without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing must notify the race committee on the signal boat as soon as reasonably possible after retiring or finishing by hail or VHF. Until she receives confirmation from the race committee, she will not be considered to have met this obligation and the protest will be considered invalid. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- 14.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed electronically. Use this form to file: <https://forms.gle/bV6RRBckGvMc4mKM6>.
- 14.3. Protests and requests for redress must be filed 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 electronic notice board at www.regattanetwork.com/event/20728.
- 14.4. The time and place of arbitration will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest deadline. The protest hearing, if needed, will be following the arbitration meeting. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be filed no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 14.7. The race committee will post a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit. A request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes Rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. For each fleet, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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.

16. SAFETY & VESSEL TRAFFIC [DP]

- 16.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the [US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules](#).
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. The penalty for a breach of SI 17.1 or 17.2 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).
- 16.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. 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.

18. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 18.1. 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

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

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 B.

ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

NOTE: In courses D and W, "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.

D	W	Z
Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-3-4-Finish	Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-4-Finish	Start-1-2-W(S)-4(S)-Finish



ADDENDUM A

Covid-19 Regatta Guidelines

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced all of us to make adjustments in the way we live and interact with others. CGRA is no exception. In order to ensure everyone's safety and comply with Oregon Health Authority regulations, we must request your cooperation with the following guidelines. These apply to all participants, volunteers, coaches, families and friends while attending a CGRA event in the Cascade Locks Marine Park. **Failure to comply with these guidelines by any competitor, or any member of a competitor's party (family members, coaches, friends, etc.) will subject the competitor to disqualification from the regatta and forfeiture of all entry fees without appeal.**

1. If you feel ill or have any symptoms of Covid-19 infection, please stay home. If you are at risk for severe complications (over 65 or have underlying medical conditions), please consider the risk of exposure in your decision whether or not to attend this event.
2. All competitors (skipper and crew) must submit a signed copy of the Covid Liability Waiver found on the [event website](#). Waiver forms should be printed, signed, scanned and returned to susan@cgra.org.
3. All communications will be electronic (i.e., no face-to-face meetings or hard copy handouts). All official notices, news, results, and protest information will be posted on the [event website](#) notice board, and competitors will be advised of updates by text or email.
4. You must wear a mask at all times while on shore.
5. You must maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from anyone not in your immediate party (i.e., those people living or travelling together). The social distancing requirement applies at all times, including launching and retrieving boats, waiting in line for dinner or porta-potties, or gathering around the beach, parking lot, or race office.
6. You must provide your own water and sanitary supplies to ensure that you are following all state and CDC sanitary guidelines. There will be no water or other amenities available on site.
7. You must comply with directions from CGRA volunteers or staff whether on land or on the water.

Your cooperation will safeguard your health as well as the health of others and ensure that CGRA can continue to host sailing events in Cascade Locks. Thank you for your support for sailing in the Gorge!