



**2023 Early Bird Series**  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
North Flathead Yacht Club  
Flathead Lake, Somers, Montana

## **1 HOST CLUB**

- 1.1** North Flathead Yacht Club, Somers, Montana will be the host club and organizing authority for the 2023 Early Bird Series.

## **2 RULES**

- 2.1** The regatta will be governed by the current US Sailing: Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024
- 2.2** Prescriptions of PHRF, the Sailing Instructions and all amendments thereto, will apply.
- 2.3** A. The host club organizes registered boats into fleets based on handicaps.  
B. Early Bird Series shall be governed by the PHRF of the Northern Rockies. Boats without ratings shall contact the host club and will be assigned a base rating.  
C. Specifications and measurements may be required to assign the base rating. Any adjustments will require a completed [measurement form](#).

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** The regatta is open to all displacement and non-displacement boats.
- 3.2** There may be up to five fleets for displacement boats and one fleet for non-displacement boats.
- 3.3** Fleets will be determined by quantity and type of yachts entered. Fleets with a minimum of three one-design boats registered may be given their own start and fleet at the discretion of the organizing authority.

- 3.4** Eligible boats may enter by going to the NFYC website [www.nfyc.org](http://www.nfyc.org) a  
Please Visit: Regatta Network to register.

***Registration can happen at any time during the series.  
Registration online helps our race committee organize the race  
and produce cleaner faster results. Registration is not required for  
participation but is required to be eligible for awards.***

## **4 FEES**

### **4.1 Required fees are as follows:**

#### **4.1.1** *Registration postmarked on or received before Friday, July 29, 2022:*

*\$0*

#### **4.1.2** *Late Registration— Registration can happen at any time during the series. Registration online helps our race committee organize the race and produce cleaner faster results. Registration is not required for participation but is required to be eligible for awards.*

### **4.2 Other fees:**

## **5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 5.1** First warning horn  
Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm  
Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **5.2**

## **6 MEASUREMENTS**

- 6.1** The Early Bird Series shall be governed by the PHRF of the Northern Rockies. Boats without ratings shall contact North Flathead Yacht Club and will be assigned a base rating. Specifications and measurements may be required to assign the base rating. Any adjustments will require a completed [measurement form](#).

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1** Sailing instructions will be posted on the NFYC website: [www.nfyc.org](http://www.nfyc.org) and will also be available at registration.

## **8 VENUE**

- 8.1** NFYC and the north end of Flathead Lake, Montana in Fish Hatchery Bay

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1** Fleets A-D: The courses will be windward / leeward  
A fleet will sail 2 long legs finishing to windward  
B fleet will sail 1 long and 1 short leg finishing to windward  
C and D Fleets will sail 2 Short legs finishing to windward

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1** The scoring system is as follows: Low-point scoring system.
- 11.2** One completed race constitutes a series. When fewer than Six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. For fleets completing Six or more races, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. Scores for Disqualification are not excludable.

## **12 PRIZES**

**11.1** Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet.

## **12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**12.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **13 INSURANCE**

**13.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000. Proof of insurance may be required.

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**14.1** For further information, please see the club website; [www.nfyc.org](http://www.nfyc.org), or contact Brian Lockwood, Vice Commodore of Racing, at [nfycvice@gmail.com](mailto:nfycvice@gmail.com)