

2005 A-Class Catamaran North American Championships

Cascade Locks
Oregon



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August 15-19

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

The 2005 A-Class North American Championship Regatta is organized by the United States A-Class Association (USACA) and hosted by Vancouver Lake Sailing Club (VLSC), Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA), and Northwest A Class.

2. RACING VENUE

The Regatta will be sailed in the waters of the Columbia River, East of the town of Cascade Locks, Oregon.

3. REGATTA HEADQUARTERS

Regatta Headquarters and the Official Regatta Notice Board are located at the Beach area at the East end of the Port of Cascade Locks.

4. BOAT STORAGE and LAUNCHING

All participating boats may be stored on and sailed from the beach at the Port of Cascade Locks. The beach is a grassy slope with small rocks near the waters edge. It is strongly recommended that tiedowns comprised of a drivable stake, be supplied by competitors.

5. RULES

The Regatta shall be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA), the IACA Championship Rules, this Notice of Race (NOR) (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions. The regatta is designated as a Category C event.

6. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRIES

The Regatta is open to all members of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) and to their respective national A-Class associations. Entries shall be made by submitting a completed Entry Application. US sailors must pay USACA membership dues by registration time. An additional fee applies to US sailors without a membership in US Sailing.

7. ENTRY FEE

Early Registration Fee: \$200 (if received by July 30, 2005)

Regular Registration Fee: \$250 (if received after July 30, 2005)

Fee for US sailors without a membership in US Sailing, add \$5

Registration Fee includes: Regatta Entry, T-shirt, Three Dinners, Awards Banquet, and Awards.

8. INSURANCE and LIABILITY

All participants must have a valid boat insurance policy for a minimum of \$100k liability protection. A copy of certificate of insurance is required from each participant at time of Registration. All parties involved in the organization and conduct of the regatta shall not accept any liability for any accident, injury, damage or loss, whether personal, material, or otherwise, to boats, third parties and participants before, during and after the regatta.

9. SAFETY

All competitors shall wear a PFD while on the water, other than during brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Headquarters, immediately after arrival ashore.

10. RACING SCHEDULE

Event	Time	Day	Date	Location
Boat Measurement*	0900-1700 hrs	Monday	15 August	Beach Area
Sail Measurement*	0900-1700 hrs	Monday	15 August	TBA
Registration & Check-in	0900-1700 hrs	Monday	15 August	Beach Area
Final Registration	0900-1000 hrs	Tuesday	16 August	Beach Area
Competitor Briefing	1000 hrs	Tuesday	16 August	Beach
First Warning **	1200 hrs	Tuesday	16 August	Race Site
First Warning **	1100 hrs	Wednesday	17 August	Race Site
First Warning **	1100 hrs	Thursday	18 August	Race Site
First Warning **	1100 hrs	Friday	19 August	Race Site
Awards Ceremony	1830 hrs	Friday	19 August	TBD

* Note: Measurement staff will attempt, if possible, to accommodate late arrivals upon notification of emergency circumstances.

** Note: Fourteen (14) races are scheduled. Up to four (4) races will be sailed back-to-back on any day. No races will be started after 1530 hours on Friday September 17.

11. MEASUREMENT and CERTIFICATES

- Boat and Sail Measurement shall be performed in accordance with IACA Championship Rules and will be performed on Monday 15 August. All participants must provide a valid measurement certificate in order to compete and all boats must be weighed prior to racing. Boat measurement will take place at the Beach Area. Sail measurement will take place at the Pavilion, or a site to be announced. The fee for sail measurement is \$40 payable to Carla Schiefer (sail measurer for the event). Boats shall be presented for measurement with:
 - A valid Measurement Certificate or a Measurement Form (available at the Event Inspection Station)
 - Mast down
 - Inspection ports open
 - Hulls, sails, spars and all equipment in a dry clean and salt free condition
- Measurement and Calculation of sail Area Instructions”, before proceeding to the boat weight and measurement station
- Hulls, mast, sails, rudders, and daggerboards shall be marked with an event mark in a readily visible position.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

13. ALTERATIONS TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS)

The following rules have been changed by this Notice of Race (NOR). Other rules may be changed by the Sailing Instructions.

Appendix A2 – Scoring. See NOR section 14.

Rule 44.2 – 720 Degree Turns Penalty. See NOR section 15.

Rule 63 – Hearings. See NOR section 16.

14. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System of the RRS shall apply. Fourteen (14) races are scheduled and four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. When ten (10) to fourteen (14) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores. This modifies Rule A2 of the RRS.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2 is modified by substituting the words "360 degree Turns Penalty" for the words "720 degree Turns Penalty" and substituting the phrase "one complete 360 degree turn" for the phrase "two complete 360 degree turns (720 degrees)".

16. ARBITRATION

All protests involving rules of Part 2 of the RRS will first be submitted to arbitration. The arbitration procedure will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board as an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS Rule 63.

17. PRIZES

Individual Trophies

1	1st Place Overall	1st Place Overall
2	2nd Place Overall	2nd Place Overall
3	3rd Place Overall	3rd Place Overall
4	4th Place Overall	4th Place Overall
5	5th Place Overall	5th Place Overall
6	1st Masters	1st Sailor age 50 to 59, inclusive ***
7	1st Grand Masters	1st Sailor age 60 and above ***
8	1st Classic Division	1st Place for Older 210 lbs Boats

* The **North American Open Trophy** will travel to the club hosting next years North American Championship at the conclusion of this year's event.

** The **Moro Trophy** will be awarded to the top North American competitor for display at their home club. It must be returned to the North American Championship next year.

*** Age as of August 15, 2005.

18. CONTACTS

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- End of NOTICE OF RACE - ADDITIONAL REGATTA INFORMATION

19. TRAILER STORAGE

Trailers will be stored at the West end of the Port of Cascade Locks. Location will be available at registration.

20. EVENT SCHEDULE

Event	Time	Day	Date	Location
Welcome Ceremony and Turkey BBQ	1800 hrs	Monday	15 August	Pavilion
Speed Seminar	1700 hrs	Tuesday	16 August	Beach Area
Stern Wheeler ride and Buffet Dinner	1800 hrs	Wednesday	17 August	Port
BBQ Salmon Dinner	1800 hrs	Thursday	18 August	Pavilion
Class Meeting	2000 hrs	Thursday	18 August	Pavilion
Awards Banquet	1830 hrs	Friday	19 August	TBD
Cleanup and Depart	0900 hrs	Saturday	18 September	Beach

ADDITIONAL DINNERS:

Monday: Turkey BBQ..... \$10.00
 Wednesday: Stern Wheeler Ride and Prime Rib/ Salmon buffet dinner.....\$50.00
 Thursday: Salmon BBQ dinner.....\$15.00
 Friday: Hot dog/ Hamburger awards dinner..... \$ 8.00

21. REGATTA STAFF

Function	Person
Registration	Debbie Marshack
Sail Measurement	Carla Schiefer
Boat Measurement	Stan Breed, Richard Lawrence
Measurement Coordinator & Records	Mike Wallace
Principal Race Officer	Columbia Gorge Racing Association
Race Judge	TBD
USACA Liaison to Race Committee	Bob Hodges
Daily Race Summaries for Web Posting	Bob Hodges
USACA Website Updates (News and Photos)	Mike Wallace