

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.

This Deed of Gift is recognized by all Montana sailing organizations participating in the Montana Cup regatta as the document governing the regatta.

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.

The Montana Cup regatta is open to participation by any sailing organization, however the Montana Cup must always be defended on Montana waters.

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.

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.

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.

If the out-of-state organization decides not to host the regatta, the most recent Montana sailing organization defender will host the regatta.

The host club shall identify safe and appropriate launching, mooring, and camping facilities available for visiting clubs to utilize if they so chose.

The host club shall determine any fees necessary to host the event.

GENERAL REGATTA FORMAT

Any one boat shall constitute a team.

Any one race shall constitute a regatta.

A Friday night tune-up race shall be made available to those interested in participating unless said Friday night race will be counted as a regatta race.

The regatta shall be scheduled for a Friday evening, Saturday, and/or Sunday only with no races being started prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, or after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The host club shall provide for a race committee adequate to run and score the

races/regatta.

The host club shall have the discretion of defining the following:

Race Courses - Standard windward/leeward and/or Olympic courses of varying distances are encouraged.

Start Format - Standard ten minute sequence is mandatory, however the order of and/or the number of starts shall be defined by the host club.

Regatta Race Rules - As appropriate to address local conditions.

The host club shall mail regatta information, entry form(s) and race rules to at least the commodores of each organization that participated in the previous year's regatta no later than June 1 of each year.

HANDICAPPING & SCORING

Fleets - There shall be four keelboat fleets and at least one centerboard fleet.

The commodores of each participating Montana sailing organization, or his/her designee, shall determine by May 1 of each year the handicap limits for each fleet.

The commodores of each participating Montana sailing organization, or his/her designee, shall determine by May 1 of each year the handicap method used (PHRF, Portsmouth, time-on-time, time-on-distance, etc.).

Awards - The host club shall provide an award for the first place boat in each defined fleet, and shall present these awards in conjunction with the

presentation of the Montana Cup trophy.

Scoring

The yacht with the lowest score of the total of all races held shall win her fleet's overall award.

All races held shall be scored with $\frac{3}{4}$ points given to the first place yacht, 2 points given to the second place yacht, 3 points given to the third place yacht, and so on. A yacht that did not finish a race shall be scored 1 more than the total number of yachts in the race. A yacht that did not start a race shall be scored 2 more than the total number of yachts in the race. A yacht that has been disqualified shall be scored as if she did not race.

Tie Breakers - In the event of a tie for the overall fleet winner, the tie shall be broken as follows, in order:

The yacht with the most first place finishes in all races shall be determined the winner, or

The yacht with the most second place finishes in all races shall be determined the winner, or

If the above methods fail to break the tie, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

The team with the highest score as determined shall win the Montana Cup trophy.

The top three yachts in each 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. Yachts

tied shall evenly split the available points.

Tie Breakers - In the event of a tie for the Montana Cup team trophy, the tie shall be broke as follows, in order:

The team with the most first place yachts in each fleet shall be determined the winner, or

The team with the most first place yachts in all races held shall be determined the winner, or

If one of the teams in the tie is the defender of the Montana Cup trophy, this team shall be determined the winner, or

If the above methods fail to break the tie, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

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