



Notice of Race
Bellingham Youth Regatta
Bellingham Yacht Club
July 30-31, 2022

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 (RWB 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 July 27th 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 \$85 for double-handed classes (per boat) and \$45 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 provided by the host organization. A food truck will be parked outside the BYC clubhouse from 5pm to 8pm on Saturday after racing. The club will be open to parents and spectators during the day.
- 3.3 One regatta tech shirt per sailor is included with each on-time entry. Late registrations are subject to shirt availability.
- 3.4 Competitors shall register online via the [ClubSpot Event Website](#). Entries must be received by 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, otherwise, a \$20 late fee shall be charged and a tech shirt will not be included in registration. Registration will close at 1700 on Friday July 29th, 2022.
- 3.5 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

Saturday July 30, 2022		Sunday July 31, 2022	
0930 - 1100	Check-In Rigging Launching	0830 - 1000	Rigging / Launching
1100	Competitors meeting at the boat launch	1100	First Warning
Noon	First Warning	1500	No starts after this time
1600-2000	Food truck in front of BYC	After racing	Awards at the BYC clubhouse

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 race courses will be located in the waters of Bellingham Bay, between Fairhaven and Squalicum Harbor.
- 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 2022 NWCYC 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 Boats shall not be launched in front of the Bellingham Yacht Clubhouse. That area is reserved for coach and spectator boat storage.
- 9.3 BYC Opti, Laser, and FJ charters are located on the Zuanich Youth Dock (see map).

10 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Coach and support boats may be kept in the water Saturday night at either the Zuanich Youth Dock or the BYC guest dock. Please bring a cable or chain to secure your coach rib overnight.

11 SAFETY

- 11.1 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.

- 11.2 Competitors shall carry a bowline of at least 20' which is to remain affixed to a tow point at all times while racing.
12. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, 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.
- 13 **PRIZES**
Prizes will be awarded proportionately, based on the number of entries registered prior to the registration deadline.
- 14 **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. There is a \$20 charter fee per boat. Sailors are expected to return the boats in good working order. Contact Shea Walker about charters at youthsailing@byc.org
- 15 **FURTHER INFORMATION**
For further information, please contact the Regatta Chair: Shea Walker at youthsailing@byc.org
For registration assistance, please contact Andrew Nelson at ysd@thesailingfoundation.org

Attachment A “Squalicum Harbor Map”



Attachment B “Bellingham Bay Racing Venue”

