



**Northwest  
Youth Sailing**

## 2025 WIND Regatta

Cascade Locks, Oregon, USA  
July 12-13, 2025  
Columbia Gorge Racing Association

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 Add to RRS 60.2(a) is changed as follows: A boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing, or as soon as practicable after she retires (and before discussing her intent with any support person), of the boat(s) she intends to protest'.
- 1.2 In all rules governing this event, [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.3 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official. Such actions, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with requests may be considered misconduct.
- 1.4 [NP] Competitors may use a "club sail" in place of a class approved sail provided it is of the same dimensions, of similar construction, and provides no distinct advantage, except for those competing in the ILCA D22 Championship.

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event website.
- 3.2 Unofficial notices from the race committee and protest committee may be posted on the south side of the CGRA Race Office.
- 3.3 Unofficial 'race committee actions' may be broadcast on VHF channel 68 as a courtesy to coaches and spectators.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the north side of the CGRA Race Office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **5 CLASS FLAGS**

- 5.1 The class flags will be:
  - 5.1.1 Club 420 – Yellow flag with blue "420"
  - 5.1.2 ILCA 7/Laser Standard – White flag with red "laser" symbol
  - 5.1.3 ILCA 6/Laser Radial – Green flag with white "laser" symbol
  - 5.1.4 ILCA 4/Laser 4.7 – Yellow flag with red "laser" symbol

- 5.2 The starting order of classes may change throughout the course of the regatta.

#### **6 COURSES**

- 6.1 SI Addendum A shows 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. The length of each leg and exact configuration of the course will be based on the sailing conditions.

6.2 If one of the gate marks (mark 3P or 3S) is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

6.3 Courses shall be signaled no later than the preparatory signal. These will be displayed on a placard. Courses may be announced verbally in addition to placard displays.

## 7 MARKS

7.1 Rounding marks 1, 2, and 4 are Yellow Tetrahedrons.

7.2 Rounding marks 3S and 3P are Red Cylinders.

7.3 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag at one end and a round orange buoy at the other.

7.4 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag at one end of the finishing line and round white buoy at the opposite end of the finishing line.

## 8 THE START

8.1 The starting line is restricted to boats that are starting a race. A boat which breaks this rule shall be disqualified. There is no exoneration.

8.2 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

8.3 Any starting penalties from races that are abandoned or recalled after the starting signal and not re-sailed on the same day will not carry over to those races if they are re-sailed on another day in the regatta. This changes RRS 30.4 and 36.

8.4 Classes may be combined at the start by displaying two class flags simultaneously at the warning signal.

## 9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line is restricted to boats that are finishing a race. A boat which breaks this rule shall be disqualified. There is no exoneration.

9.2 [DP][NP] Immediately after finishing boats shall clear the finish area, making sure not to interfere with boats that are starting or racing.

9.3 Flag "A" displayed (with no sound) while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

## 10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 There is no time limit. However, boats must finish within 15 minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the 15-minute Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

10.2 To prevent delays, the Race Committee reserves the right to finish competitors in place when there is a clearly established order. Competitors who are finished in place shall be notified on the water and shall proceed back to the starting area.

## 11 HEARING REQUESTS

11.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after signals boat has returned to the dock at the end of racing.

11.2 Hearing request and scoring review forms are available in the CGRA Race Office.

11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

11.4 [NP] Hearings will be held in the assigned protest area, beginning at the time posted. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses shall report to the CGRA Race Office at the scheduled hearing time and remain there until called for their hearing.

## 12 SCORING

12.1 The number of boats entered in the series will be defined as the number of boats which complete check in at the regatta venue. This changes RRS A2.2.

## 13 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Boats shall comply with COLREGS Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the [US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules](#).

13.2 Race officials may direct a boat 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 reasonable instructions from a race official will be considered to be in violation of COLREGS Rule 9.

13.3 The penalty for a breach of COLREGS Rule 9 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).

13.4 A competitor retiring from a race or intending not to start a race shall notify a race committee vessel or safety vessel before leaving the course, or if that is not possible, by reporting to the CGRA Race Office immediately upon returning to shore.

**14 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 14.1 Coaches are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly ashore and on the water.
- 14.2 Support person vessels shall monitor VHF Channel 68 and follow the instructions of race officials at all times.
- 14.3 All support person vessels shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 50 feet away from any racing boat, and move slowly and with minimal wake, except when permitted in this instruction.
- 14.4 Certain support person vessels may be designated as rescue craft by the Principal Race Officer or Safety Officer and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of rescue operations only.
- 14.5 Coaching on the water is permitted between races. After the warning signal for a given race, coaching shall cease until a competitor has finished that race. To avoid any interference with boats still racing, competitors shall sail to an area at least 150 feet away from the start and finish lines when meeting with support persons.
- 14.6 Coaching while racing is permitted in cases when novice racers are slowing the progress of the regatta. Coaches shall only coach the back "10%" of the fleet if this is the case.

**15 [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 15.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## Sailing Instructions Addendum A – Course Diagram

