



WEST COAST SAILING
OWN THE WATER

2017 Laser Masters US National Championship

July 7-9, 2017

Cascade Locks, Oregon

Organizing Authority: Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)

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.

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 following [US Sailing prescriptions](#) will not apply: RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y need not be displayed."
- 1.4. Standard and Radial rigs shall have separate starts and be scored separately. Each fleet shall include all Masters age divisions using that rig (ILCA-NA "Rig-swapping" rule turned off).
- 1.6. Pursuant to the requirements of Laser Class Rule 4(e)ii, the Race Committee grants approval to competitors to use a sail with numbers different than the sail number allocated to the hull.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official 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 the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of Racing

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| Friday, July 7 | 0830-1030 1030 1200 | Check-in & Sail Inspection Competitors Meeting First Race Warning |
| Saturday, July 8 | 1100 1800 | First Race Warning Regatta Dinner |

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| Sunday, July 9 | 1100 1500 ASAP after racing | First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation |
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- 5.2. The number of races scheduled is 10.
 5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.
 5.4. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be as follows:

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| Laser Standard | White Flag with a Red Laser Burst |
| Laser Radial | Green Flag with a White Laser Burst |

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 race committee shall signal the course to be sailed by a placard displayed on the race committee signal boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P, and 4 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 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 port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
 13.2. Appendix P will apply, except that RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changed so that the word "first" is deleted.

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. Target time for all classes will be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2. Time limit for all classes will be 90 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. 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 will be posted on the notice board.
- 15.2. 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 RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.
- 15.3. Breaches of instructions 10.2, 17, 19, 20, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, modified as follows by the ILCA-NA Masters handicap system:
 - 16.1.1. To calculate overall fleet results, points will be added to each competitor's finish according to his or her age bracket, as follows: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points.
 - 16.1.2. Competitor's overall scores will be the sum of their included finishes plus total handicap points.
 - 16.1.3. Results within each age division will be determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.
- 16.2. When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
 - 16.2.1. Within an age division, ties will be broken as described in Appendix A8.
 - 16.2.2. Across age divisions, ties will be broken in favor of the older division sailor.
- 16.3. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 16.4. 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 [DP]

- 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 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. 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).

- 19.2. Support boats shall be required to display their identifying flags at all times during the event and comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 19.3. 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.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 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 overall winner (lowest score after handicap points), first woman overall, and top finishers in each of the four age divisions.
- 22.2. 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.

23. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 23.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 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.

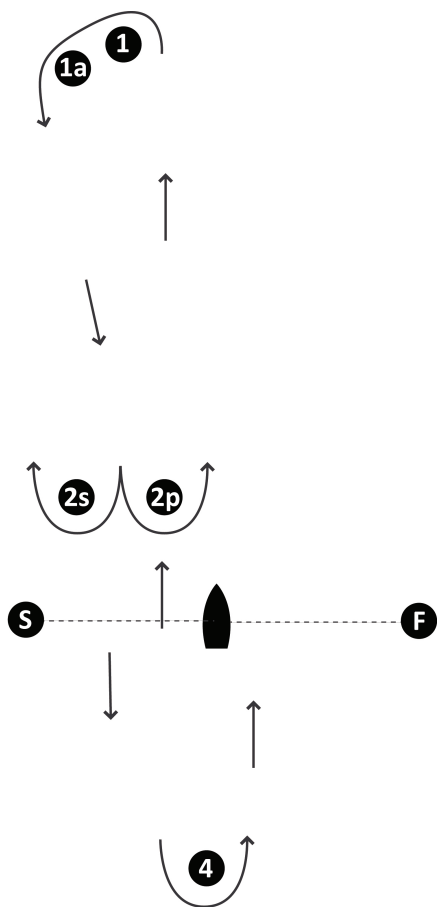


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ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

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Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-4-Finish



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Start-1-1a-2-1-1a-2s-3-4-Finish

