



# 2016 Gorge Skiff Regatta

July 15-17, 2016

Columbia Gorge Racing Association

Cascade Locks, Oregon

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The only US Sailing Prescriptions that apply are RRS 61.4, Appendix R, Appendix T, and the prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.
- 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 flotation devices are not acceptable." Code flag Y need not be displayed.
- 1.4. In the event that the Notice of Race conflicts with these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 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 schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day 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 15	0830 - 1030	Check-in at CGRA Race Office
	1030	Competitors Meeting
	1200	First Race Warning
Saturday, July 16	1100	First Race Warning
	1800	Regatta Dinner
Sunday, July 17	1100	First Race Warning
	1500	No warning signal will be made after
	ASAP after racing	Awards presentation

- 5.1. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.2. Code Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'
- 5.3. Code Flag A displayed, with no sound, with a class flag while boats are finishing means 'No more racing for that class today.'

**6. CLASS FLAGS**—Class flags will be as follows:

29er	A flag with the 29er class logo
49er	A flag with the 49er class logo

**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.
- 8.5. Courses will not be shortened. In the event of light winds, the Race Committee may set a course with shorter legs to avoid exceeding the Time Limit. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 8.6. Marks
  - 8.6.1. Marks 1, 2S, 2P, and 4 will be yellow inflatable marks.
  - 8.6.2. Mark 1A will be a red ball.
  - 8.6.3. The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.

**9. THE START**

- 9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes prior to the Starting Signal.
- 9.2. One minute prior to the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat may sound an alert signal of multiple sounds.
- 9.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark. The starting line may be on either side of the signal boat. See course diagrams.
- 9.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The Race Committee may change a leg of the course by displaying Flag C alone. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.2. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signals to maintain the original course configuration.

**11. THE FINISH**

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

**12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. 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.'

**13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1. Target time for all classes will be 30 minutes.
- 13.2. Time limit for all classes 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. The protest and redress procedures for this regatta will utilize Appendix T. Section B (Post Race Penalties) and Section C (Expedited Hearings) shall apply.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Breaches of instructions 1.3, 9.4, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 24 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 number of races scheduled is 11. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 15.3. Excluded scores (throw-outs):
  - 15.3.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 15.3.2. When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one (1) worst score.
  - 15.3.3. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

**16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 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 (on-the-water or on-shore) 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**

- 18.1. Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period.
- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. Support and coach boats shall berth at the public dock in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina.

**19. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 19.1. 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.

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

- 20.1. 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.

**21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1. 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.

**22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet to the top boats.  
22.2. 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.

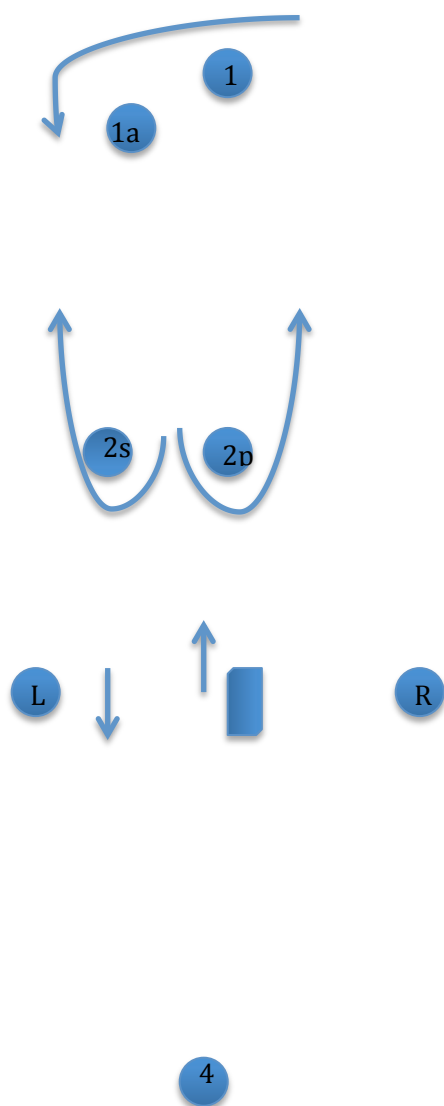
**23. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 23.1. 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.  
23.2. 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.  
23.3. 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(L)



# M

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

# M2

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

