



# 2009 Gorge Skiff Regatta I-14 US National Championships 29er Pacific Coast Championships

July 24-26, 2009

Columbia Gorge Racing Association, Cascade Locks, Oregon

## Notice of Race

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of the participating Class Associations 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. The organizing authority is the Columbia Gorge Racing Association. The event will be held in the Columbia River Gorge at Cascade Locks, Oregon.
- 1.3. The regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The I-14 US National Championship Regatta is open to all boats of the I-14 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and the governing National Authority. Each boat shall have at least one person who is a member in good standing of their national International 14 class association.
- 2.2. The 29er Pacific Coast Championship Regatta is open to all boats of the 29er class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and the governing National Authority.
- 2.3. The 29er crew of two, including helmsman will be used.
- 2.4. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will NOT apply.
- 2.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on line at [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org) and paying the appropriate, non-refundable entry fee as directed in the on-line registration instructions.
- 2.6. Crew substitution of the registered sailors is not permitted except with the permission of the Race Chairman.
- 2.7. All participants (or their parent/guardian is under age 18) will be required to sign and submit a waiver of liability before competing in the regatta.
- 2.8. All participants under the age of 18 shall be accompanied for the duration of the regatta by a responsible adult who shall be named in the Parent/Guardian Consent Form.

### 3. Fees

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$135.00.
- 3.2. A \$5.00 discount will be deducted from the entry fee of sailors who are members of US Sailing.
- 3.3. A late fee of \$25.00 will be charged after July 20, 2009.
- 3.4. The entry fee includes refreshments after racing each race day, a barbecue dinner on Saturday night and a regatta souvenir.

### 4. Schedule of Events

Friday, July 24	8:00-10:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Registration Competitors' Meeting First Race Warning
Saturday, July 25	10:30am 6:30pm	First Race Warning Regatta Barbeque
Sunday, July 26	10:30am 3:00pm	First Race Warning No Race Started After

- 4.1. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day of the regatta
- 4.2. There will be an attempt to run a long distance race with a rhumb-line distance of approximately 15 nautical miles. This race will be for the I-14 Class only.
- 4.3. Awards to follow ASAP after last race.

5. Inspection and Measurement
  - 5.1. Each boat and its sails shall have been measured by a measurement authority of the class prior to the event, and shall hold a valid measurement certificate which shall be presented at time of Registration.
  - 5.2. The Organizing Authority may measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
6. Sailing Instructions
  - 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available during on-site registration.
7. Courses
  - 7.1. Courses will be primarily standard windward – leeward to be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 7.2. The racing area will be the Columbia River east of Cascade Locks, Oregon
8. Venue
  - 8.1. Cascade Locks, Oregon. See map in diagram A
9. Scoring
  - 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.
  - 9.2. A minimum of 3 races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
  - 9.3. When 5 or more races are completed, sailors may discard their worst score. When 11 or more races are completed, sailors may discard their worst two scores.
10. Penalty System
  - 10.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2
11. Support & Coaches Boats
  - 11.1. Support and Coach boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during the registration period.
  - 11.2. Rules governing the conduct of support boats will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
12. Radio Communication
  - 12.1. 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.
13. Prizes and Awards
  - 13.1. The skipper and crew of the boat winning the I-14 US Nationals will be awarded the US Nationals Trophy.
  - 13.2. Individual trophies will be presented to the skipper and crew of each of the top three (3) finishers.
  - 13.3. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority
14. Safety
  - 14.1. All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved personal flotation device.
  - 14.2. Competitors may be subject to disqualification for interfering with commercial traffic. Boats violating Separation Rules as stated in the Inland Navigation Rules (72 COLREGS) or boats that are given a 5 blast warning of 5 short sound signals may be scored DNE for that race and shall retire immediately from that race.
15. Disclaimer of Liability
  - 15.1. Competitors participate in the Championship Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
  - 15.2. 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.
  - 15.3. Skippers and crew or their (Parent or Guardian if under 18) will be required to sign waiver of liability during registration.
16. Insurance
  - 16.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative.
  - 16.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$300,000.00 per event or the equivalent. and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

17. Television and Photographer's Rights

17.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

18. Additional Useful Information

18.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation are available at [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org)



Cascade Locks and Race Area