



2014 Laser Masters North American Championship

July 11-13, 2014

Columbia Gorge Racing Association
Cascade Locks, Oregon

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3. Racing Rule 40 is 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. There will be separate starts and separate scoring for Standard rigs and Radial rigs, with each start combining all Masters categories using that rig (ILCA-NA "Rig-swapping" rule turned off).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted to the current ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser class whose skippers have reached the age of 35 by the regatta start date. Competitors shall be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of racing:
 - Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
 - Master – 45-54 years of age
 - Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
 - Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age
- 3.2. All entrants must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at www.laser.org.
- 3.3. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the Columbia Gorge Racing Association website www.cgra.org.
- 3.4. Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$135 for entries completed with payment on or before June 15, 2014.
- 5.2. An entry fee of \$175 will be charged for entries completed or paid after June 15, 2014.
- 5.3. Entries will not be accepted after 10 am on July 11, 2014.

- 5.4. CGRA Members (Intermediate or Pro) are eligible for a discount of \$5.00.
- 5.5. Entry fees include berthing, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all scheduled social events.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, July 11	8:30-10:30 am 10:30 am Noon	Check-in & Measurement Competitors Meeting First Race Warning
Saturday, July 12	11:00 am 6:00 pm	First Race Warning Regatta Barbeque in the Park
Sunday, July 13	11:00 am 3 pm ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee or judges at any time during the event.
- 7.2. Competitors must present their sails at check-in for inspection of sail numbers and sail buttons to ensure compliance with class rules. Sail numbers must be applied in accordance with ILCA class rules (refer to www.laserinternational.org for detailed instructions).
- 7.3. The organizing authority will provide colored bands which competitors shall affix to their mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck to identify their division. Colors shall be green for Apprentices, red for Masters, blue for Grand Masters, and yellow for Great Grand Masters.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in on Friday, July 11.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The Columbia River adjacent to Cascade Locks Marine Park (see Attachment A)

10. COURSES

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

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.
- 11.2. The number of races scheduled is 10. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 11.3. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.
- 11.5. Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.
- 11.6. When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.
- Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period. 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.
- 12.2. Support and coach boats shall berth at the public dock in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. 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.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#). 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 possible disqualification.

16. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in Attachment C.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation is available online at www.cgra.org.
- 19.2. For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Bill Symes at bill@cgra.org.

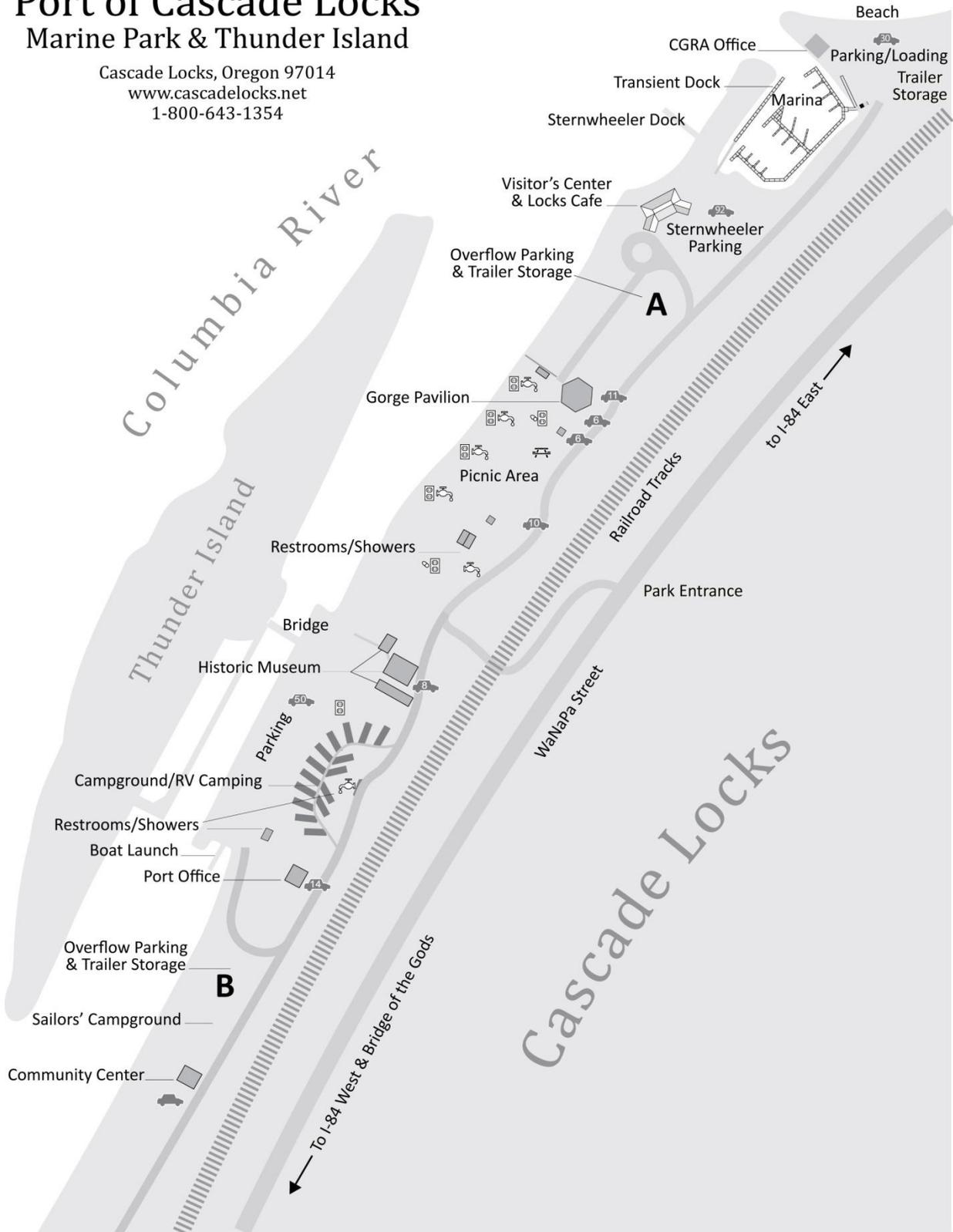
Attachment A: Racing Area



Attachment B: Marine Park Map

Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park & Thunder Island

Cascade Locks, Oregon 97014
www.cascadelocks.net
1-800-643-1354



Attachment C: Marine Park Rules & Guidelines

Welcome to Cascade Locks Marine Park. This is a public facility that CGRA shares with other visitors, so please be courteous and respectful to other park and beach users. Also, please obey all posted signs and regulations. By following these guidelines you will help to ensure that we may continue to hold regattas at the Marine Park.

Parking

- Park only in designated (striped) parking spots in the beach parking lot.
- Do not park in spaces marked for marina patrons.
- Do not park in the area marked for boat trailers.
- Do not park in the parking lot adjacent to the Visitor Center. This is exclusively for use by patrons of the Sternwheeler Cruises.
- Do not block aisles or access ways with cars, boats, trailers or gear.
- RVs and campers are not allowed to park in the beach parking without a special permit.
- Parking is also available along the south side of the road leading to the beach.
- Overflow parking will be available in either area A or B (see map) if beach parking lot is full. Please see the race management office or notice board.

Trailer Parking

- Trailers must be parked in the designated area only.
- Trailers may not be left in automobile parking spaces.
- Overflow trailer parking will be available if trailer area is full. Please see the race management office or notice board.
- Boats may be left in the moorage pen only with the permission of the CGRA facilities manager. See the regatta office for more information.

Camping

- On most weekends camping is available at the Marine Park. Please check in with camp host to get a camping spot. Campground pricing is as follows:
 - Sites 1-12: \$25/night (hookups)
 - Sites 13-16: \$15/night (2 tents per site)
- Reservations are accepted for campground only.
- Overflow camping area is for sailing events only (no reservations). Fee: \$10/tent.
- Camping must be in designated areas only. No camping in parking lots or beach area.
- No campfires are allowed.
- Showers/restrooms are open to public. Restrooms are located in three areas:
 - Boat Launch area
 - Marine Park (middle)
 - Campground (with showers)
- Payphone is available at the Visitor Center.
- Trash receptacles are provided for garbage.

Miscellaneous

- Please keep personal gear and boat equipment together, out of the way and safe at all times. CGRA and the Port of Cascade Locks are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Pick up all trash.
- Do not prop open the gate to the Marina.
- Park hours: No person shall remain in the Port Marine Park between the hours of 10 pm- and ½ hour before sunrise unless the person is a camper in an authorized Port campsite.
- Unauthorized vehicles, trailers, or boats left unattended are left at their own risk and may be subject to towing and/or a fine.