



2026 Skamania Coves Invitational Regatta

July 31-August 2, 2026
Columbia Gorge Racing Association
Cascade Locks, Oregon

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. ILCA-NA [Masters Guidelines Rig Swapping Rule](#) will apply.
- 1.3. [DP] RRS 40.1 will apply while boats are racing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced verbally at the Competitors Meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted to the notice board on the [Event Website](#) or announced verbally at the Competitors Meeting.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Royal Skamania Coves Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in RRS "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, July 31	3:00 pm	Practice Race
Saturday, August 1	10:00 am 11:00 am	Competitors Meeting First Race Warning
Sunday, August 2	11:00 am 3:00 pm	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after

- 5.1. The number of races scheduled is 7.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flags are
 - a) Tasar: Gray flag displaying the Tasar Class Insignia
 - b) ILCA Masters 6 & 7: White flag displaying the Laser Insignia

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be the Columbia River adjacent to Skamania Coves Resort (see Appendix A: Course Diagrams)

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Appendix 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.
- 8.2. The course letter shall be signaled by a placard displayed on the signal boat at the warning signal for that class.
- 8.3. The number “2” displayed next to the course letter indicates a 2-lap course. Boats are not required to sail through the start/finish line at the beginning of the second lap.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. All rounding marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons (see Marks Description, Appendix A).
- 9.2. The starting and finishing mark will be a red inflatable cylinder.

10. STARTING & FINISHING

- 10.1. The starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the start/finish mark.
- 10.2. [DP] Except when sailing the “D” course, boats that are not starting or finishing shall avoid the start/finish area.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 12.2. US Sailing Prescription [Appendix V1](#) will apply: (two-turn penalty replaced with a one-turn penalty except in the zone around turning marks).

13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIME

- 13.1. The target time for all classes will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 13.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish in each class is 60 minutes after her start signal.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

14. PROTESTS & HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. Protests and requests for redress must be filed at the Race Office within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. Docking time and protest time limit for each course will be posted on the notice board.
- 14.2. The time and place of arbitration will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest deadline. The protest hearing, if needed, will be following the arbitration meeting. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 60.2(b).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3. For ILCA Masters, competitor's overall scores will be the sum of their included finishes plus age division handicap points as defined in the [ILCA-North America Masters Guidelines](#). Results in each age division will be determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Racing takes place near an active shipping channel. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with Rule 9, Narrow Channels, of the [US Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules](#).
- 16.2. Race officials may direct a competitor to alter course to clear the channel or make a pathway for passing vessel traffic. Any boat failing to promptly comply with signals from a race official to alter course will be subject to protest.
- 16.3. The penalty for a breach of NOR 16.1 or 16.2 may be disqualification that is not excludable (DNE).
- 16.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 17.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support team vessels.

18. [DP] BERTHING

- 18.1. All boats shall be kept in the designated areas of the beach and lawn at the east end of the Skamania Coves Resort
- 18.2. To arrange boat storage outside of the event period, contact CGRA at cgra@cgra.org.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. In the Tasar class, prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall.
- 19.2. In the ILCA Masters class, prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall and the top finishers in each age division. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors registered prior to the early entry deadline in each division.
- 19.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

APPENDIX A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

W	D
Start – W – L – Finish	Start – W – S/F – R3 – L – Finish
Z	T
Start – W – R1 – R2 (S) – L (S) – Finish	Start – W – R1 – R3 – L – Finish



COURSES

W	S-W-L-F
D	S-W-S/F-R3-L-F
T	S-W-R1-R3-L-F
Z	S-W-R1-R2(S)-L(S)-F

MARKS DESCRIPTION

S/F	Start/Finish Line (between orange flag on signal boat & red cylinder). Note: On courses using S/F as a turning mark, the red cylinder marking the leeward end of the start/finish line shall be rounded to starboard.
W	Windward Mark (yellow tetrahedron)
L	Leeward Mark (yellow tetrahedron)
R1	Reach Mark 1, Oregon side (yellow tetrahedron)
R2	Reach Mark 2, Washington side (yellow tetrahedron)
R3	Reach Mark 3, Oregon side (yellow tetrahedron)