2019 Montana Sailing Championships & Montana Cup Regatta

August 3-4, 2019
North Flathead Yacht Club
Flathead Lake, Somers, Montana

NOTICE OF RACE

It is time to bring back the traditions from the past 42 years and have a great weekend of sailing on Flathead Lake at NFYC! Come enjoy two days of racing and camaraderie in one of the best places to sail in the Northwest sponsored by both Big Sky Yachts and Ballard Sails and Rigging.

As we reach back to our roots for old traditions we will be bringing back off the water entertainment with a live band and dinner on Saturday night, lawn games, breakfast both days and stories by the fire.

New for this year will be the addition of a cruising class! For those of you who are interested in racing but would like to tone it down, we will be offering a cruising class with one distance race per day.

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 while we have some reusable utensils available for use at the club, please bring your own dishes, cups and water bottles. This years regatta will be supported by Hammer Nutrition with a water bottle fill station each morning so please help us reduce our footprint and BYOB (bring your own bottle).

To get to the club from tiny downtown Somers, turn south at Del's Bar and follow Leslie Avenue 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.

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. Please refer to www.cleandraindry.mt.gov or http://flatheadbasincommission.org/chd_sec3pg5.asp for questions. The most convenient location to the club is Jesco Marine. DO NOT LAUNCH prior to showing proof of clearance.

Upon your arrival, please check in with Port Captain Jeff Medler, or his 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, wifi, 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.

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!

Ginjer Yachechak
NFYC Vice Commodore

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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

2.2 The Montana Deed of Gift, Prescriptions of PHRF, the Sailing Instructions and all amendments thereto**,** will apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all displacement and non-displacement boats.

- 3.2 There may be up to four open fleets for displacement boats and one fleet for non-displacement boats. There will be one fleet for the cruising class.

3.3 Fleets will be determined by quantity and type of yachts entered. Classes with a minimum of five one-design boats registered may be given their own start at the discretion of the organizing authority

3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with proof of insurance and the required fee, to North Flathead Yacht Club; P.O. Box 208; Somers, MT 59932 by July 26, 2019.

3.5 Late entries will be accepted at a higher fee until 7am the morning of Saturday, August 3, 2019 – the first day of racing.

4. FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Registration postmarked on or received before Friday, July 26, 2019:

*$125 per boat ***
***Registration Includes 4 meal tickets for Saturdays Low Country Boil as well as 4 beer cups for the weekend*

Late Registration: $140 per boat includes the above meal tickets and cups

4.2 Other fees:

Additional tickets for Saturday night dinner: $20 per person, $10 for Children
Montana Cup T-Shirts will be available for pre-order and purchase at the event, details to follow

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Friday, August 2, 2019 (Practice race – not scored)

4:00 to 6:00 pm - Registration and Charter Member hosted cocktail party/social hour

6:00 pm - Competitor's Meeting

7:00 pm - Practice Race Warning Signal

5.2 Saturday, August 3, 2019

6:00 to 7:00 am - Late Registration

7:00 am - Competitor's Meeting

8:00 am - On Course Race Warning Signal

6:00 pm - Dinner

5.3 Sunday, August 5, 2018

7:30 am - On Course Race Warning Signal

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

***Awards Ceremony after Racing*

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat shall report a rating according to the Northern Rockies Sailing Association procedures or the North Flathead Yacht Club uses the value as shown in the United States Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) guidelines.

6.2 PHRF Guidelines can be viewed here; http://phrf-nw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Yacht-Data-011818.xls. *If your boat is not shown in the Handicaps, please contact the NFYC Vice Commodore by email at nfycvice@gmail.com.*

6.3 Sails may be measured at the discretion of the race committee.

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 The courses will be windward / leeward for fleets A-D, and will consist of a distance race using set marks for the cruising class.

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. Portsmouth boats may be stored on trailers in the parking area between races.

11. 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 Ginjer Yachechak, Vice Commodore, at nfycvice@gmail.com

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& The Montana Cup Regatta Entry Form

Boat Name_____
Boat Type_____Sail #_____

Helmsperson_____
Email_____

Address_____
City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____
Home Yacht Club_____

- I support NFYC's efforts to help prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species(AIS) and agree to comply with pertinent State regulations. I understand that vessels traveling from outside the Flathead River Basin will be required to document AIS Inspection Clearance **prior** to use of NFYC launch and dock facilities and/or participation in the regatta. Please refer to www.cleandraindry.mt.gov or http://flatheadbasincommission.org/chd_sec3pg5.asp for questions.

- I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I agree to hold the officers, employees and members of the organizing authority, and regatta sponsors, harmless from any liability related to this event.

Signature of boat owner:

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Entry Fee

- $125 includes four Saturday meal tickets, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and 4 beer cups for the weekend if received on or before Friday July 26, 2019

- Late entry of $140 includes four Saturday meal tickets, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and four beer cups if received after Friday, July 26, 2019

  Additional Saturday Dinner Tickets:_____x $20 each = $_____

  Total $ _____

  NOTICE: NFYC does **NOT** accept Credit Cards.

  Cash or Check only.