



Hood River Yacht Club Presents

2026 Wingfoil Race and FREESTYLE Series

Tuesdays 3pm June-July-August

NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Format: Fleet Racing / Freestyle

Organizing Authority (OA): Hood River Yacht Club

Principal Race Officer (PRO): Jed Reitman director@gorgesailingcenter.org 626.755.4603

DATES

Series 1: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Series 2: July 7, 14, 21, 28

Series 3: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

REGISTRATION

Registrations must be made online at: www.hryc.org

Freestyle competitors meeting 3pm: Race Headquarters at the Gazebo between Event Site and Luhr Jensen Park
Freestyle competition on the water 330-4

Race competitor's meeting: 4:15pm

First race: 5:00pm

Last possible start time for a race: 6:30pm

DIVISIONS

- YOUTH Boys (U17) Boys under the age of 17 on the first day of the series
- YOUTH Girls (U17) Girls under the age of 17 on the first day of the series
- Men 17+
- Women 17+

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- All sailors of capable ability are eligible to enter. Intermediate-expert ability is expected.
- Eligible sailors shall enter online at: www.hryc.org
- RRS A2.2 applies: Eligible sailors may enter the series at any time but will be scored for the entire series.

IDENTIFICATION ON COMPETITORS

- A competitor shall wear the bib (jersey) provided by the Race Headquarters with their personal competition number. Failure to wear the correct assigned personal competition number will result in a score of DNC without a hearing.
- Jerseys must be returned after the last race of the Series. If not, the OA will charge \$50.

RACING AREA & COURSES

- Races will be conducted on the Columbia River between the Hood River Sand Bar and the Hatchery Buoy.



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- Courses will be a combination of windward leeward courses, downwind slalom courses, and hybrid courses to be further specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- The sailing instructions will describe each course configuration but the OA will retain the right to modify course configurations.

SCORING

- RRS A5.3 will apply.
- Nightly results will be provided. Series race scores will be the cumulative of all individual races.
- One (1) race shall constitute a series.
- For every five (5) races completed one worst score shall be excluded.

PRIZES

- Prizes will be awarded at an awards ceremony on the last day of racing for each series.
- Prizes not claimed at the prize giving ceremony will remain with the Organizing Authority.

RISK STATEMENT

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.

RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- Additionally, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and race officials the right to use their personal contact information, including but not limited to a current email address and cell phone number, for the purpose of race administration and race communications.

SAFETY

Helmets and PFDs / impact vests are recommended.

A safety boat will be on the water in the case of an emergency. Emergency access points are designated:

White Salmon Bridge (east end beach)	Hook	Waterfront park
Event Site	Nichols Basin	Spit
Marina Beach	Boat Launch	



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RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix WF available at the following link:

<https://www.sailing.org/document/2025-2028-development-rule-dr21-05-appendix-wf-wingfoiling-racing-rules-jan-2025/>

Any exceptions to these rules will be noted in this document or in the Sailing Instructions.

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be published on or before the day of race and will take precedence over any conflicting information found in the NOR. The Official Notice Board will be at the Gazebo Race Headquarters. **Information will be transmitted online via Instagram: [@hryc_wingfoil_racing](#)**

STARTING RACES

The starting line is between a mark and the committee boat.

To signal a start sequence is about to begin, the committee boat will signal with 5 short sounds.

Rule 26 and RF3 are changed to:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Minutes Before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Red Flag Up	3 long sounds	Warning Signal
2	Yellow Flag Up	2 long sounds	Preparatory Signal
1	Yellow Flag Down	1 long sound	One Minute
30 sec		3 short sounds	
20 sec		2 short sounds	
10 sec		1 short sound	
5, 4, 3, 2, 1 sec		1 short sound each	
0	Red Flag Down	1 long sound	Starting Signal

Rule 30.3 U flag rule will be in effect. The U Flag Rule (Rule 30.3) in sailing states that if the U flag is displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment may be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before the starting signal. Violating this results in disqualification (UFD) if the race starts, but the penalty is waived if the race is restarted or postponed.



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A boat that starts after two (2) minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A 5.1 and A5.2.