



RS Aero World Championship 2020

31st July – 7th August 2020
Cascade Locks, Oregon, USA

Organizing Authority: Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)
on behalf of the RS Aero International Class Association (IRSACA)

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race 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 (RRS) and the [RS Aero Class Rules](#) (CR).
- 1.2 The following [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will not apply: RRS 34, 40, 48.1, 63.2, 63.4, and 86.3.
- 1.3 RRS 31 will be changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched.
- 1.4 RRS 35 will be changed as follows: Add, "After the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course."
- 1.5 RRS 40 will be changed as follows: Replace the entire Rule with, "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices complying with CR C.4.1 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." [DP]
- 1.6 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 All times stated are Pacific Time.

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 A boat may be required to display advertising and/or carry equipment chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority, including tracking devices, video recording equipment, and fleet identification colors.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero Class sailed by a member of the RS Aero Class Association. Non-RS Aero Class members can register online [here](#).
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter and pay required fees online at the [event website](#).
- 3.3 Competitors agree to sign and comply with a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check in. [DP]
- 3.4 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from the [event website](#). [DP]
- 3.5 Competitors shall register at the CGRA Race Office and complete all required measurement formalities prior to racing. [DP]

- 3.6 Registration will be complete when a competitor has entered online, paid entry fees, submitted a completed equipment inspection and measurement form, had their chosen sail stamped, and checked in at the CGRA Race Office.
- 3.7 Any competitor choosing to change rigs during the championship will complete a 'New entry - change of rig' form at the Race Office no later than one hour before the first warning signal for the race affected by the change. The new entry will be covered by the original entry fee. At the first reasonable opportunity after receipt of the change of rig form, the Organizing Authority will arrange to have the new sail stamped and the previous sail invalidated. Only one change of rig will be permitted, and the new rig will then be used for the remainder of the championship. The score for all previous races with the new rig and all subsequent races with the original rig will be DNC.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is:
- For entries received and paid on or before 31st March 2020: (USD) \$335.
 - For entries received and paid on or before 30th June 2020: (USD) \$375.
 - For entries received and paid on or before 1st August 2020: (USD) \$425.
- 4.2 No entries will be accepted after midnight (PDT) 1st August 2020, except as provided in NoR 3.7.
- 4.3 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:
- When requested on or before 31st May 2020: 100%.
 - When requested after 31st May and on or before 25th July 2020: 50%.
 - No refund when requested after 25th July 2020.
- 4.4 Additional tickets to social events may be purchased at online registration or at the CGRA Race Office.
- 4.5 The entry fee includes racing, boat and trailer storage during the regatta, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all social events.
- 4.6 Marina moorage for support boats is \$10.00/day on a space available basis. Contact the CGRA Race Office at susan@cgra.org for details.

5. QUALIFYING SERIES & FINAL SERIES

- 5.1 If there are 65 or fewer entries in a fleet, there will be a single series.
- 5.2 If there are more than 65 entries in a fleet, there will be a qualifying series and a final series. The fleet will be split into two flights of roughly equal size for the qualifying series, re-fighting each day. The qualifying series will finish at the latter of a) the end of racing on 3rd August 2020, or b) the end of the day on which 4 races are completed for both flights. For the final series, the fleet will be split into gold and silver flights of roughly equal size.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The schedule for onshore activities is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 31 st July	12:00 - 17:00	Registration & Check-in Equipment Inspection	CGRA Race Office Boat Park
Saturday 1 st August	09:00 - 17:00	Registration & Check-in Equipment Inspection	CGRA Race Office Boat Park
	18:00	Opening Ceremony	Marine Park, West Tent
Sunday 2 nd August	10:30	Competitor Briefing	Boat Park
Tuesday 4 th August	18:00	Regatta Dinner	Marine Park, West Tent
Friday 7 th August	ASAP after racing	Awards Ceremony	Marine Park, West Tent

6.2 The schedule for racing is as follows:

Date	First warning signal	Number of races
Saturday 1 st August	13.00	Practice Race
Sunday 2 nd August	12.00	3
Monday 3 rd August	11:00	3
Tuesday 4 th August	12:00	1 (Long Distance Race)
Wednesday 5 th August	TBD	Reserve Day
Thursday 6 th August	11:00	3
Friday 7 th August	11:00	2

6.3 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 12 races.

6.4 No more than four races will be sailed each day.

6.5 A long-distance race may be held on Tuesday 4th August 2020.

6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00 unless fewer than six races have been completed by that time, then no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 All competitors must present boat, sails, and equipment to the Technical Committee for inspection during the periods stated in NoR 6.1 and return a completed measurement form to the CGRA Race Office prior to racing.

7.2 The national letters and flag of the crew shall be used, positioned in accordance with CR C.10.4 (a) and (b) and CR Annex 2. Note that chartered or loaned boats shall display the national letters and flag of the competitor and sail number of the hull.

7.3 A boat may be subject to inspection at any time during the event. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Technical Committee. [DP]

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the [event website](#) no later than 25th July 2020. A print copy will be posted along with any amendments on the official Notice Board near the entrance to the CGRA Race Office.

9. VENUE

9.1 The racing area will be the Columbia River adjacent to the Cascade Locks Marine Park (see [Attachment A](#)).

9.2 The shore facilities, including the CGRA Race Office, boat storage and launching, camping, and meal areas are in the Cascade Locks Marine Park (see [Attachment B](#)).

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 The series may include 1 long distance race of approximately 10 miles in length.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply and is changed as follows:

a) RRS P2.2 to P2.4 inclusive are deleted.

b) RRS P2.1 will apply to all penalties.

11.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as amended in the SIs.

11.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. VESSEL TRAFFIC [DP]

- 12.1 A boat shall comply with Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the [US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules](#).
- 12.2 Race officials may direct a competitor to alter course in order to clear the channel or make a pathway for passing vessel traffic. A boat that fails to promptly comply with signals from a race official to alter course will be subject to protest.
- 12.3 The penalty for a breach of NoR 12 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).

13. SCORING

- 13.1 RS Aero 5s, RS Aero 7s, and RS Aero 9s will be started and scored as separate fleets.
- 13.2 For each fleet, one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.3 For fleets racing in a single series:
 - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.4 For fleets racing a qualifying and final series:
 - a) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
 - b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series flights have completed that race.
 - c) For the purposes of RRS A4.2 (Scoring), the number of boats entered in a qualifying series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying flight.
 - d) When fewer than 4 qualifying races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more qualifying series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - e) When fewer than 4 final series races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her qualifying series score plus the total of her final series race scores. When 4 or more final races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her qualifying series score plus the total of her final series race scores excluding her worst final series worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 14.1 All support boats shall register at the CGRA Race Office during the check-in period to receive identifying flags and berthing assignments (\$20.00/boat refundable deposit required). Boats shall be required to display their identifying flags at all times during the event and comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 14.2 All support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the starting area and any boat that is racing, except when asked to assist by a race official.
- 14.3 A competitor shall not receive outside assistance from support boats or *support persons* at any time while afloat, except in the case of emergencies. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items.
- 14.4 All support boat operators shall attend a support boat briefing, details of which will be provided during registration.

15. BERTHING [DP]

- 15.1 Boats 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.
- 15.2 Trailers must be tagged and stored in specified areas. Trailer tags may be obtained at the Race Office.
- 15.3 Support boats shall moor at the Marina transient dock or other location assigned at check-in.
- 15.4 To arrange boat storage outside of the event period, contact the Race Office at susan@cgra.org.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION/RECORDING EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 16.2 A boat may carry fixed video recording equipment attached to any part of the boat, provided this equipment is not remotely controlled.

17. DRONES

- 17.1 The Organizing Authority and/or IRSACA may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. You consent to drones flying within 10 yards of you and other competitors. Drones are potentially dangerous, and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them and in particular should not try to touch them.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 The overall winning boat of each fleet will be awarded the first-place trophy and the title World Champion.
- 18.2 Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories to the following:
 - a) 1st – 3rd RS Aero 5
 - b) 1st – 3rd RS Aero 7
 - c) 1st – 3rd RS Aero 9
 - d) Female, Youth (age under 19 years on 31st December 2020), Masters (age 55 years or older on 31st December 2020)

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, including the CGRA, the IRSACA, the Race Officials, the City and Port of Cascade Locks, and their agents and servants, 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.
- 19.2 Competitors and any *support person* will accept full responsibility for all of their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. [DP]

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of (USD) \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

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

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 For more information, go the [2020 RS Aero World Championship event website](#), or contact Regatta Chairman Bill Symes at bill@cgra.org or International RS Aero Class Manager Peter Barton at manager@rsaerosailing.org.
- 22.2 Charter boats can be booked from the [RS Sailing Store](#).
- 22.3 Pre-event charters will be available from [West Coast Sailing](#).
- 22.4 Additional useful information on lodging, travel, and tourism is available online at www.cgra.org.
- 22.5 For local knowledge, check out "[What's So Great About Sailing the Gorge?](#)" by Olympic gold Medalist Jonathan McKee.