



# 2016 RS Aero US Nationals Championship

August 13-14, 2016

Cascade Locks, Oregon

Organizing Authority: Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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).
- 1.4. There will be a single start for the 5, 7 and 9 RS Aero rigs. Each fleet will be scored separately.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this regatta;
  - 1.5.1. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and
  - 1.5.2. [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 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 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 the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, August 13	8:30-10:30 am 10:30 am Noon 6 pm	Check-in at CGRA Race Office Competitors Meeting First Race Warning Regatta Dinner in the Park
Sunday, August 14	11:00 am 3 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after 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.'

**6. RACING AREA**

6.1. The racing area will be the Columbia River northeast of the Cascade Locks Marine Park beach.

**7. COURSES**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. The course shall be signaled by a placard displayed on the signal boat at the warning signal for that class.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. [NP][DP] Unless finishing, boats shall not pass through the finish line.

**8. MARKS**

- 8.1. Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P, and 4 will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 8.2. Mark 1A will be a red ball.
- 8.3. Mark 5 will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 8.4. The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.

**9. THE START**

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. [NP][DP] 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.

**11. THE FINISH**

11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

**12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1. Appendix P will apply, except that rule P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.1 is changed so that the word "first" is deleted.

**13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1. Target time for all classes will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 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 rules 35, A4 and A5.

**14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the CGRA Race Office. Protests and requests for redress must be filed at the Race Office within 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. Docking time will be posted on the notice board.
- 14.2. 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 rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.

**15. SCORING**

- 15.1. The number of races scheduled is 8. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 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.

**16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 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 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.  
[DP][NP]
- 18.3. Support and coach boats shall berth at the public dock in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina.

**19. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP][NP]**

- 19.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and inland waters. See rule 55. Trash may be placed aboard race committee boats.

**20. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]**

- 20.1. 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.

**21. PRIZES**

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded in each rig fleet to the top boats, the first woman overall, and the first junior overall.
- 21.2. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

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

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in NOR, Attachment C.

**ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS**

<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>
<p><b>RS Aero 7&amp;9 - Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-4-Finish</b></p>	<p><b>RS Aero 7&amp;9 - Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-3-4-Finish</b></p>
<p><b>RS Aero 5 - Start-1-1a-5-1-1a-4-Finish</b></p>	<p><b>RS Aero 5 - Start-1-1a-5-1-1a-2-3-4-Finish</b></p>

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## Start-1-2-3-4-Finish

