



2026 Montana Sailing Championships & Montana Cup Regatta

July 31 – August 2, 2026

North Flathead Yacht Club

Flathead Lake, Somers, Montana

Notice of Race

1 HOST CLUB

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 rules as defined in: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
- 2.2 Prescriptions of PHRF, the Sailing Instructions and all amendments thereto, will apply.
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 - A. The host club organizes registered boats into fleets based on handicaps.
 - B. 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.
 - C. Specifications and measurements may be required to assign the base rating. Any adjustments will require a completed measurement form.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all displacement and non-displacement boats.
- 3.2 There may be up to five fleets for displacement boats and one fleet for non-displacement boats. There may be multiple cruising class fleets.
- 3.3 Fleets will be determined by quantity and type of yachts entered. Fleets with a minimum of five one-design boats registered may be given their own start and fleet at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by going to the NFYC website www.nfyc.org and following the link for Montana Cup online registration.
- 3.5 Late entries will be accepted at a higher fee until 6:00 PM Friday, July 31, 2026.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
 - 4.1.1 Registration received before Friday, July 25, 2025:
 - \$150 - Small Crew Entry Fee - Includes: 2 meal tickets, 2 Beer Cups, Breakfast both days
 - \$180 - Large Crew Entry Fee - Includes: 4 meal tickets, 4 Beer Cups, Breakfast both days
 - 4.1.2 Late Registration—received after July 24th 2025:
 - will be charged an additional \$20 Late Registration fee.
 - 4.1.3 Registration fees will be reduced to \$10 for boats with an all student crew. Please

submit crew ages and enrollment information by email to NFYCvice@gmail.com prior to registration to receive a coupon code. Boats must still purchase dinner tickets for Saturday night if they want to participate in the dinner.

4.2 Other fees:

4.2.1 Additional Dinner tickets for Saturday night: \$20 per person

4.2.2 Montana Cup T-Shirts will be available for pre-order-

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1	Friday, July 31, 2026 (practice race – not scored for regatta) 4:00 to 6:00 pm – Registration 6:00 pm - Competitor’s Meeting 7:00 pm - Practice Race Warning Signal	
5.2	Saturday, August 1st, 2026 7:00 am - Competitor’s Meeting 8:00 am - On Course Race Warning Signal No Race Will Start After 4:00pm Approximately 4:00 - 7:00pm - Dinner	Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 7:30 am - On Course Race Warning Signal No Race Will Start After 1:00 pm Awards Ceremony after Racing

6 MEASUREMENTS

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7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted on the NFYC website: www.nfyc.org/racing and will also be available at registration.

8 VENUE

NFYC and the north end of Flathead Lake, Montana.

9 COURSES

9.1 Fleets A-D: The courses will be windward / leeward

9.2 Long Distance Fleet: The courses will consist of a distance race using set marks

10 BERTHING

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. Smaller boats may be stored on a trailer in an assigned location in the lot.

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low-point scoring system.

11.2 One completed race constitutes a series.

- 11.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
For fleets completing six or more races, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score.
Scores for disqualification are not excludable.
Thistles class will be scored with no throw outs, all races will count.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet.
12.2 The Montana Cup will be awarded to the club with the total highest point per the Montana Cup Deed of Gift.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

14 INSURANCE

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.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please see the club website; www.nfyc.org, or contact Stan Strathman, Vice Commodore of Racing, at nfycvice@gmail.com