



2024 Montana Sailing Championships & Montana Cup Regatta

August 2nd-4th, 2024
North Flathead Yacht Club
Flathead Lake, Somers, Montana

NOTICE OF RACE

North Flathead Yacht Club is pleased to announce the 47th Annual Montana Cup Regatta. Come enjoy two days of racing and camaraderie at one of the best places to sail in the Northwest.

Enjoy time with friends both old and new in one of the most beautiful settings available. We will have dinner and music on the lawn Saturday Evening, lawn games, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and stories by the fire.

Once again, in addition to the PHRF and One Design Fleets, we will be having a Cruising Fleet which will race in one long distance race each day. For those who have participated the last couple years, they have found it to be a wonderful weekend of laid back racing.

The Montana Cup Regatta & State Sailing Championships was established by the Canyon Ferry Yacht Club in 1977 for the purpose of promoting and recognizing team racing in Montana, the Regatta now draws competitors from across the State & the Greater Pacific Northwest region.

North Flathead Yacht Club is committed to hosting a green regatta and we have some reusable utensils, but supply is limited; please bring your own dishes, cups and water bottles.

The Corinthian spirit is alive and well in Montana. Please do your part to be courteous to other racers, NFYC Race committee, and grounds. NFYC welcomes any volunteers from visiting clubs to help with race committee, and onshore tasks. If willing to volunteer please reach out to our VC of Racing Brian Lockwood nfycvice@gmail.com.

To get to the club from downtown Somers, turn south at Del's Bar and follow Leslie Avenue past the VFD and Classic Company Boatworks. Keep going through the gates –marked NFYC--and horsepasture. You'll find us hidden at the end of the road.

If you are transporting a boat from out of the area please ensure that it is thoroughly cleaned, drained, and dried, and be sure to stop at all watercraft check stations. Due to the heightened threat of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), visitors must now document AIS Inspection clearance as a prerequisite for Regatta Eligibility and use of NFYC launch and dock facilities. For questions, please refer to <https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species>. DO NOT LAUNCH prior to showing proof of clearance.

Upon your arrival, please check in with Port Captain or representative, for slip and trailer assignments, you may then be directed toward registration, the mast lift, the trailer extension, and an appropriate launch ramp.

On-site camping is encouraged during the Regatta, although a variety of accommodations can be found within a few minutes' drive. Club amenities include shaded picnic areas, covered grilling and dining areas, sinks, ice, Wi-Fi, fire pit, and restrooms with showers. If you plan to come early or stay late, which I strongly recommend, we will attempt to accommodate you and your boat. Pets are discouraged during this regatta.

I sincerely hope you will join us for a great weekend of racing in Northwest Montana. If you have any questions or are looking for a boat to crew on please feel free to reach out to me directly at nfycvice@gmail.com. See you all very soon



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1 HOST CLUB

- 1.1** North Flathead Yacht Club, Somers, Montana will be the host club and organizing authority for the Montana Sailing Championship.

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. The Montana Cup 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. There may be multiple cruising class fleets.
- 3.3** Fleets will be determined by quantity and type of yachts entered. Fleets with a minimum of five 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 and following the link for Montana Cup online registration.
- 3.5** Late entries will be accepted at a higher fee until 7PM the Friday, August 2nd 2024.

4 FEES

- 4.1** Required fees are as follows:



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4.1.1 *Registration postmarked on or received before Friday, July 26, 2024:*

- *\$130 - Small Crew Entry Fee – Includes: 2 meal tickets, 2 Beer Cups, Breakfast both days*
- *\$160 - Large Crew Entry Fee – Includes: 4 meal tickets, 4 Beer Cups, Breakfast both days*

4.1.2 *Late Registration—received after July 26th 2024 will be charged an additional \$20 Late Registration fee.*

4.2 **Other fees:**

4.2.1 *Additional Dinner tickets for Saturday night: \$20 per person*

4.2.2 *Montana Cup T-Shirts will be available for pre-order and purchase at the event*

5 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

5.1 Friday, August 2nd, 2024 (practice race – not scored for regatta)

4:00 to 6:00 pm - Registration

6:00 pm - Competitor's Meeting

7:00 pm - Practice Race Warning Signal

5.2 Saturday, August 3rd, 2024

7:00 am - Competitor's Meeting

8:00 am - On Course Race Warning Signal

**No Race Will Start After 4:00pm*

Approximately 4:00 - 7:00pm - Dinner Available to order

5.3 Sunday, August 4th, 2024

7:30 am - On Course Race Warning Signal

**No Race Will Start After 1:00 pm*

***Awards Ceremony after Racing*

6 **MEASUREMENTS**



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- 6.1** The Montana Cup 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 and will also be available at registration.

8 VENUE

- 8.1** NFYC and the north end of Flathead Lake, Montana.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1** Fleets A-D: The courses will be windward / leeward
- 9.2** Long Distant Fleet: The courses will consist of a distance race using set marks

10 BERTHING

- 10.1** North Flathead Yacht Club boats are assigned moorage at the North Flathead Yacht Club docks. Visiting boats shall be assigned a slip by the Port Captain if requested and shall stay in the assigned moorage. Smaller boats may be stored on a trailer in an assigned location in the lot.

11 SCORING

- 11.1** The scoring system is as follows: Low-point scoring system.



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- 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. Thistles class will be scored with no throw outs, all races will count.

12 PRIZES

- 11.1** Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet. The Montana Cup will be awarded to the club with the total highest point per the Montana Cup Deed of Gift.

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, or contact Brian Lockwood, Vice Commodore of Racing, at nfycvice@gmail.com

Entry Fee

Reg Crew	\$130	Includes two Saturday meal tickets, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and 2 beer cups for the weekend if received on or before Friday, July 28, 2023
Large Crew	\$160	Includes four Saturday meal tickets, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and four beer cups if received before Friday, July 28, 2023.
Late Fee	\$20	Late entry fee (entries received after Friday, July 28, 2023
	\$20 ea	Additional Saturday Dinner Tickets
	\$	TOTAL

Please register on Regatta Network