

2020 Spring Development Series

Northwest Youth Racing Circuit (NWYRC)

Notice of Series



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1. RULES

Each regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, this Notice of Series, plus the Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions issued by the organizers of each individual regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 This series is designed for sailors who have not yet entered high school and are in grades 8 or below.
- 2.2 All eligible competitors residing in Washington and Oregon **must** be members of the NWYRC (It's FREE!). [Join NWYRC Here](#)
- 2.3 The following classes are invited to all Spring Development Series Regattas
 - Optimist (no fleet distinction)
 - Doublehanded "Non-Spinnaker" Division (FJ or 420 depending on host venue)
 - Scrimmage Fleet - No scores kept, open to Opti and FJ/420

3. FEES

There is no series entry fee. Individual regatta fees are at the discretion of each host and may be up to \$10.

4. DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

This regatta is tailored to novice/intermediate racers who are gearing up for the NWYRC Summer Series or belong to a middle school or Opti team team etc. In consideration of this development aspect, the following format/procedures are in place:

- 4.1 One-day regattas with no frills and nominal entry/charter fees
- 4.2 Three minute start sequence per RRS Appendix U
- 4.3 Short 15-20 minute races with emphasis on running several races in a timely manner
- 4.4 Open coaching for the back third of the fleet during racing

5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

Development Regatta #1, March 14th @ Narrows (West Shore Marina)
Development Regatta #2, April 18th @ Willamette Sailing Center
Development Regatta #3, May 9th @ Olympia Yacht Club

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES OF RACE

- 6.1 Separate Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race shall be published by each host club.
- 6.2 All Notices of Race shall be posted at nwyouthsailing.org on the NWYRC page. Hosts are also encouraged to post these documents to their website.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 Individual regattas shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 7.2 The NWYRC series scores shall be calculated according to a High Point Scoring methodology.
- 7.3 A sailor's overall finishing position at the end of a regatta will be used to determine the number of points earned for said regatta, not the individual races within that regatta.
- 7.4 Point values for each NWYRC regatta are calculated as follows: $(N-X) + 1$, where number of entries (N) minus overall finishing position (X), plus one (+1), equals the number of points earned.
- 7.5 Competitors shall only receive points at a regatta when competing in a fleet which has at least three (3) registered entries prior to the registration deadline and those entries meet the eligibility requirements.
- 7.6 In the event of a tie between two or more boats in the overall NWYRC series standings, the tie breaking formula described in Appendix A (Rule A8) shall be used, except that regatta scores shall be used in place of scores from individual races.
- 7.7 The Optimist Class shall be scored collectively. No distinction will be made between ages/RWB fleet assignments
- 7.8 For double-handed classes, points will be awarded to the skipper. A skipper may sail with multiple crews during the series, however it is their responsibility to report which crew(s) should be recognized in the overall standings and included on the perpetual trophy (if applicable).

8. NWYRC AWARDS

Prizes and awards for individual regattas are at the discretion of each host club.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information please contact the representatives of the host clubs below.

Development Regatta #1, March 14th @ Narrows, Ashley Nelson sailingdirector@ghycjuniorsail.org 253-720-9374

Development Regatta #2, April 18th @ Willamette Sailing Center, Matt Berger mberger@oregonyouthsailing.org 516-413-0658

Development Regatta #3, May 9th @ Olympia Yacht Club, Sarah Hanavan oychighschoolsailing@gmail.com 206-931-8802