



2018 Laser Gorge Blowout

August 2, 2018

Columbia Gorge Racing Association

Cascade Locks, Oregon

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE COURSE:

- 1.1. The course shall be from a starting line off the point at Cascade Locks Marine Park to the bridge at Hood River. Course length is approximately 18 miles.
- 1.2. The race shall be divided into two stages: Stage 1 from Cascade Locks to Viento State Park, and Stage 2 from Viento State Park to Hood River. Competitors shall have an opportunity for rest, refueling, and reality check at Viento prior to the start of Stage 2.

2. START & FINISH:

- 2.1. The starting line for Stage 1 shall be between a staff with an orange flag on the point and an orange mark at the port end.
- 2.2. The finish line for stage 1 will be between a staff with an orange flag onshore at Viento and an orange mark at the port end. The line will be east of navigational aid #28 (piling with red triangle) which shall be left to starboard. The orange flag may not be visible until passing #28.
- 2.3. The starting line for stage 2 shall be the same as the finish line for stage 1.
- 2.4. The finish line for stage 2 shall be the Hood River Bridge. Competitors must pass completely through the bridge to finish. Competitors shall then turn back, passing through the bridge and sail upwind into the Hood River Marina for takeout.

3. SCHEDULE

- 8:30 -10:00 am: Registration, check-in, and car shuttle to Hood River
- 10:00 am: Competitors Meeting (Cascade Locks)
- 11:00 am: Warning Signal (Cascade Locks)
- 5:00 pm: Awards and refreshments at the Cascade Locks Marine Park beach

4. SCORING

- 4.1. Finishing order shall be determined by combining times for Stage 1 and Stage 2, not including rest time at Viento. The competitor with the lowest combined time wins.
- 4.2. Competitors on course side at the starting signal of either Stage 1 or Stage 2 will not be recalled but will have a penalty of 2 minutes added to their time for that stage.

5. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 5.1. Appendix V shall apply (replaces two-turn penalty with one-turn penalty).

6. PRIZES

- 6.1. The winner's name will be engraved on the Laser Gorge Blowout Perpetual Trophy.
- 6.2. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers.

7. SAFETY

- 7.1. Competitors shall wear an approved personal flotation device at all times.
- 7.2. Competitors will be subject to disqualification for interfering with commercial traffic.
- 7.3. In the event of breakdowns, boats may be towed to shore and secured for later pick-up.
- 7.4. Competitors participate in the Blowout at their own risk (see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Appendix A: Course Chart

