



## Thistle Nationals Announcements June 1, 2023

### **Montana The Last Best Place | Nationals is Registered as a Green Regatta**

Please visit these websites to better understand visiting Montana. We hold dear the protection of our land, waterways, and lakes. Prepare for more primitive amenities and follow these easy guidelines for a great trip.

- <https://lakesidesomerschamber.org/leave-no-trace/>
- <https://discoverkalispell.com/recreate-responsibly/>

### **AIS Inspection Important | Clean-Drain-Dry**

More information about inspection station locations and hours of operation can be found here: <https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/watercraft-inspection-stations>

**Boats entering from out of state are required to purchase a Vessel Prevention Pass before launch**

<https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/out-of-state-watercraft>

### **Boat Color & Arrival Day RSVP**

*To those of you that already have RSVP'd. Thank you*

- Please email [nfycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:nfycsailing@gmail.com)
- **Your boat color. This is important. We will be using bow numbers.**
- Tentative arrival day (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday)
- **Upon arrival please come to the Somer Middle School first.**
  - 315 School Addition Rd, Somers, MT 59932
  - *If arriving early or during non-scheduled check in times please let us know at [nfycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:nfycsailing@gmail.com)*

### **Certification / Measurement**

Somers Middle School

- Check in / Certification / Measurement will take place at the school.
- Boats will be rigged, weighed and parked at NFYC.

### **Communication**

- Primary source of information regarding racing will be the Regatta Network site.
  - Please make sure you have SMS texting enabled on your phone to receive texts and emails from RN

- **WhatsApp \_ Join the group “2023 Thistle Nationals Notifications”** to receive text updates during nationals
  - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hy3b90BW2TAD4b2BPyKvu1>

### **Beer Keg Donations**

**Beer is good! Donate kegs!** Located under the Storefront tab on RN

- Email [nfycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:nfycsailing@gmail.com) to let us know which district or group purchased the keg
  - Keg donations to date: Rochester Canoe Club

### **Social Events**

- **Purchase your tickets now** for the Wild West Night, Skit Night, and Banquet on the RN site under the storefront tab. **Ticket sales will close June 30.**  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25405>
- **Welcome Party / Opening Ceremony | NFYC | July 16 @ 5pm**
  - Suggested attire: summer cocktail party casual
  - Live music by the Feitviet Brothers
  - Tamarack Brewing locally brewed beer
  - Waters Edge Winery and Bistro locally brewed Sangria and Cider
  - Whistling Andy’s Craft House small plated appetizers
  - Whistling Andy’s Distillery craft cocktails and drink kits for purchase
  - Waters Edge Winery bottled locally produced wine for purchase
- **Skit Night | Somers Mansion | July 17 @ 6pm**
  - Suggested attire: casual
  - Pizza dinner from local pizzeria, salads, sides, **smores bar**
  - Beer and wine included, craft cocktails for purchase from Whistling Andy’s Distillery
  - **You are the entertainment... better get working on your skits!**
- **Wild West Night | NFYC | July 19 @ 6pm**
  - Suggested attire: **your best western getup** boots, hat... the whole nine yards
  - Live music by club member Bill Corwin
  - Flathead Lake Brewing beer and wine included, craft cocktails for purchase from Whistling Andy’s Distillery
  - Line dancing lessons from Bigfork Dance / Best dressed cowboy / cowgirl awards
  - Smoked BBQ meats by club member Jamie Tomaston. Salads, sides, and a vegetarian option by club member and local contributor Julie Laing.
- **Banquet & Awards | Jewel Basin Center | July 21 @ 5pm**
  - Suggested attire: cocktail party
  - Music by club member band The Bad Larry’s (get ready to dance)
  - Latin American cuisine by Mother Chorizo’s catering with vegetarian options
  - Cash bar hosted by the Jewel Basin Center

- **Pre-Race Continental Breakfast | NFYC each morning at 6am**
  - Coffee, juice, fruit, yogurt, hard boiled eggs, pastries, granola bars etc.
  - Boat snacks to pack trail mix, fruit, granola bars, chips
- **Post- Race Socials | NFYC each day after racing**
  - Beer / craft cocktails sponsored by the women sailors
  - Light snacks to include pinwheel sandwiches, chips, popcorn, etc.

### **Get Involved at Nationals**

Are you going to be at nationals but not racing? We would love for you to help out! Sign up below. You will get a free t-shirt.

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8AA29A0F5CF8-thistle>

### **Women & Juniors Regatta**

**Registration is open for the Women & Juniors Regatta**

- <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25413>
- Awards for this regatta will take place at the Welcome Party

### **Childcare Update**

Sydney Slawter (18) and Sariah Holden (16) will be in charge of childcare during nationals. Max Hansen (14) has offered to help.

- We could use a few more volunteers. Please email [nfycsailing@gmail.com](mailto:nfycsailing@gmail.com)
- More to come on their plan. All activities will take place at NFYC and will include yard games, crafts, beach time / swimming, movies, naps (if needed), etc.
- Children will be in age appropriate groups.
- Parents will be expected to send with the children: lifejacket, change of clothes, towel, snacks, drinks, personal items, sunscreen, etc

### **Order Your Rigging Now** **WEST COAST SAILING RIG SHOP**

"West Coast Sailing is your dedicated source for one design sailboat parts, rigging, apparel, and accessories, offering a comprehensive range of built to order Thistle rigging products designed with input from top sailors. Shop tapered halyards, sheets, standing rigging, and more.

- **Gear up for 2023 Nationals with 10% off your next order at West Coast Sailing.**
- Visit <https://westcoastsailing.net/2023-thistle-nationals/> for details.

### **Burgee Swap**

Bring your club burgee to add to our collection and we will send you home with an NFYC burgee!

### **Thistle Nationals Gear Store**

**Pre-order Storefront will be open May 1 to June 20, 2023 for pre-event / customized orders. These orders will be shipped to NFYC and ready for you at registration.**

- Storefront will re-open June 23, 2023 and remain open for a month. These orders will not be ready for the regatta and will ship to your home address.
- Gear storefront: [https://stores.coralreefsailing.com/thistle\\_nationals\\_2023/shop/home](https://stores.coralreefsailing.com/thistle_nationals_2023/shop/home)

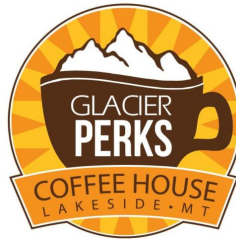


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