



# 2022 Optimist Girls US National Championship

Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)  
on behalf of the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA)  
July 18 – 20, 2022  
Cascade Locks, Oregon, USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 RULES

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- 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/1dgxO4ISrVIXCNBn2lvxkZjEckTrith/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

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- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://usoda.org/regatta/Y574I7sgMx>.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

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- 3.1. The online notice board is located at <https://usoda.org/regatta/Y574I7sgMx>.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1. The event is open to all female competitors sailing on 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/Y574I7sgMx> by selecting 'Register Now' and providing all required competitor information, paying all required 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](http://www.usoda.org/class)).
- 4.5 Online registration will close Wednesday, July 13 at 12:00 PM ET. Requests to enter after the online entry deadline are subject to approval by the organizing authority.

**5 FEES**

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- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
  - a) The entry fee is \$50 for applications received by June 26, 2022.
  - b) A late fee of \$25 (\$75 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received June 27, 2022 through July 3, 2022.
  - c) An additional late entry fee of \$25 (\$100 total entry fee) shall be paid for applications received July 4, 2022 through 12:00 PM ET July 13, 2022.

**6 ADVERTISING**

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- 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 FORMAT**

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- 7.1 The Girls Fleet will race as one or more divisions depending on the number of entries. The process for allocating boats to division and the format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 There will not be a Green Fleet.

**8 SCHEDULE**

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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 Person Registration/Check-in

**Tuesday, July 19**

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

1800 Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday July 20**

0815 Coaches’ Meeting



0830	Competitors' Meeting
0900	Harbor Launch
1000	First Warning Signal
1600	No Warning Signal for a race or "Set" of races after this time
After Racing	Awards Ceremony and BBQ

8.2 Five (5) races or "Sets" of races are scheduled.

## **9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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- 9.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, 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 online 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 Girls Nationals signature regardless of previous event stamps or signatures.
- 9.6 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

## **10 VENUE**

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- 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**

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

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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- 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**

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



## 14 SAFETY

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- 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

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- 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 on shore 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/Y574I7sgMx> by selecting 'Register Now' during registration and display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority at all times while on the water. A \$25 fee will be charged for lost or damaged flags.
- 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

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- 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](mailto:Susan@CGRA.org).

## 17 RISK STATEMENT

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- 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

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18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup>
Red Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Blue Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup>
White Fleet:	1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup>

*Maggie Wake Perpetual Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup> overall*

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

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- 19.1 This regatta is a 2023 USODA Team Trials Qualifying event. The top 50% of the Girls 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](http://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

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**Registration:** USODA Executive Director, Beth Danilek, [usoda@usoda.org](mailto:usoda@usoda.org)

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

**Early Arrival & Additional Information:** Susan Winner, CGRA, susan@cgra.org

**OPTI CHARTERS, VENDORS, POWERBOAT RENTALS & MORE**

McLaughlin Boat Works, 423-875-0740, <http://optistuff.com>

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

Zim Sailing, charters@zimsailing.com, (401) 237-6117, [www.zimsailing.com/charters](http://www.zimsailing.com/charters)

Event Website: <https://usoda.org/regatta/Y574I7sgMx>

Host Website – [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org)

Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/US-Opti-Sailing-138942536154313/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

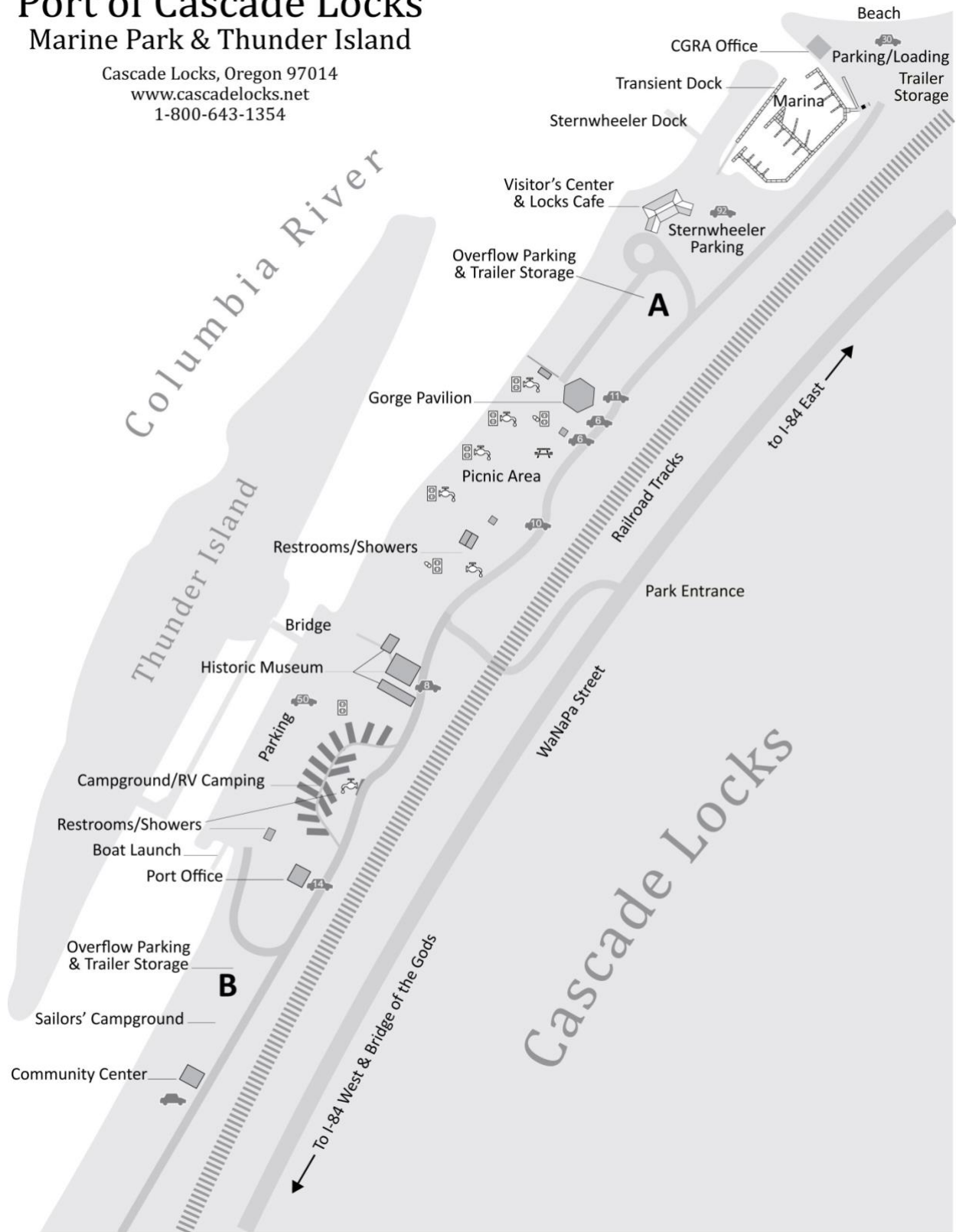
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## Addendum A: Marine Park Map

# Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park & Thunder Island

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





## Addendum B: Racing Area

