

MONTANA CUP DEED OF GIFT

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Montana Cup regatta was started in 1977 by the Canyon Ferry Yacht Club for the purpose of promoting and recognizing team racing in Montana.

ADMINISTRATION

A Montana sailing organization is recognized as one whose home base is on a lake located within the borders of the state of Montana.

1. This Deed of Gift is recognized by all Montana sailing organizations participating in the Montana Cup regatta as the document governing the regatta.
2. This Deed of Gift may be amended by a majority vote of the Commodores of all participating Montana sailing organizations, or his/her designee, prior to May 1 of each year. It is hoped that changes will be made with the unanimous support of all participating Montana sailing organizations.
3. The Montana Cup regatta is open to participation by any sailing organization, however the Montana Cup must always be defended on Montana waters.
4. The Montana Cup trophy shall reside with the regatta winner from the date of the win until the following year's regatta. It is incumbent on the organization in possession of the Montana Cup trophy to ensure its safety and upkeep, and to guarantee its return previous to, or on the date of, the succeeding Montana Cup regatta.
5. If an out-of-state sailing organization wins the Montana Cup, that organization must decide by December 15 of the year they win whether or not they will host the succeeding regatta, and notice shall be given to a commodore of a participating Montana sailing organization.
 - a. If the out-of-state organization decides to host the regatta, the location and date must be determined by January 15 of the year following the year of the win, and notice shall be given to the commodore of the chosen locale.
 - b. If the out-of-state organization decides not to host the regatta, the most recent Montana sailing organization (defender) will host the regatta.

GENERAL REGATTA FORMAT

1. Any one boat, from any club, shall constitute a team from that club.
2. The current Racing Rules of Sailing shall govern the regatta.
3. The host club shall identify safe and appropriate launching, mooring, and camping facilities available for visiting clubs to utilize. The host club shall determine any fees necessary to host the event.
4. The host club shall provide for an adequate race committee to run and score the races/regatta.
5. The host club shall have the discretion of defining the race courses.
6. The host club shall publish NORs by June 1 of each year and notify at a minimum the commodore of each organization that participated in the previous year.

HANDICAPPING & FLEETS

1. The host club organizes registered boats into fleets based on handicaps.
2. 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.
3. Specifications and measurements may be required to assign the base rating. Any adjustments will require a completed measurement form.

SCORING

1. All scoring for the Montana Cup regatta shall follow The current Racing Rules of Sailing unless specified otherwise in the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Races.

Montana Cup Trophy Scoring

- a. The team with the highest score shall win the Montana Cup.
- b. The top three yachts in each buoy racing fleet shall be scored, with 3 points given to the team with the first place yacht, 2 points given to the team with the second place yacht, and 1 point given to the team with the third place yacht.
- c. The top two yachts in each long distance racing fleet shall be scored, with 2 points given to the team with the first place yacht, 1 given to the team with the second place yacht.
- d. Yachts tied shall evenly split the available points.
- e. Tie Breakers – In the event of a tie for the Montana Cup team trophy, the tie shall be broken as follows, in order:
 - i. The team with the most overall first place fleet finishes for the regatta shall be determined the winner, or
 - ii. The team with the most first place finishes in individual races held shall be determined the winner, or
 - iii. If one of the teams in the tie is the defender of the Montana Cup trophy, this team shall be determined the winner, or
 - iv. If the above methods fail to break the tie, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

AWARDS

1. The host club shall provide an award for the first place boat in each fleet, and shall present these awards in conjunction with the presentation of the Montana Cup trophy.

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