



# 2015 CSR Marine Melges<sup>24</sup> US National Championship Regatta

*August 7, 8 & 9, 2015*

Organizing Authority is the Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)  
Cascade Locks, Oregon

In cooperation with the United States Melges<sup>24</sup> Class Association

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the United States Melges<sup>24</sup> Class Association (USMCA), and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the 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. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed)."

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the Melges<sup>24</sup> Class rules shall be permitted.
- 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 only to Melges<sup>24</sup> Class boats that meet the obligations of the Melges<sup>24</sup> Class rules and USMCA rules, including class membership.
- 3.2. Eligible competitors shall enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the CGRA website [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org).
- 3.3. All participants (or their parent/guardian if under age 18) 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.
- 3.4. All competitors are required to check in at the CGRA race office no later than 9:00 am, prior to the competitors' meeting on Friday morning. Boats must be registered and checked in prior to participating in practice racing on Thursday. The following must be presented at check-in:
  - 3.4.1.1. Class measurement certificate
  - 3.4.1.2. Proof of current class membership
  - 3.4.1.3. Crew list

- 3.4.1.4. Support boat information
- 3.4.1.5. Proof of liability insurance
- 3.4.1.6. Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew)

#### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code (see: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) ).
- 4.2. For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications, including ISAF sailor ID numbers, must be submitted to USMCA no later than August 3, 2015, by FAX to 912-756-6728 or emailed to: [communications@usmelges<sup>24</sup>.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com). The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at: [www.usmelges<sup>24</sup>.com](http://www.usmelges24.com).
- 4.3. Sailors must register with ISAF prior to August 3, 2015, and be able to declare their ISAF sailor classification ID number on their race entry form.
- 4.4. Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.5. Protests regarding ISAF classification may be submitted starting August 3, 2015, and must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the USMCA office, whose decision is final.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$345.00 for entries completed with payment on or before June 1, 2015. After that date, the entry fee is \$445.00.
- 5.2. Current members of US Sailing are eligible for a discount of \$5.00.
- 5.3. CGRA Members (Intermediate or Pro) are eligible for an additional discount of \$5.00.
- 5.4. Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and regatta banquet tickets for skippers and crew members of all registered boats. Additional regatta banquet tickets may be purchased at the time of registration.
- 5.5. Entry fees must be paid at the time of online registration at CGRA's website ([www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org)). Entries will not be valid until payment is received.
- 5.6. Entry fee refunds will be allowed as follows: 100% refund if withdrawal from registration occurs on or before June 1, 2015; 50% refund if withdrawal from registration is made after June 1, 2015, however, CGRA members shall still receive a 100% refund after that date. No refund will be allowed if withdrawal from registration is made after August 4, 2015.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 6	9:00 am-6:00 pm 2:00-4:00 pm	Check-in at CGRA race office Practice racing
Friday, August 7	8:30-10:00 am 10:00 am Noon	Check-in at CGRA race office Competitors meeting First race warning
Saturday, August 8	Noon 6:00 pm	First race warning Regatta banquet in the marine park

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Sunday, August 9	11:00 am 3:00 pm	First race warning No warning signal after this time Awards presentation to follow last race
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## 7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with the current USMCA rules and specifications. Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate at the time of check-in. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer prior to check-in. NOTE: There will not be any sail measurement or certification at the regatta site.
- 7.2. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the principle race officer's designee at any time during the event.
- 7.3. Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of IMCA rule G3.1, in accordance with rule G3.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and on the CGRA website beginning on Thursday, August 6, 2015.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The race course will be on the Columbia River adjacent to the Cascade Locks Marine Park (see Attachment A); provided that the race committee may, depending on conditions, set part or all of the course to the east (up river) of the area depicted in Attachment A.
- 9.2. The boat ramp at Cascade Locks is at the west end of the Cascade Locks Marine Park (enter the Marine Park, pass under the railroad tracks, turn left to stay on SW Portage Road; you will pass the campground and the Port office, then turn right to go down to the ramp area (<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zWAo1hTrD4YY.kKRvULartNlk&ie=UTF8&t=h&oe=UTF8&msa=0> ). There are also boat ramp facilities at Stevenson, WA, across the river from Cascade Locks (<http://www.portofskamania.org/cascadeBoatRamp.htm>). NOTE: There are no crane launch facilities at either location.

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will generally be windward/leeward, using offset windward marks and leeward gate marks, subject to conditions as determined by the race committee.

## 11. SCORING AND PENALTIES

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.
- 11.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5- 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. 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.
- 11.3. The race committee will attempt to complete as many races as conditions allow. A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a series.

11.4. The first two sentences of Racing Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

## **12. SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1. Support boats, which include coach and spectator boats, must register at the CGRA 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. Support boats shall not communicate with boats that are racing.

12.2. Support boats shall check with the CGRA race office regarding availability and location of berthing at the public dock in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina.

## **13. LAUNCHING, BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

13.1. All boats intending to race shall be afloat by 9:00 am on Friday, August 7.

13.2. Boats shall be kept in the designated areas of the Cascade Locks Marine Park or as otherwise assigned by the CGRA race office. Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.

13.3. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the protest committee.

13.4. Boats shall not be kept on a hydro-hoist or other flotation device during the regatta.

13.5. Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, and plastic pools or their equivalent, shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14.2. Race information will be broadcast on VHF channel 68.

## **15. PRIZES**

15.1. Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.

15.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the class association.

## **16. SAFETY**

16.1. 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.

## **17. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT**

17.1. 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.

17.2. 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.

17.3. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to abide by the Marine Park Rules as stated in Attachment C.

## **18. INSURANCE**

18.1. 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.

## **19. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

19.1. 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.

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

20.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation is available online at <http://cgra.org/visitorinfo.htm>.

20.2. For more information, contact CGRA Event Manager Susan Winner at [susan@cgra.org](mailto:susan@cgra.org).

20.3. CGRA Regatta Committee: Jay McRostie, Jarvis Brecker

20.4. USMCA Representative: Manfred Schmiedl

20.5. Principle Race Officer: Jarvis Brecker

### Attachment A: Racing Area

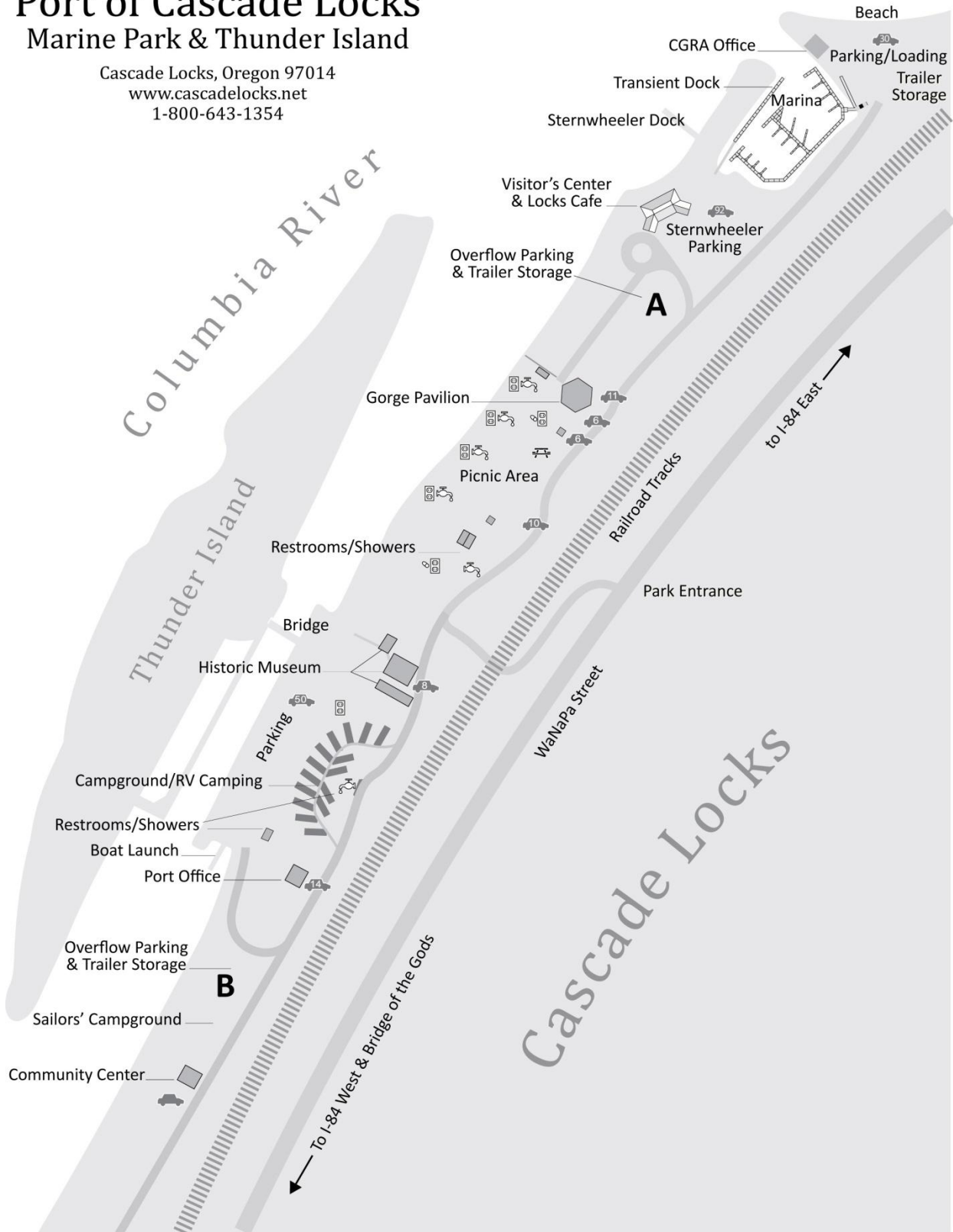




## Attachment B: Marine Park Map

# 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.
- A trailer parking fee may be imposed by the Port of Cascade Locks, and a trailer parking permit tag may need to be displayed on any trailer parked in the Marine Park.

### **Camping**

- On most weekends camping is available at the Marine Park. Please check in with camp host regarding current campground pricing and to get a camping spot.
- Reservations are accepted for campground only.
- Overflow camping area is for sailing events only (no reservations).
- 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.