



2025 DOUBLE DAMNED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions have precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions may be made verbally at the competitors meeting.
- 2.2. The Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 72.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Saturday, August 9th, 2025
9:00AM – Competitor's Meeting. Late check-in Allowed for registered boats.
5 Minute Warning Signal: 9:55AM — All classes start at 10:00 AM
- 3.2. In the event that commercial traffic interferes with the starting sequence, at the discretion of the race committee, the WARNING signal may be delayed to any other time announced by the race committee via VHF. Failure to hear announcement of delayed starting time shall not be grounds for redress.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1. All boats will be scored as a PHRF fleet. See section 12 "SCORING" for information on ratings.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be made from the flagpole adjacent to the CGRA race office, unless the race is started from Hood River, in which case, they will be made from the Hood River Yacht Club.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the removal of AP unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.

6. COURSE

- 6.1. Boats may sail any course from the Start Line to the Finish Line, with the following requirements:

- 6.1.1. All boats must leave the Hood River Event Site Buoy (Red Nun #36) to the South.
- 6.1.2. All boats must leave the White Salmon River Buoy (Green Can #33) to the North.
- 6.1.3. When passing underneath the Hood River Bridge all boats are required to pass through the center channel bridge span. The area of the roadway on the bridge projected down to the water outside of center channel bridge span is a restricted area, and ranks as a continuing obstruction.
- 6.1.4. No boat shall pass beneath the Hood River Bridge span at the same time as commercial traffic. Doing so shall be grounds for disqualification.

7. THE START

- 7.1. The starting line will be between a red channel marker at the north end of the line, and the flag pole on the shore adjacent to the CGRA race office.
- 7.2. The starting signals shall be as defined in RRS Rule 26.
- 7.3. Boats scored OCS shall be given a 20 minute scoring penalty. Based on their **uncorrected** time.
- 7.4. Boats may not have a spinnaker, gennaker, blooper, or any other flying sail hoisted prior to the starting signal. A violation of this rule will be a 10% scoring penalty.

8. SHORTENING COURSE

- 8.1. The Race Committee may announce a shortened course at the competitors meeting.
- 8.2. Racers are responsible for recording their midpoint GPS time when passing beneath the Hood River Bridge lift span. If the full course from Cascade Locks to the Dalles is started, and is not shortened, but no boats reach the finishing line before the cutoff time, the race will be scored using the times taken at the hood river bridge.
- 8.3. In the event of light wind, the race course may be shortened to to the Hood River bridge at any time before the first boat passes underneath it. In this event, the race committee will attempt to contact competitors via VHF, cell phone, or on the water to notify them.
- 8.4. An alternative starting location near Hood River marina may be announced no later than 9:00AM Friday, August 8th. This allows for a half-length course in either direction.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1. No boats shall be finished after 2000 hours Saturday Aug 9. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

10. FINISHING

- 10.1. The finish line shall be approximately 1/4 mile BEFORE The Dalles Marina. The south end of the line shall be the large yellow hoist on a pier on the Oregon shore. The line shall extend across the river parallel to the northeast / southwest oriented section of the pier. The Race Committee shall be stationed on the pier. Racers are advised to finish in close visual proximity to the pier to ensure their finish is recorded by the Race Committee.
- 10.2. Alternate finish lines for shortened or alternate courses may be described at the skipper's meeting.

11. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

11.1. Written protests and requests for redress must be delivered within the protest time limit to a representative of the protest committee near the finishing area.

11.2. The protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last finisher crosses the line.

12. SCORING

12.1. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) shall be used.

12.2. Ratings shall be assigned using Nor Cal PHRF Standard and Downwind ratings as a basis. Downwind ratings will be used if predominantly west wind conditions are present during the race and the race runs eastward, or if predominantly east wind conditions are present and the race runs westward. Standard ratings may be used if the wind opposes the preceding.

12.3. Corrected PHRF handicapped times will be calculated on a time-on-distance basis.

12.4. The following table will be used to determine PHRF ratings for common classes of boats. Additional classes may be added as an amendment to these Sailing Instructions. If a boat has a valid NCPHRF certificate for the current year with standard and downwind ratings, the boat may present that to the race committee at or before the skipper's meeting in order to use a different rating. If a boat from an unlisted class and without a valid NCPHRF certificate enters, the race committee will assign a rating based on the most similar boats found with current NCPHRF certificates.

Class	Standard Rating	Downwind Rating
J/70	114	611
Moore 24	150	629
X-Treme 32	0	497
Wylie Wabbit	126	595

13. EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13.2. All boats must comply with the equipment requirements of US Sailing US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) Nearshore Category except as modified:

3.6.6 Flares not required.

3.7.3 Throw Line not required.

3.19.1 Compass not required.

3.24.3 Flashlights not required.

13.3. All boats must meet applicable Coast Guard requirements.

13.4. All boats must be equipped with either an inboard or outboard auxiliary engine.
Outboard motors may be stowed below decks.

13.5. A boat that retires from a race for any reason shall notify the fleet at the earliest opportunity on VHF channel 72, or call/text 831 295 2517.

13.6. Boats must keep clear of commercial traffic at all times. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.