

# 2026 Junior Sailing Summer Camps

hosted by North Flathead Yacht Club

Ages 8-17, no sailing experience required

Join us for a fun, skills-focused junior sailing program on Flathead Lake, with elite instruction from Champion Sailors Namkhai & Sanka Bourquin!

We are thrilled our world class instructors are returning for the 2026 summer:

Namkhai & Sanka Bourquin

In 2025 they managed to participate in six international regattas, Mayan Windfest, WesMex, Trofeo Princesa Sofia, CONADE National Games, ILCA North American and the Olympic Classes regatta.

With podiums and first places in all races in Mexico, and top 15 races at both the North American and OCR.



“There is no better way to learn than from young sailors who have trained and competed at the highest level. Namkhai and Sanka bring energy, skill, and mentorship to every session.”



## Pre-Registration is open to public\*

\*NFYC members get priority until 4/30, public can pre-register and will be waitlisted until 5/1 when placement will be confirmed

Multi-week camps:

6/15-7/09 - 4 week, Monday - Thursday: Adv & Int 7:30 - 11 AM

6/15-6/25 - 2 week, Monday - Thursday\*: Beginner I - 4 PM

6/29-7/09 - 2 week, Monday - Thursday\*: Beginner I - 4 PM

\*Junior Flagship Regatta will be Thursday MORNING July 9th at 8AM - no afternoon session to follow.

One week camps:

7/27-7/31 - Int/Adv RACE week - 4 day race focus, regatta on Friday\*

7/27-7/31 - Beginner RACE week - 4 day race focus, regatta on Friday\*

\*JR Montana Cup Regatta, 7/31 @ 9AM - no PM session, additional regatta fees TBD

8/03-8/07 - Adv & Int 7:30 - 11 AM | Beginner I - 4 PM

8/10-8/14 - Adv & Int 7:30 - 11 AM | Beginner I - 4 PM

8/17-8/21 - Adv & Int 7:30 - 11 AM | Beginner I - 4 PM

Public: \$250/week/sailor

NFYC Member: \$150/week/sailor

Location: North Flathead Yacht Club, 200 Lesley Ave, Somers, MT

Ages: 8-17 | All skill levels welcome

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) or follow the link in this QR Code:



Questions? Contact: Junior Sailing Director, Sarah Stahlberg [nfycjuniorsailing@gmail.com](mailto:nfycjuniorsailing@gmail.com) or 406-239-6354



# Boats in our Junior Sailing Fleet

## Laser Dinghies (ILCA 4, ILCA 7)

- Type: Single-handed performance dinghy
- Used in: Olympic and World Championship racing
- Best for: Older or more experienced youth sailors
- Why we love it: Fast, challenging, and all about skill. Our campers sail the same boats used in international competition.

## Optimist Dinghies (Opti)

- Type: Single-handed youth dinghy
- Used in: Youth programs worldwide, ages 8-15
- Best for: Beginners and younger sailors
- Why we love it: The Opti is the most popular learn-to-sail boat in the world. It's stable, safe, and the perfect platform to build confidence on the water.

## Flying Junior (FJ)

- Type: Two-person training and racing dinghy
- Used in: High school, college, and junior regattas
- Best for: Intermediate sailors learning teamwork
- Why we love it: Great for teaching spinnaker handling, communication, and balance—plus, they're fun and quick.

## RS Feva (Feva S)

- Type: Modern double-handed dinghy with spinnaker
- Used in: International youth racing and adventure sailing
- Best for: All-around sailors—adventurous and competitive
- Why we love it: It's colorful, fast, forgiving, and durable. A fun step between Optis and high-performance boats.