



2019 29er US National Championship

July 12-14, 2019

Columbia Gorge Racing Association

Cascade Locks, Oregon

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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 \(http://bit.ly/USRx2017\)](http://bit.ly/USRx2017) will not apply: RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.
- 1.3. All competitors (i.e. both skipper and crew) shall carry a SOLAS approved whistle while aboard their boat. [DP]
- 1.4. RRS 40 is replaced with: Competitors shall wear, except briefly to change clothes, an inherently buoyant (not inflatable) personal flotation device certified to either US Coast Guard, CE EN393, or ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) standards while aboard their boat. This replaces similar International 420 and International 29er Class Association rules. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Code flag Y need not be displayed. [DP]
- 1.5. International 29er Class Rule C.10.3(a)(vi), concerning all-women teams carrying a red rhombus shape on their mainsail, shall not apply.
- 1.6. RRS G3 (Chartered or Loaned Boats) shall apply.
- 1.7. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

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 9:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located at 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

- 5.1. The schedule of events is as follows:

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| Friday, July 12 | 8:30-10:00 am | Check-in |
| | 10:30 am | Competitors Meeting |
| | Noon | First warning signal of the day |

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| Saturday, July 13 | 9:30 am | Competitors Meeting |
| | 11:00 am | First warning signal of the day |
| | 6:00 pm | Regatta Dinner in the park |
| Sunday, July 14 | 9:30 am | Competitors Meeting |
| | 11:00 am | First warning signal of the day |
| | 3:00 pm | No warning signal will be made after |
| | ASAP after racing | Awards Presentation |

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flag will be the 29er Class Flag.

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 course, 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 RC may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course or changing the color of the mark(s). This changes rule 33.
- 8.3. If either of the leeward gate marks, Marks 2S or 2P is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.
- 8.4. The race target time is thirty minutes. This is an approximate time.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be red inflatable marks.
- 9.2. 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 and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.2. The starting line will be to the port side of the signal boat when facing up wind.

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.
- 11.2. The Race Committee may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course. This changes rule 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. The finishing line will be to the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat when facing upwind.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. A boat failing to finish fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13.2. A boat failing to start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 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 30 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks or 10 minutes after the protest time limit is posted, whichever is later. Docking time and protest time limit 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 RRS 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 10.
- 15.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. If 6-9 races are completed a boat may exclude her worst score, if 10 races are completed a boat may exclude her two worst scores
- 15.4. A boat scored DNF will receive points equal to the number of boats that sail the course and finish plus one (+1). This changes RRS A4.2.

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 shall comply promptly with signals from a Race Committee, mark set, or race official boat to alter course.
- 16.2. Boats that receive a warning (5 short sounds) from a commercial vessel, may be protested and possibly disqualified.
- 16.3. 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 [DP]

- 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 [DP]

- 18.1. 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).
- 18.2. Support boats shall be required to display their identifying flags at all times during the event and comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 18.3. While boats are *racing*, support boats shall monitor the committee.VHF channel and remain more than 150 yards from any competitor, the starting line, and the finish line while boats are finishing, , except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 18.4. Support boats shall moor at the Marina transient dock or other location assigned at check-in.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 to both skipper and crew of the top 3 teams, the top all female team and the top junior team (both skipper and crew under 19 years of age on December 31, 2019).
- 21.2. The top USA team (both skipper and crew residents of the USA) shall be named the 2019 29er US National Champions.

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 B](#).

ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAM

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| COURSE WINDWARD/LEEWARD with reaching finish |
| Mark Rounding Order |
| Start- 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish |

