SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2012 Montana Sailing Championships

“The Montana Cup Regatta”

North Flathead Yacht Club

Somers, Montana

August 3 – August 5, 2012, Flathead Lake, Montana

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, The Montana Cup Deed of Gift, Class Rules (for One Design Classes), the prescriptions of PHRF-NR, this Notice of Race, and by the Sailing Instructions and amendments thereto.

Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the club house wall.

Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 7 AM the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 8 PM. before the day it will take effect.

Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flag pole. When flag AP is displayed ashore,”1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes”.

Schedule of Races

Friday, August 3

Registration from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Competitor’s meeting at 6:00 PM for both practice race and regatta

Warning Signal for Practice Race no earlier than 7:30 PM

Shore side gathering after the evening race

Saturday, August 4

6:00 AM to 6:30 AM, Late registration, coffee in the bbq area

Warning Signal Race # 1 at 7:30 AM

(We will attempt to conduct as many races as possible – no warning

signal after 4pm)

Dinner will be served at approximately 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 5

Warning Signal First Sunday Race at 7:30 AM

No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM

Awards to follow as soon as all protests and scoring is complete

Classes and Class Flags

Fleet assignments will be made and posted Friday evening. The organizing authority shall make the final determination of fleet status and reserves the right to adjust the ranges and number of fleets before racing begins, based on the quantity and ratings of registered yachts

Fleet Flags: A fleet will be indicated by a red flag with the letter “A”; B fleet will be indicated by a blue flag with the letter “B”; C and D fleet will be indicated by a yellow flag with the letter “C”, Portsmouth fleet will be indicated by the number pennant “1” a white triangle, with a red dot.

Racing Area

The racing area will be located on the north end of Flathead Lake, Montana.

Courses

The designated course for all races and fleets will be windward/leeward, twice around, unless the race committee posts the “S” flag prior to a fleet’s warning signal; which shall then indicate once around – sailing the first loop (longest) for each fleet. Marks shall be orange buoys or tetrahedrons. All marks shall be rounded to port. There will two windward marks, a long windward mark indicated as “A”, and a short windward mark indicated as “X”. A leeward mark indicated as “Z” will be set approximately 0.1 nautical mile upwind of the starting line. Fleet A will sail: start, A, Z, A, finish; fleet B and one design (if any) will sail: start, A, Z, X, finish: and the remainder will sail: start, X, Z, X, finish.

The race committee may shorten a race in progress per RRS 32.1. The finish line shall be between an orange buoy set to starboard of the committee boat and a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat

The Start

The start line shall be between an orange buoy set to port of the committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat. Races will be started using RR 26. The race committee may provide a series of short horn blasts indicating approximately one minute before the next warning signal. Subsequent races may be started as soon as all boats in the fleet have finished the previous race. Boats not starting shall stay clear of the starting area.

The Finish

The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and an orange buoy on the starboard side of the committee boat. Boats shall stay clear of the starting area after finishing.

When a course is shortened at a mark, a race committee boat near the mark will display code flag S and boats shall finish by sailing between the mark and the committee boat from the direction of the previous mark.

Time Limit

If no boat in any class has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes – the race will be abandoned.

The time limit shall be 90 minutes for the first boat in each class to finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest forms are available from the race steward and NFYC Vice Commodore. Protests must be delivered within 30 minutes following the return of the committee boat from the last race of the day.

Scoring

The low point system shall be used for scoring. If more than 5 races are completed, a boats worst score will be discarded. DSQ’s may not be discarded.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its officers, employees, volunteers and sponsors, shall not be liable for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.