



2021 Laser Gorge Blowout

July 30, 2021

Columbia Gorge Racing Association
Cascade Locks, Oregon

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Racing Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y need not be displayed."

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 changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced verbally at the Skippers Meeting.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The following times are approximate and subject to change:

8:30 -10:30 am:	Registration, check-in, and car shuttle to Hood River
10:30 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

5. COURSE:

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. The race is divided into two stages: Stage 1 from Cascade Locks to Viento State Park, and Stage 2 from Viento State Park to Hood River.
- 5.3. Competitors shall have an opportunity for rest, refueling, and reality check at Viento prior to the start of Stage 2.

6. START & FINISH:

- 6.1. The starting line for Stage 1 shall be between a staff with an orange flag on the point and an orange ball at the port end.
- 6.2. The finish line for stage 1 will be between a staff with an orange flag onshore at Viento and an orange ball at the port end. The line will be east of navigational aid #28 (piling with red triangle) which shall be left to starboard.
- 6.3. The starting line for stage 2 shall be the same as the finish line for stage 1.

- 6.4. 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.

7. SCORING

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. 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.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. The following [US Sailing prescription](#) will apply: Appendix V1 (two-turn penalty replaced with a one-turn penalty).

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers.
- 9.2. The first Laser (shortest elapsed time) shall have his or her name engraved on the coveted Laser Gorge Blowout Perpetual Trophy.
- 9.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with [Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules](#).
- 10.2. 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 disqualification.
- 10.3. In the event of breakdowns, boats may be towed to shore and secured for later pick-up.
- 10.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

11. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.

Appendix A: Course Diagram

