



# 2019 Laser Masters Pacific Coast Championship

August 3-4, 2019  
Columbia Gorge Racing Association  
Cascade Locks, Oregon

## 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: Rule 63.2 and Rule 63.4.
- 1.3. Racing Rule 40 will be 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. In all rules governing this regatta;  
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and  
[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 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 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 on 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 and times of racing will be as follows:

Saturday, August 3	8:30-10:30 am	Check-in at CGRA Race Office
	10:30 am	Competitors Meeting
	Noon	First Race Warning
	6:00 pm	Regatta Dinner in the Park
Sunday, August 4	11:00 am	First Race Warning
	3:00 pm	No warning signal will be made after
	ASAP after racing	Awards presentation

- 5.2. The number of races scheduled is 7.
- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm.
- 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:

Laser Standard	White Flag with a Red Laser Burst
Laser Radial	Green Flag with a Red 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 course shall be signaled by a placard displayed on the signal boat at the warning signal for that class.
- 8.3. 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.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2S, 2P, 3, and 4 will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Mark 1A will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be red 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. The following US Sailing Prescription will apply: [Appendix V1](#) (two-turn penalty replaced with a one-turn penalty except in the zone around turning marks).

**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. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a Jury decision shall be delivered to the Race Office no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2
- 15.4. 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 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. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 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 [USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations](#). 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 stand-on 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. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division.
- 22.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

**23. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT [DP]**

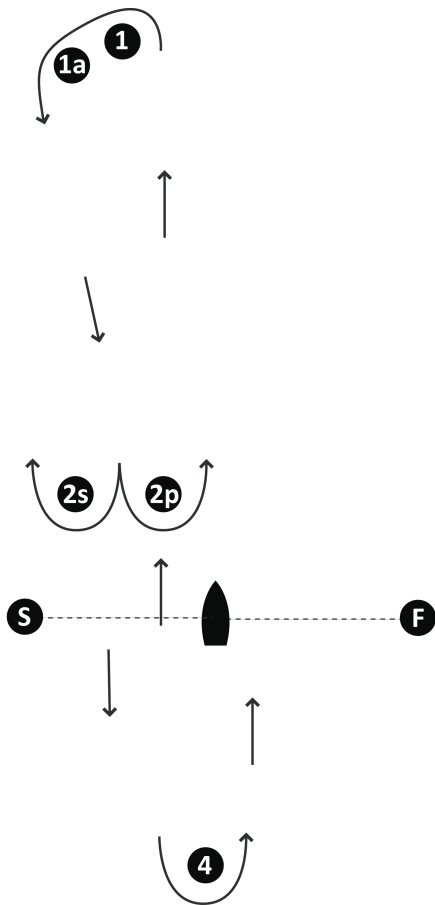
- 23.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 23.2. Competitors will accept 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.

### Attachment A: Course Diagrams

NOTE – “2” denotes the gate between marks 2S and 2P where boats shall pass between 2S and 2P and round either 2S to starboard or 2P to port. 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 (see Instruction 8.3).

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



# D

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

