



## Thistle Nationals Announcements June 28, 2023

### **Regatta Check In Somers Middle School**

Friday 1200 - 1700

Saturday 0900 - 1600

Sunday 0800 - 1000

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

Stop at all inspection points.

<https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/watercraft-inspection-stations>

### **Communication**

- Primary source of information regarding racing will be the Regatta Network site.
  - Please make sure you have SMS texting enabled on your phone.
- **WhatsApp \_ Join the group “2023 Thistle Nationals Notifications”** to receive text updates during nationals
  - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hy3b90BW2TAD4b2BPyKvu1>

### **Get Involved at Nationals**

Are you going to be at nationals but not racing? We would love for you to help out!

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

### **Packing List**

Montana is very casual. Keep this in mind when packing.

- For clothing, pack everything from a windbreaker and fleece to a swimsuit. In the span of one day you will wear them all.
- Bring rain gear. If it rains it will be cold.
- If you plan on going into the mountains, bring wool socks, hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear. The rangers will turn you around in flip flops.
- Bring bikes, folding chairs, coolers, lake toys.
- Bug & bear spray (bear spray can be purchased at a local gas station)
- Pack sunscreen, hat, sunglasses. Our high altitude can make the sun feel strong.
- Mom tip: Have water and a fleece with you at all times. :-)
- Suggested for socials
  - Welcome Party : summer cocktail party casual
  - Skit Night: casual
  - Wild West Night: your best wester get up

- Banquet: cocktail party

### **Somers Middle School Camping Tips**

- *Alcohol cannot be consumed on school grounds.* Pete and Amy Sauer, Big Sky Yachts, live adjacent to the school and will be sponsoring the Big Sky Yachts Beer Garden. They will have picnic tables and a bonfire area.
- It will be important to keep food in air tight containers and manage trash. Utilize the 7 leave no trace principles. <https://Int.org/why/7-principles/> We don't expect bears but they do travel through from time to time and open food will attract them.
- Bring bug spray and other bug deterrents like Thermacells. The mosquitos can get bad during the summer months.
- Be weather aware. The temperature in Montana fluctuates dramatically throughout the day. Be prepared for cool nights. The sun comes up early and sets late so consider this in your planning. If it rains it will be cold.
- RV hook ups are not available. There will be some availability of power.
- Common areas and locker rooms will be available for use. Each locker room has three sinks, toilets, showers and changing areas. There are two family bathrooms with a sink, toilet, shower.

### **Green Regatta**

- Nationals is registered as a green regatta. <https://www.sailorsforthesea.org/>
- 3 tumblers for beer, water, coffee, wine, cocktails will be in your registration bag.
- Purchase extra tumblers for \$10 at registration
- Please bring dishes for dinner. We have facilities on site for clean up.

### **Getting Around During Regatta**

- It is approximately 1.4 miles from the Somers Middle School to NFYC. There is a nice path that can be easily traversed on foot or by bike.
- Vehicle parking in these locations: Somers Middle School, NFYC Trailer Lot (across the street from SMS), and just outside the NFYC main gate.. Vehicle parking will not be available at NFYC.
- NFYC will provide shuttles with pick up / drop off points at SMS, NFYC, and Classic Boat Works before and after racing.

### **Before and After Racing**

- **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.