



2018 J/24 WESTERN REGIONALS

NOTICE OF RACE

Flathead Lake, MT



Invitation: On behalf of the U.S. J/24 Class Association District 19 and J/24 Fleet 25, the North Flathead Yacht Club cordially invites you to the 2018 Western Regional Championship.

Site: The North Flathead Yacht Club located 200 Lesley Ave, Somers, MT will be the headquarters for the event. Sailing will take place on the north end of Flathead Lake, MT.

Rules: This regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Class Rules of the International J/24 Class Association, and this Notice of Race, except that any of these that may be altered by the Sailing Instructions. A jury appointed by the organizing authority will hear protests and request for redress. This regatta is designated Category C pursuant to Appendix 1 of the RRS Appendices (Section II), as modified by the IJCA Class Rules.

Eligibility: This competition is open to all J/24 Class yachts as defined by the International J/24 Class Association. Helmsmen must be members of the International J/24 Class Association. All boats wishing to qualify for a World Championship berth must have a valid Measurement Certificate and complete a liability waiver.

Schedule:

Wednesday July 4th

1500

Registration, Crew Weigh-in

2000

Skippers Meeting/no-host BBQ/fireworks/bon-fire

Thursday July 5th

0600-0700

Continental Breakfast

0730

First Warning

1600

No races will be started after 1600

1800-2200

Catered Dinner @ NFYC

Friday July 6th

0730	First Warning
1600	No races will be started after 1600

Saturday July 7th

0730	First Warning
1500	No Racing Starts After 1500
1600	Awards, Haul Out

Racing: Racing will take place at north end of Flathead Lake, MT. Courses will be windward/leeward. Course and length will be based on sailing conditions., Sailing instructions will available at the skippers meeting.

Scoring: The low point scoring system Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix A will be used, except there will be one (1) throw out if at least five (5) races are completed.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 Skippers & crew. In addition, there will be “fun” prizes and give-aways.

Inspections: The race committee may inspect boats at random for compliance with IJCA class rules.

Launching: Launching for the regatta is no-charge at either ramp at NFYC. Competitors are asked to park trailers in the back of the club parking lot, against the fence. Haul out will be on a furthest traveled basis, with #'s provided at registration. Assistance for ramp haul-out will be provided by fleet members.

Moorage: Complementary slips will be assigned at arrival.

Camping: Complementary camping is allowed and encouraged. Camp sites will be assigned upon arrival. Club amenities include shaded picnic areas, covered grilling and dining areas, sinks, ice, wi-fi, firepit 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 boats. Pets are discouraged during busy weekends such as this.

Lodging:

Best Western Plus-Flathead Lake Inn and Suites Phone# 406-857-2400 Website: bestwesternflatheadlake.com

Somers Bay Log Cabins Website: somerbaycabins.com

Outlook Inn B &B Website: outlookinnbandb.com

Edgewater Resort RV and Motel Website: edgewater rv.com

There are also some in fairly close proximity on the southern end of Kalispell, MT

Hilton Garden Inn-Kalispell Phone#: 406-756-4500

Fairbridge Inn and Suites-Kalispell Phone#: 406-755-6100

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Requirement:

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. **DO NOT LAUNCH** prior to showing proof of clearance. Upon your arrival, please check in with Port Captain or his representative, for slip assignments. You may then be directed toward Registration, the mast lift, the trailer extension, and an appropriate launch ramp.

Getting to NFYC: To get to the club from tiny downtown Somers, turn south at Del's Bar and follow Lesley Ave past the VFD and Classic Company Boatworks. Keep going through the horse pastures and you will find us hidden at the end of the road.

Registration/Social Fees: The entry fee is \$200 which includes five passes for all social events including the Thursday night catered dinner, Continental Breakfast Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Entry fees received after June 15 will be subject to an additional \$50 late fee. Bottomless beverage cup is available for \$10. Additional meal tickets for the Thursday dinner are \$15/adults \$10/Children (16 and under).

Entry: Complete the attached registration form. Any questions email Pete Sauer at pete@sailmontana.com

Regatta Apparel: Follow the Link Below

<https://j24westernregionals18.itemorder.com/>

Acceptance of Rules and Waiver of Claims: By submitting the Entry Fee each boat owner or skipper agrees and acknowledges that, in consideration of allowing the Registered Boat to race and compete in the Regatta, the Registered Boat, and the competitors that race her, shall abide by and be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing, as issued by the International Sailing Federation, and the Prescriptions of US Sailing, unless specifically changed or exempted by the published Sailing Instructions in effect at the time of the individual regatta. **THE OWNER OR SKIPPER ALSO DOES, BY SUBMITTING THE REGISTRATION FEE, WAIVE, RELEASE, AND CANCEL ANY AND ALL CLAIMS WHICH HE OR SHE MAY OR THEREAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE USJCA, OR IT'S OFFICERS OR GOVERNORS (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE DISTRICT 1 GOVERNOR), THE RACE ADMINISTRATORS, ORGANIZING AND HOST AUTHORITIES, AND ANY COMMITTEE PERSONS, WHICH DO OR DOES ARISE OUT OF THE OWNER OR SKIPPER'S PARTICIPATION OR UNDERTAKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERIES, EXCEPT FOR ACTS WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO OR NECESSARY FOR THIS SERIES.** The owner or skipper agrees to obtain and maintain appropriate liability insurance for damage or injury caused by the actions or negligence of the owner or skipper or the Registered Boat. The owner or skipper has read and understands Fundamental RRS 4, and acknowledges that, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."