



BELLINGHAM YOUTH REGATTA AUGUST 11 – 12, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for this event for the Regatta is Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC) in conjunction with the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit (NWYRC)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as modified by the [NWYRC Notice of Series](#), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions for this Regatta.
- 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 dimensions, of similar construction, and provides no added advantage.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is modified as follows: Competitors are required to wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III non-inflatable personal flotation devices (PFD) at all times while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable devices are not considered approved PFDs.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Regatta is open to boats of the **CFJ** (non-spinnaker), **Club 420** (Spin & Trap), **Laser** (Standard, Radial, & 4.7), and **Optimist** classes (including **Optimist Green Fleet**). The age/eligibility rules of the Optimist Class and NWYRC shall both apply.
 - 2.1.1. Optimist Green Fleet is intended for novice Optimist sailors. (See NWYRC’s Optimist Green Fleet Explained <http://www.nwyouthsailing.org/racing/opti-racing-explained>)
- 2.2. A Class must have at least three boats registered to qualify for a start.
- 2.3. In order to compete in the NWYRC Summer Series, sailors must register with the NWYRC ([Click Here](#)) and meet the eligibility criteria as described in the NWYRC Notice of Series.

3. REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. Online pre-registration is strongly encouraged at the link below.
<https://www.regattatoolbox.com/eventDetails?eventID=TCpekqntlM>. On-site registration will be available Saturday morning between 0930 and 1100.
- 3.2. An entry fee of \$45 (\$60 at the door) for singlehanded classes (per boat), \$70 (\$85 at the door) for double-handed classes (per boat) and Optimist Green Fleet (per boat) \$20 will apply. Advanced payment online is preferred. Make checks (payable in US funds only) payable to Bellingham Yacht Club.
- 3.3. Entry fee covers lunches both days and dinner Saturday night, breakfast Sunday morning and pizza after racing on Sunday. Competitors will also receive a T-shirt. Extra dinner tickets are available for purchase upon registration at a cost of \$10/ticket.

4. RACING AREA AND VENUE

- 4.1. The racing area will be the waters of Bellingham Bay in front of the Zuanich Point Park.
- 4.2. Optimist and Optimist Green Fleets will race on a separate course from all other fleets.



- 4.3. Registration, meals, skippers meeting, and awards will all take place at the Bellingham Yacht Club. Boats may be launched at Squalicum Harbor Gate 3, or at the Squalicum Harbor public boat launch. (see attached map for details)
- 4.4. Towing – All Competitors should carry a 20+’ bow line. This bowline should remain affixed and ready to use while afloat, including racing. Tows will be available for competitors not accompanied by a coach each morning. There will be tows departing from both BYC and Squalicum Harbor (Boat launch and Gate 3).
- 4.5. Boat Storage - Boats may be stored on Saturday evening in the parking lot near the boat launch or on limited space on the float directly under the Bellingham Yacht Club.

5. SCHEDULE (Times may be subject to change)

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018

0930	Registration Open (Rigging & Launching)
1100	Mandatory Competitors Meeting @ BYC
1230	First Warning Signal
1830 (approx.)	Dinner Post Racing

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018

0800	Report Time & Breakfast
1030	First Warning Signal
1430	No Starts after this Time
1600	Awards & Pizza

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for pick up on Saturday morning at the registration table.

7. NUMBER OF RACES

- 7.1. For all classes, except Opti Green Fleet, 12 races are scheduled during the Regatta, with a maximum of 8 races per day.
- 7.2. A minimum of one race shall constitute a Regatta.

8. SCORING & PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 8.1. The Low-Point Scoring System as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing “Appendix A” and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 8.2. Results of this Regatta will count toward the 2018 NWYRC Summer Series.

9. COACHING

- 9.1. Coaching on the water is permitted between races. After the Warning Signal for a given race, coaching shall cease until a competitor has finished that race. To avoid any interference with boats still racing, competitors shall be required to sail to an area at least 75 feet away from the Start/Finish Line when meeting with coach/support boats.
- 9.2. Coaching while racing is permitted in cases when novice racers are slowing the progress of the Regatta. Coaches shall only coach the back “10%” of the fleet if this is the case, except for Optimist Green Fleet in which all sailors may be coached.
- 9.3. Coach boats may be kept in the water at the BYC guest docks Saturday night.



10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews of the top three finishers in each eligible class. Except for Optimist Green Fleet who shall all receive participation awards.

11. CHARTER BOATS

11.1 A limited number of loaner boats are available for charter. Charter fees are: \$30 – FJ, \$30 Laser, and \$30 Champ Fleet Optis. Please submit your request during online registration, through your coach, or by contacting the regatta chair (see below). Loaner Boat requests must be made by Thursday August 9th.

11.2 **Opti Green Fleet charters are available FREE OF CHARGE.** The same RSVP deadline/process applies.

12. CAMPING

Complementary Camping is provided by Bull Frog Boats LLC. Located on private property approx. 2 miles north of the Marina. Camping RSVPs should be made during online registration or by notifying the regatta chair (see below). Sailors must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the regatta website <https://www.regattatoolbox.com/eventDetails?eventID=TCpekqntlM>, or contact Regatta chair Dale Serbousek at: Dale@BellinghamSelect.com or 360.201-7717



BYC Youth Regatta Layout

