



# 2024 Columbia Gorge One-Design Regatta (CGOD)

Melges 24 US National Ranking Series  
Melges 15 Pacific Coast Championships  
ILCA District 22 Championship  
International 505, VX One, RS Aero, Fireball and Tasar

July 26 – 28 , 2024  
Columbia Gorge Racing Association  
Cascade Locks, Oregon, USA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 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).
- 1.2 The following prescription of US Sailing will not apply: Rule 63.1 & 63.2.
- 1.3 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) and Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.4 Rule V2(c) & T1(c) are changed as follows: A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by verbally notifying the principal race officer that she accepts the penalty and identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.
- 1.5 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official. Such requests, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with a request may be considered misconduct.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 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 at:  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27586>
- 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 for the west course and VHF channel 72 for the east course as a courtesy to competitors, 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:

Melges 24	Red flag - blue "M24" symbol
International 505	Red flag - with white "505" symbol
Fireball	White flag - with Red "Fireball" Symbol
Melges 15	White flag - with red "M15" symbol
ILCA 7	White flag - with Red "ILCA" symbol
ILCA 6	Light blue flag - with White "ILCA" symbol
VX One	Numeral Pennant "One"
RS Aero	Red flag - with white "Aero" symbol
Tasar	Gray flag with red "Tasar" symbol

**6 COURSES**

6.1 There shall be two racecourses

6.1.1 The “East Course” will be the racecourse located east of the entrance to Government Cove.

6.1.2 The “West Course” racing area will be the racecourse immediately east of and adjacent to the Cascade Locks Marine Park beach.

6.1.3 The Fleets will be assigned to the racecourses as shown in the table below. Racecourse assignments may be changed in accordance with SI 2.

Friday, July 26	Saturday, July 27	Sunday July 28
<u>West Course</u>	<u>West Course</u>	<u>West Course</u>
Melges 24, VX One, 505, and RS Aero	ILCA 6 & 7, RS Aero, Melges 15, Tasar	ILCA 6 & 7, RS Aero, Melges 15, Tasar
<u>East Course</u>	<u>East Course</u>	<u>East Course</u>
No Racing	Melges 24, VX One, 505, Fireball	Melges 24, VX One, 505, Fireball

6.2 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.

6.3 The signal boat will display a letter placard(s), with or before the warning signal for the class to indicate the course to be sailed for that class.

6.4 If Mark 1A is absent it shall be disregarded.

6.5 For courses W, WL, M, & ML if one of the gate marks (mark 2P or 2S) is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark 2 to port (2P).

6.6 For course D, if one of the gate marks (mark 2P or 2S) is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark 2 to starboard (2S)

**7 MARKS**

7.1 On the West Course Marks 1, 2P, 2A, 3 & 4 will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.

7.2 On the East Course Marks 1, 2P, 2A, 3 & 4 will be Orange Tetrahedrons.

7.3 On the East or West Course Mark 5 will be a Red Cylinder

7.4 The East and West Courses Rounding Mark 1A will be a short Orange Ball.

7.5 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag at one end of the starting line and a Red Cylinder at the opposite end of the starting line.

7.6 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag at one end of the finishing line and a Red Cylinder (east course) or Orange Ball (west course) at the opposite end of the finishing line.

**8 THE START**

8.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

8.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

**9 THE FINISH**

9.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

9.2 [DP][NP] Immediately after finishing boats shall sail clear of the finishing area so as to not interfere with boats racing.

**TIME LIMITS**

9.3 The time limit for each race will be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish, and the Finishing Window will be 15 minutes.

- 9.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the 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 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 10.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing shall notify the race committee on the signal vessel as soon as reasonably possible after retiring or finishing by hail or VHF. Until she receives confirmation from the race committee, she will not be considered to have met this obligation.
- 10.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal vessel for her class returns to the dock.
- 10.3 Hearing request and scoring review forms are available from the Jury Desk located on the north (back) of the CGRA Race Office.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 [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 protest committee desk at the scheduled hearing time and remain there until called for their hearing.
- 10.6 Scoring reviews, if not resolved by the race committee, will be considered requests for redress per RRS 62.1.
- 10.7 RRS 62.2 is changed as follows: After the second sentence, add, 'If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, NSC, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Requests for redress relating to a score determined by the race committee shall state the procedural error the boat believes the race committee may have made. Further, the boat will be expected to establish that it started properly.'

## **11 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 11.1 Boats shall comply with COLREGS Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the [US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules](#).
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 The penalty for a breach of COLREGS Rule 9 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).
- 11.4 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.

## **12 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 12.1 Substitution or repair or replacement of hulls, sails or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the principal race officer.

## **13 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 13.1 Coaches and spectators are expected to be good role models for young sailors and conduct themselves accordingly ashore and on the water.
- 13.2 Support person vessels shall follow the instructions of race officials at all times.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 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 outside of the race course and at least 150 feet away from the start and finish lines when meeting with support persons.

## **14 [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

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

## SI Addendum A – Race Courses

**COURSES:**

W = S – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 4 – F

WL = S – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 5 – F

M = S – 1 – 1a – 4 – 1 – 1a – 4 – F

ML = S – 1 – 1a – 5 – 1 – 1a – 5 – F

Note: For course W & M, if one of the gate marks (mark 2P or 2S) is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark 2 to port (2P). (SI 6.5)



