

2023 NWYRC Summer Series

Northwest Youth Racing Circuit



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Notice of Series & Amendment 1

1. RULES

- 1.1 Each regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, this Notice of Series, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions issued by the organizers of each individual regatta.
- 1.2 Class rules are to be observed and enforced by competitors, with the following exceptions:
 - 1.2.1 “Club” or “practice” sails are permissible in all fleets, provided they are of the same size, shape, material, and of similar construction compared to class legal sails.
 - 1.2.2 Class membership is not required to participate in the NWYRC Summer Series.
- 1.3 Coaching the back 25% during races is permitted in cases where novice racers are slowing the progress of the regatta. Coaches must avoid interfering with the race of other sailors. This changes RRS 41.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 Sailors who have not yet reached their 19th birthday are invited to participate in the NWYRC, except that recent high school graduates, age 19, may compete the summer immediately after graduation.
- 2.2 The determining date for Opti fleet placement in the series shall be the sailor’s age as of the last NWYRC summer regatta. Opti class rules regarding age limits shall also apply.
- 2.3 All eligible competitors residing in Washington and Oregon **must** be members of the NWYRC (It’s FREE!). Sailors from British Columbia are also encouraged to join. [Join NWYRC Here](#)
- 2.4 Sailors must register separately for each individual regatta through the host club.
- 2.5 The following classes have a standing invitation to all NWYRC regattas, unless specifically stated otherwise.
 - Optimist (Green, White, Blue, Red)
 - Laser/ILCA Dinghy (4.7, Radial, and Standard- Scored separately)
 - Doublehanded Development Fleet (FJ or similar depending on event)
 - Club 420 (with Spin/Trap)
 - 29er
- 2.6 Individual host clubs may welcome additional dinghy classes to compete in conjunction with their NWYRC regatta, however only the classes listed above shall be scored in the series.

3. FEES

There is no series entry fee. However, each host may charge a regatta entry fee.

4. SCHEDULE FOR 2023

- June 24-25 Dave French Memorial Regatta @Oak Harbor (Whidbey Is, WA)
- July 15-16 WIND Regatta @Columbia Gorge Racing Association (Cascade Locks, OR)
- Aug 5-6 Bellingham Youth Regatta @Bellingham YC & Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch

- Aug 19-20 JAM @Port Madison YC (Bainbridge Island, WA)
- Aug 26-27 US Sailing Junior Olympics @Corinthian YC of Seattle (Shilshole, hosted by Seattle YC)
- Sept. 9-10 Octoberfest @Sail Sand Point (Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA)

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES OF RACE

- 5.1 Separate Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race shall be published by each host club.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Questions regarding details about individual regattas should be directed to the host club.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 Individual regattas shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 6.2 The NWYRC series scores shall be calculated using a modified High Point Scoring methodology.
- 6.3 A sailor's overall finishing position at the end of each regatta shall be used to determine the number of points earned for that regatta, not the individual races within the regatta.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 The completion of one race (minimum) shall constitute a regatta, unless otherwise prescribed by the event organizers in the Notice of Race.
- 6.6 Competitors who register for a regatta, but do not attend shall be awarded zero (0) points, and are not included when determining the point values for other competitors within that regatta.
- 6.7 Competitors who meet the eligibility criteria but reside outside of Washington or Oregon and are not members of the NWYRC, shall be included when calculating regatta point totals. However, those not meeting the eligibility criteria (i.e. adults) shall be excluded when calculating regatta point totals.
- 6.8 Competitors shall only receive points at a regatta when competing in a class which has at least three (3) entries which start at least one race during the regatta.
- 6.9 A competitor's NWYRC series score shall be the sum total of their best regatta finishes as described below.
 - 6.9.1 If a class is present at five (5) or six (6) NWYRC regattas, then a competitor's top four (4) scores shall be counted in that class.
 - 6.9.2 If a class is present at four (4) NWYRC regattas, then a competitor's top three (3) scores shall be counted in that class.
 - 6.9.3 A class which is not present in at least four (4) NWYRC regattas shall not be eligible for overall series awards or honors.
- 6.10 In the event of a tie between two or more boats in the overall NWYRC series standings, the tie breaking formula described in RRS Appendix A (Rule A8) shall be used, except that regatta scores shall be used in place of scores from individual races. Ties occurring outside of podium positions shall remain unbroken.
- 6.11 With the exception of Green Fleet, the Optimist Class shall be scored collectively, although regatta organizers may extract separate results to recognize top finishers in the White, Blue, and Red fleets.
- 6.12 Laser/ILCA Dinghy classes shall be scored separately. Scores may not be substituted when sailing with different rigs.
- 6.13 For all double-handed classes, points will be awarded to the skipper. A skipper may sail with multiple crews during the series. It is their responsibility to report which crew(s) should be recognized in the overall standings and included on the perpetual trophy (if applicable).

7. NWYRC AWARDS

- 7.1 Overall winners of each class shall have their name(s) engraved on the NWYRC perpetual

plaques/trophies.

- 7.2 In addition to plaques, there will be a number of prizes given to the top overall finishers in each fleet. These prizes will be proportionate to the overall size of the fleet.
- 7.3 Prizes and awards for individual regattas are encouraged. The awarding of such prizes is at the discretion of each host club.

8. 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.

9. RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

Regatta and series organizers reserve the right to use the likeness of sailors and other individuals in attendance at NWYRC events. Photos and other images will be used for promotional purposes only, and will not be sold to third parties. Anyone objecting to the use of their likeness, or their child's, should contact the series organizer in writing stating so.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact the representatives of the host clubs listed below. Questions about the series can be directed to Haley Lhamon, NWYRC Series Chair, at coach@bhssailing.org.

- June 24-25 Dave French Memorial Regatta @Oak Harbor (Whidbey Is, WA)—Shawn O'Connor sailingwildcats@gmail.com
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- Aug 26-27 US Sailing Junior Olympics @Corinthian YC of Seattle (Shilshole, hosted by Seattle YC)—Christina Travis ChristinaT@seattleyachtclub.org
- Sept. 9-10 Octoberfest @Sail Sand Point (Seattle, WA)—Nora Gallogly nora@sailsandpoint.org