



2022 Optimist US National Championship

Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)
on behalf of the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA)
July 18 - 24, 2022
Cascade Locks, Oregon, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. [DP] The USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships (revised January 12, 2022) at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dgxO4ISrVXIxCNBn2lvxkJzIECKTrlth/view?usp=sharing> applies.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and RRS 63.2.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this championship:
 - a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. See RRS Introduction, Notation.
 - b) [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - c) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. [SP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.6. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from an event official including reasonable actions to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols or legislation. 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ODNg1p6EFB>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ODNg1p6EFB>.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements as defined in the [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Events and Championships](#).
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ODNg1p6EFB> by selecting 'Register Now' and providing all required competitor information, paying all required entry fees, and electronically signing the USODA/CGRA Waiver of Liability.



- 4.3 Each competitor shall confirm their entry by checking the Event Registration page. If a competitor is not listed on the USODA website, then the competitor is not entered. **Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and may not be transferred to another USODA event.**
- 4.4 Each competitor shall complete their entry during measurement at the venue by completing an online USODA Boat Self-Certification Safety Checklist, USODA Sailor Code of Conduct and USODA Measurement Form. Sample forms are available for preview under the 'Class' section of the USODA website (www.usoda.org/class).
- 4.5 Online registration will close Wednesday, July 13 at 12:00 PM EDT. Requests to enter after the online entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
 - a) The entry fee is \$240 for applications received by June 26, 2022.
 - b) A late fee of \$25 (\$265 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received June 27, 2022 through July 3, 2022.
 - c) An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$290 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 4, 2022 through 12:00 PM EDT July 13, 2022.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Competitor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1 The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 7.2 There will be a Green Fleet. See Green Fleet Addendum C for more information and schedule.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Program and Schedule

Sunday, July 17

1700 Competitors welcome to arrive. Competitors may not access the venue prior to this time, unless they are a registered participant in another CGRA event.

Monday, July 18

1200-1600 Equipment Inspection, Competitor Check-in and Support Vessel Registration/Check-in

Tuesday, July 19

0900-1600 Equipment Inspection, Competitor Check-in and Support Vessel Registration/Check-in



1800 Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 20

0900-1600 Equipment Inspection, Competitor Check-in and Support Vessel
Registration/Check-in

1800 Welcome BBQ and Girls Nationals Awards

Thursday, July 21

0800 Coaches' Meeting

0830 Competitors' Meeting

1000 Harbor Launch

1100 First Warning Signal Championship Fleet

Friday-Saturday, July 22-23

0800 Coaches' Meeting

1000 Harbor Launch

1100 First Warning Signal Championship Fleet

Sunday, July 24

0900 Coaches' Meeting

1000 Harbor Launch

1100 First Warning Signal Championship Fleet

1500 No First Warning Signal for a "Set" of races after this time

After Racing Awards ceremony

- 8.2 Twelve "Sets" of races are scheduled for the Championship Fleet. Three (3) "Sets" of races are scheduled for each day of racing, however, up to four (4) "Sets" of races may be sailed in one day providing the championship never gets more than one "Set" of races ahead of schedule. A "Set" is a group of scored races in which all divisions competed.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the event. Any change of equipment due to damage shall be authorized by the race committee.
- 9.2 Each boat shall submit a completed USODA Measurement Form during Measurement. This form shall inform the technical committee that all equipment is present and in compliance with class rules.
- 9.3 Equipment previously measured and stickered with a USODA measurement decal, and which remains unaltered since that measurement, may be self-certified as part of the measurement process, as long as the measurement decal is clear and conspicuous.
- 9.4 All other equipment shall be measured and approved during measurement and have a USODA measurement decal applied.



9.5 All sails shall be dry and removed from the boom for inspection and stamped by the technical committee with the Nationals signature regardless of previous event stamps or signatures.

9.6 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

10.1 NoR Addendum A shows the shore facilities, including the CGRA Race Office, boat storage and launching, and meal areas in the Cascade Locks Marine Park.

10.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing area on the Columbia River adjacent to the Cascade Locks Marine Park.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), the intention is that decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been requested.

12.2 The USODA Graded Penalty System (GPS) will apply. The GPS will be defined in the sailing instructions.

12.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply and is changed as follows:

- a) RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

13 SCORING

13.1 One race or "Set" of races is required to constitute a series.

14 SAFETY

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

14.2 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 have breached NoR 14.1.

14.3 The penalty for a breach of NoR 14.1 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).

15 ADULT RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT (COACH OR SPECTATOR) VESSELS

15.1 All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are support persons (See RRS definition *Support Person*).

15.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

15.3 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.



- 15.4 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 15.5 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the event.
- 15.6 The organizing authority strongly recommends that each sailor have a support (coach or spectator) vessel on the racecourse throughout the event.
- 15.7 The organizing authority recommends there be at least one support vessel for every 10 sailors.
- 15.8 All support vessels shall register online at <https://usoda.org/regatta/ODNg1p6EFB> by selecting 'Register Now' and paying a \$1 entry fee during registration and display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority at all times while on the water. A \$24 hold will be placed on the credit card provided as a security deposit for the flag.
- 15.9 [DP] Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and shall monitor the designated race committee channel, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, and a basic first aid kit.
- 15.10 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 15.11 [DP] There shall be no unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, corridor, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.

16 BERTHING

- 16.1 [DP] 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.
- 16.2 [DP] Trailers must be tagged and stored in specified areas. Trailer tags may be obtained at the Race Office.
- 16.3 [DP] Support person vessels shall be kept at the marina transient dock or other location assigned at check-in.
- 16.4 Parking/storage fees may apply to vehicles, trailers and support vessels.
- 16.5 To arrange for storage outside of the event period, contact the Race Office at Susan@CGRA.org.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 17.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the CGRA, USODA, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.



18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Gold Fleet:

Overall:	1 st through 10 th
Red Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
Blue Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
White Fleet:	1 st through 5 th
Girls:	1 st through 3 rd

Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st through 5th

In the rare event the Qualifying Round is not completed or there are no races in the Final Round, prizes for the event will be based on a competitor's Qualifying Round score and will not be given for Silver Fleet

New York Yacht Club Sportsmanship Award

Ewell C. Potts, Jr. Memorial Friendship Trophy

Additional awards and prizes may be presented at the sole discretion of the host and organizing authority and may be based on criteria other than the event.

19 QUALIFICATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

19.1 This regatta is a 2023 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 50% of Championship Fleet (based upon the total number of boats registered in both the Championship Fleet and Green Fleet) will receive invitations to compete in the 2023 Optimist Team Trials. In the case where competitors in the top 50% are not team trials eligible, additional competitors will be invited. In the case of series-ties for the last qualifying place, all tied competitors shall receive invitations.

19.2 Qualification for fall international teams will be in accordance with the selection criteria established by USODA and posted in the 'Teams' section of the USODA website at www.usoda.org/international-team. In the event of a tie that cannot be resolved by use of the rules governing this event, the matter shall be decided by a game of chance supervised by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration: USODA Executive Director, Beth Danilek, usoda@usoda.org

Regatta Chairs: Erin Timms and Andrew Nelson, 2022optiusnats@gmail.com

Principal Race Officer: Eric Rimkus, US Sailing Area L ARO, National Judge & Regional Race Officer

Protest Committee Chair: Craig Daniels, US Sailing Area L RAJ, National Judge, National Umpire & Regional Race Officer

OPTI CHARTERS & VENDORS

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Simmons Boatworks, 203-506-9333, rob@simmonsbw.com, <https://simmonsbw.com/>

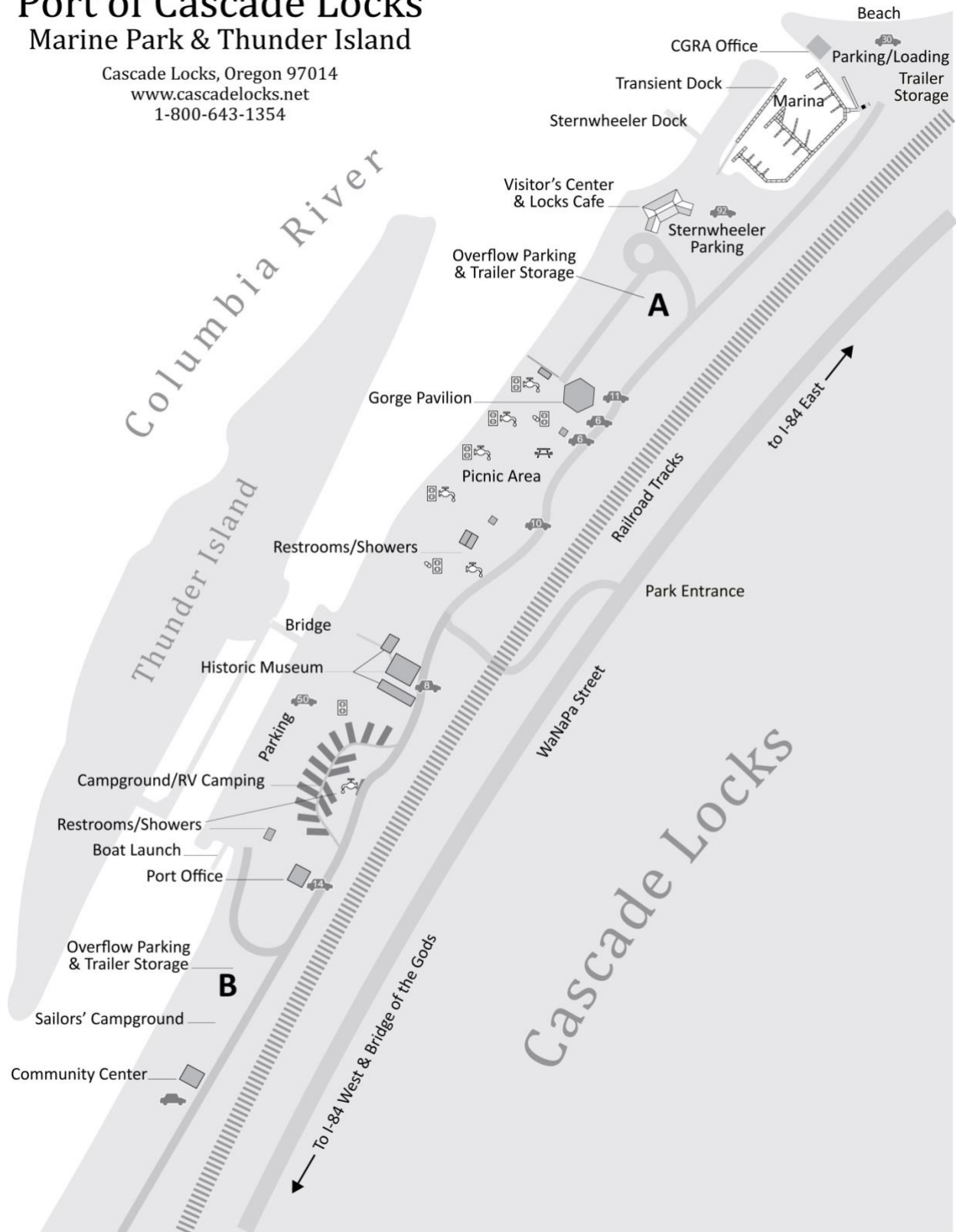
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Addendum A: Marine Park Map

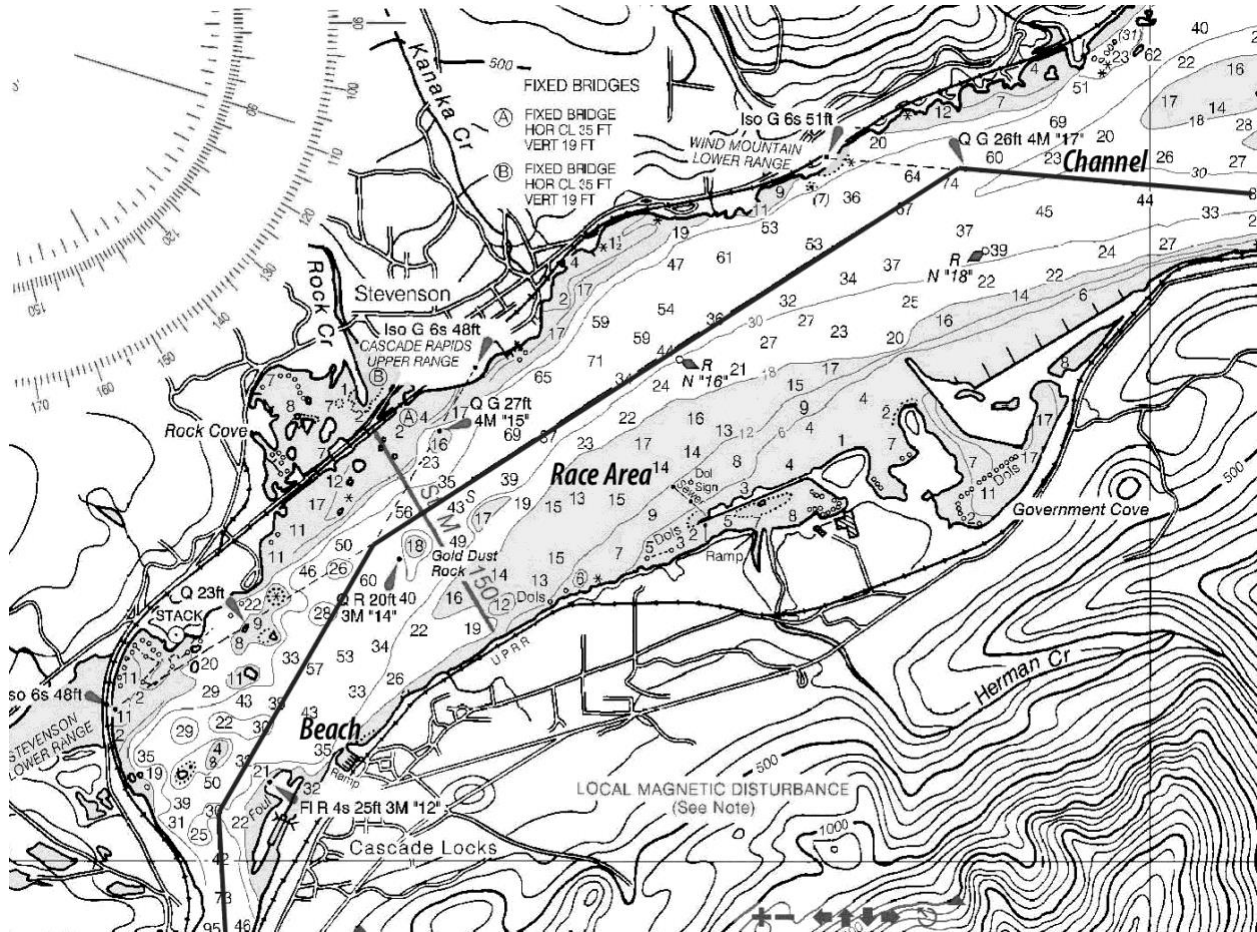
Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park & Thunder Island

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Addendum B: Racing Area





Addendum C: Green Fleet

1. Green Fleet Policy and Rules:

- 1.1. Green Fleet will be run in accordance with the rules and policies outlined by the USODA. This includes the following:
- 1.2. Sailors are expected to use IODA class compliant equipment. However, Green Fleet sailors are exempted from the measurement process.
- 1.3. Active coaching during racing is allowed and encouraged for the back 50% of the fleet. Coaches on the Green Fleet course agree to help any sailor in need of assistance or coaching, not just their own.
- 1.4. Sailors will be expected to attend the morning and post racing briefings as outlined in the schedule.
- 1.5. Protests are not allowed, although a mock protest may be carried out for educational purposes.
- 1.6. Informal results may be kept and displayed on shore, but no prizes shall be awarded based on results. All competitors shall receive a Green Fleet participation medallion.

2. Green Fleet Entry Fees

- 2.1. Green Fleet sailors receive a discounted entry fee. This fee includes the same social events and meals as the standard entry fee. Entry fees are as follows:
 - a. The entry fee is \$150 for entries received by June 26, 2022.
 - b. A late fee of \$25 (\$175 total entry fee) shall be paid for entries received June 27, 2022 through July 3, 2022.
 - c. An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$200 total entry fee) shall be paid for entries received July 4, 2022 through 12:00 PM EDT July 13, 2022.

3. Green Fleet Schedule

- 3.1. Green Fleet will be using the following daily schedule. The schedule is approximate and is dependent on the wind conditions and the Championship Fleet schedule.

Schedule

Thursday, July 21 – Saturday, July 23

1500	Arrival/Rigging
1530	Green Fleet Briefing
1600	Green Fleet Launch
1615-1845	Racing
1900	De-Rig/Post Racing Briefing
1930	Dismissal

Sunday, July 24 – NO GREEN FLEET

4. Racing Format

Racing will take place in the early evening, when the wind is typically between 8-12 knots. An effort will be made to complete as many short 15 minute races as practicable in that time. The Green Fleet course will be immediately in front of the CGRA venue. This will provide excellent spectating and a short transit to/from the race course.