



# 2017 Laser Masters US National Championship

July 7-9, 2017

Columbia Gorge Racing Association

Cascade Locks, Oregon

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 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. Racing Rule 40 is changed as follows: Replace the entire Rule with, "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This rule applies at all times while afloat. 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).
- 1.5. 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.

### 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 Laser class members who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of racing. Competitors will be assigned to the following divisions based on age:
  - 3.1.1. Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
  - 3.1.2. Master – 45-54 years of age
  - 3.1.3. Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
  - 3.1.4. Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age
- 3.2. All competitors must be current members of ILCA-NA or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at [www.laser.org](http://www.laser.org).
- 3.3. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the Columbia Gorge Racing Association website [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org).
- 3.4. Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.

### 4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$160 for entries completed with payment on or before June 7, 2017.
- 4.2. An entry fee of \$185 will be charged for entries completed or paid after June 7, 2017.
- 4.3. Entries will not be accepted after 10 am on July 7, 2017.
- 4.4. CGRA Members (Intermediate or Pro) receive a discount of \$5.00 (you can join CGRA [here](#))
- 4.5. Entry fees include berthing, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all scheduled social events. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$25.00 each.

**5. SCHEDULE**

Thursday, July 6	8:30 am-5:00 pm 6 pm	Check-in & Sail Inspection Welcome Reception
Friday, July 7	8:30-10:30 am 10:30 am Noon	Check-in & Sail Inspection Competitors Meeting First Race Warning
Saturday, July 8	11:00 am 6:00 pm	First Race Warning Regatta Dinner in the Park
Sunday, July 9	11:00 am 3 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation

**6. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1. All boats shall comply with current [ILCA Class Rules](#). Spot checks by the technical committee may be performed on any boat at any time during the event.
- 6.2. Competitors must present their sails at check-in to confirm correct attachment and placement of sail numbers and the presence of an ILCA royalty button.
- 6.3. The organizing authority will provide colored bands, which competitors shall affix to their mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck to identify their division. Colors shall be green for Apprentices, red for Masters, blue for Grand Masters, and yellow for Great Grand Masters.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in on Friday, July 7.

**8. VENUE**

- 8.1. The Columbia River adjacent to Cascade Locks Marine Park (see Attachment A)

**9. COURSES**

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

**10. SCORING**

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, modified as follows by the ILCA-NA Masters handicap system:
  - 10.1.1. 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.
  - 10.1.2. Competitor's overall scores will be the sum of their included finishes plus total handicap points.
  - 10.1.3. Results within each age division will be determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.
- 10.2. When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
  - 10.2.1. Within an age division, ties will be broken as described in Appendix A8.
  - 10.2.2. Across age divisions, ties will be broken in favor of the older division sailor.
- 10.3. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 10.4. 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.

**11. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1. 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).
- 11.2. Support boats shall be required to display their identifying flags at all times during the event and comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 11.3. 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.

**12. BERTHING [DP]**

- 12.1. Lasers 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.
- 12.2. Support boats shall moor at the Marina transient dock or other location assigned at check-in.

**13. PRIZES**

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

**14. SAFETY [DP]**

- 14.1. 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.

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

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in Attachment C.

**16. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS**

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

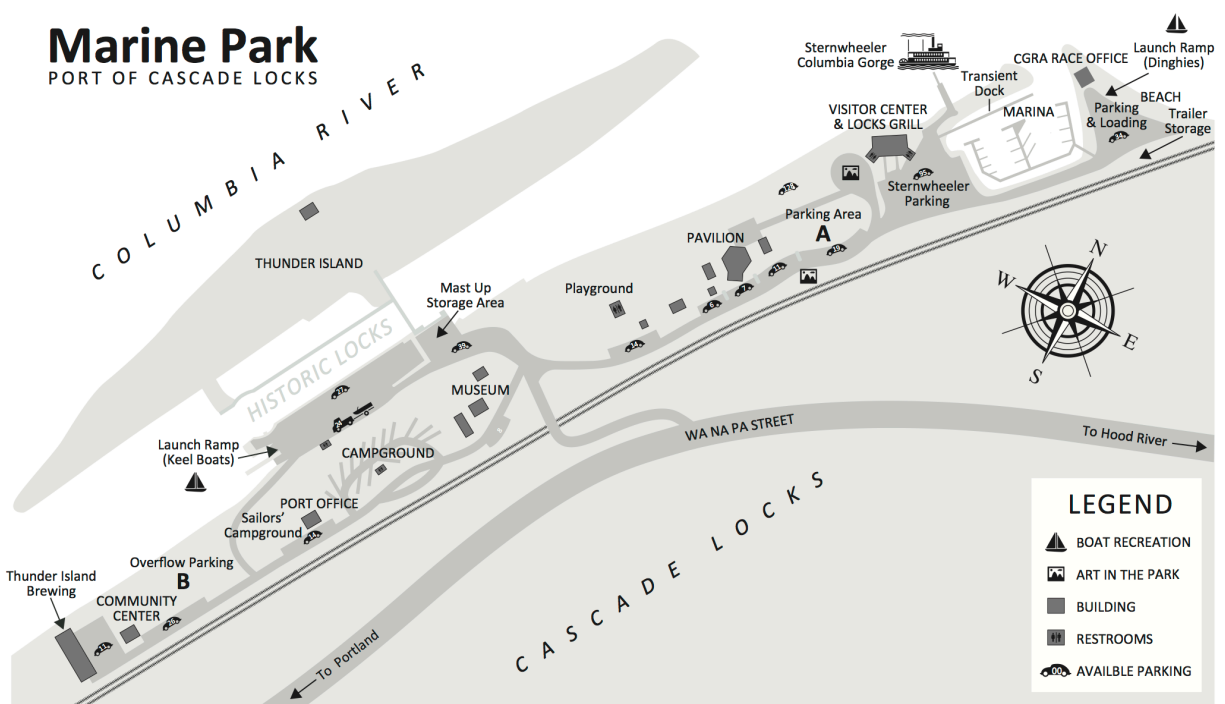
**17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 17.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, and area recreation is available online at [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org).
- 17.2. For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Bill Symes at [bill@cgra.org](mailto:bill@cgra.org).

## Attachment A: Racing Area



## Attachment B: Marine Park Map





## **Attachment C: Marine Park Rules & Guidelines**

Welcome to Cascade Locks Marine Park. This is a public facility that CGRA shares with other visitors, so please be courteous and respectful to other park and beach users. Also, please obey all posted signs and regulations. By following these guidelines you will help to ensure that we may continue to hold regattas at the Marine Park.

### **PARKING**

- Park only in designated (striped) parking spots in the beach parking lot.
- Do not park in spaces marked for marina patrons.
- Do not park in the area marked for boat trailers.
- Do not park along the south side of the road leading to the beach.
- Do not park in the parking lot adjacent to the Visitor Center. This is exclusively for use by patrons of the Sternwheeler Cruises.
- Do not block aisles or access ways with cars, boats, trailers or gear.
- RVs and campers are not allowed to park in the beach parking without a special permit.
- Overflow parking will be available in area A (see map) if beach parking lot is full. Please see the race management office or notice board.

### **TRAILER PARKING**

- Trailers must be parked in the designated area only (Area A on map).
- Trailers may not be left in automobile parking spaces.
- Overflow trailer parking will be available if trailer area is full. Please see the race management office or notice board.
- Boats may be left in the moorage pen only with the permission of the CGRA facilities manager. See the regatta office for more information.
- Trailer fee of \$5/day can be paid either at the Port office (see map) or upon event check in at CGRA office. Trailer tag must be affixed to the trailer.

### **CAMPING**

- On most weekends camping is available at the Marine Park. Check in with camp host to get a camping spot. Campground pricing is as follows:
  - Sites 1-12: \$35/night (hookups)
  - Sites 13-16: \$25/night (2 tents per site)
- Reservations are accepted for campground only.
- Overflow camping area is for sailing events only (no reservations). Fee: \$15/tent.
- Camping must be in designated areas only. No camping in parking lots or beach area.
- No campfires allowed.
- Showers/restrooms are open to public. Restrooms are located in three areas:
  - Boat Launch area
  - Marine Park (middle)
  - Campground (with showers)
- RV dump station is located in the campground.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Please keep personal gear and boat equipment together, out of the way and safe at all times. CGRA and the Port of Cascade Locks are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Bins are available for secure, overnight storage in the CGRA container.
- Pick up all trash.
- Park hours: No person shall remain in the Port Marine Park between the hours of 10 pm- and ½ hour before sunrise unless the person is a camper in an authorized Port campsite. Unauthorized vehicles, trailers, or boats left unattended are left at their own risk and may be subject to towing and/or a fine.