



Notice of Race
Bellingham Youth Regatta
Bellingham Yacht Club
August 7-8, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA): Bellingham Yacht Club and the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, as modified by the NWYRC Notice of Series, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class rules shall be observed and enforced by the competitors, except that competitors may use a “club sail” in place of a class approved sail, provided it is of the same size, shape, material, and construction.
- 1.3 In the event of a protest, boats are exempted from displaying a red protest flag (this modifies Opti Class rules). These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the C420, CFJ, Laser/ILCA (Standard, Radial, 4.7), and Optimist (Champ and Green fleet) classes whose crew(s) meet the eligibility criteria defined in the NWYRC Notice of Series.
- 2.2 Fleets must have three (3) boats registered by Wednesday August 4th to qualify for a start.
- 2.3 Classes not mentioned above with at least five (5) boats sailed by eligible NWYRC competitors may petition for entry. Additional classes are subject to the same cut off and registration dates.
- 2.4 All sailors must be registered with the NWYRC. [CLICK HERE](#) to register (It’s FREE!).

3 REGISTRATION & ENTRY

- 3.1 An entry fee of \$50 for double-handed classes (per boat) and \$30 for singlehanded classes (per boat) shall be collected in advance of the regatta either online or during registration.
- 3.2 There will be no lunches or other meals provided by the host organization.
- 3.3 Competitors shall register online via the [ClubSpot Event Website](#). Entries must be received by Wednesday, August 4, 2021, otherwise, a \$20 late fee shall be charged. Registration will close at 1100 on Saturday August 7th, 2021.
- 3.4 A registration table located at the Bellingham Public Boat Launch will be staffed on Saturday morning from 0930-1100. All competitors must check in at the registration table on Saturday morning.

4 SCHEDULE

Friday, August 6th, 2021	Saturday, August 7, 2021	Sunday, August 8, 2021
1900 Virtual Skippers Meeting	0930 – 1100 Registration Rigging Launching	0830-1000 Rigging / Launch
Click for ZOOM LINK	Noon First Warning	1100 First Warning
		1500 No Starts after this time

*Any changes to the schedule will be directly communicated to competitors 24 hours prior to said change

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be published online on the [Event Website](#) at least 24 hours prior to the First Warning. There will be no printed sailing instructions.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The main race course will be located in the waters of Bellingham Bay, between Fairhaven and Squalicum Harbor. A separate Opti Green Fleet course will be located just off Zuanich Point Park.
- 6.2 The Race Committee and coaches will attempt to help tow sailors to the racing area. Sailors should be prepared to leave the dock 1-hour prior to the first warning each day to ensure they arrive to the race course in time.

7 NUMBER OF RACES

- 7.1 For all classes, 10 races are scheduled during the two day regatta, conditions permitting. No more than six (6) races shall be conducted in a single day.
- 7.2 A minimum of one race shall constitute a regatta.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 This regatta shall be scored in accordance to Appendix A.
- 8.2 Results of this regatta will count toward the 2021 NWYRC Summer Series overall standings

9 LAUNCHING & STORAGE

- 9.1 Competitors shall launch and store their boats at the Bellingham Public Boat ramp on Saturday night in an area designated by the Regatta Organizers.
- 9.2 The Bellingham Yacht Club will be closed to all competitors and parents. Boats shall not be launched at the BYC.
- 9.3 BYC Opti and FJ charters are located on the Zuanich Youth Dock (see map), and should be returned there at the end of each day.

10 GREEN FLEET

- 10.1 BYC will provide a Green Fleet coach or coaches depending on turnout. Green Fleet coaches from other teams are welcome to assist, provided they are willing to help all green fleters.
- 10.2 Green Fleet will race on a separate course immediately in front of Zuanich Park. Green Fleet will meet at 11am on the Zuanich Youth Dock each morning for a briefing with the coaches.
- 10.3 Green fleet will take a minimum of one shore break during the day.
- 10.4 Green fleet will start using the 3-minute starting sequence per Appendix-U.
- 10.5 Green Fleet courses will be announced by the coaches at the morning briefing each day.
- 10.6 Unofficial results may be published for Green Fleet, but no prizes or series points will be awarded.
- 10.7 Green Fleet charters are free, but subject to availability. Sailors must reserve/confirm a green fleet charter by contacting Shea Walker at youthsailing@byc.org.

11 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 11.1 Except in the case of emergencies, support and spectator boats must remain a distance of 75 feet from the racing area at all times, and shall not cause significant wake in the racing area.
- 11.2 Coaches and spectators must carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF Channel 72 at all times. Support and spectator boats shall provide assistance to competitors if so directed by the Race Committee.
- 11.3 Coach and support boats may be kept in the water Saturday night at either the Zuanich Youth Dock or the BYC guest dock.

12 SAFETY

- 12.1 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

- 12.2 Competitors shall carry a bowline of at least 20' which is to remain affixed to a tow point at all times while racing.
- 12.3 Competitors, parents, and coaches must follow all relevant COVID-19 precautions and guidance. Non-vaccinated individuals, including children, are expected to wear a mask when on shore, whether that's in the parking lot or on the docks. Masks are not required when sailing. Please refrain from crowding or gathering in busy areas, socialize responsibly before/after racing, practice good hand washing hygiene, and self-monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, coughing etc. Any individual with a known COVID-19 exposure, suspected exposure, or COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of the regatta should follow CDC guidance and self-isolate. There are certain exceptions to this rule for fully vaccinated individuals and others on the [CDC's "When to Quarantine"](#) page. When in doubt, please stay home. We will happily issue a refund.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizers, hosts, and sponsors of this series will not accept liability for property damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any NWYRC regatta.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded proportionately, based on the number of entries registered prior to the registration deadline. There may be an informal awards ceremony in the parking lot after racing.

15. CHARTERS

There are a limited number of charters available for this regatta. Boats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Boats available for charter are FJs (\$40) and Optis (\$20 for Champ Fleet, free for Green). Sailors are expected to return the boats in good working order. To reserve a charter, please contact BYC Coach Shea Walker at youthsailing@byc.org

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Regatta Chair: Shea Walker at youthsailing@byc.org or NWYRC Series Chair: Andrew Nelson at ysd@thesailingfoundation.org

Attachment A “Squalicum Harbor Map”



Attachment B “Bellingham Bay Racing Venue”

