



2026 Saturday Buoy Races
Sunday July 12 & Sunday August 23, 2026
North Flathead Yacht Club
Flathead Lake, Somers, Montana

Notice of Race

1 HOST CLUB

- 1.1 North Flathead Yacht Club, Somers, Montana will be the host club and organizing authority for the 2026 Sunday Buoy Races.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The races 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.
- 2.3 A. The host club organizes registered boats into fleets based on handicaps.
B. The Tuesday Night Series 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 Fleets will be determined by quantity and type of yachts entered. Fleets with a minimum of three one-design boats registered may be given their own start and fleet at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.3 Boats which sailed in any buoy race in 2025 (Tuesday Evening, POETS or Saturday races) will automatically be registered for all events in 2026. New boats (not having raced in 2025) may register online at NFYC website: www.nfyc.org/racing. Registration can happen at any time during the series. Registration online helps our race committee organize the race and produce cleaner faster results.
- 3.4 **Registration is not required for participation but is required to be scored and to be eligible for awards. Registration must be completed prior to the start of a race to be scored.**

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
There is no fee to register.

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 5.1 All displacement boats are encouraged to have as crew a junior sailor and/or a non-

boat owner as skipper.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Sunday July 12, 2026 – 1st warning signal 9:00 am
Sunday August 23 – 1st warning signal 9:00 am
- 6.2 Each day will consist of a series of up to 5 races and comprise a mini-regatta with prizes being awarded at the conclusion of the day's racing.
- 6.3 No races will be started after 1:00 pm
- 6.4 Prizes will be awarded following the day's racing

7 MEASUREMENTS

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8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted on the NFYC website: www.nfyc.org/racing.

9 VENUE

NFYC and the north end of Flathead Lake, Montana in Fish Hatchery Bay

10 COURSES

Courses will be defined by the race committee prior to each race and will be designed to be sailed in less than one hour.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low-point scoring system.
- 11.2 One completed race constitutes a series.
- 11.3 No race scores will be excluded

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in each fleet.

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

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