



## BELLINGHAM YOUTH REGATTA

AUGUST 6 – 7, 2016

### 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 (<http://www.nwyouthsailing.org/nwyc.html>), 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.
- 1.4. Starts shall be conducted in accordance with RRS 26 (5 Minute Sequences).

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Regatta is open to boats of the CFJ (non-spinnaker), Lasers (Standard, Radial, 4.7), 29er and Optimist (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 only. (See NWYRC's Optimist Green Fleet Explained <http://www.nwyouthsailing.org/opti-racing-explained-1.html>)
- 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. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Competitors may sign up online ([Click Here](#)). On-site registration will be available Saturday morning between 1030 and 1200.
- 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 on Saturday night. There will be 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 OTHER REGATTA VENUE INFORMATION

- 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.

- 4.4. Towing – All Competitors should be ready and equipped to be towed to the race course. All competitors shall carry a 20' bow line to remain affixed to a towing point while racing. Tows will be available for competitors not accompanied by a coach. The Optimist tow will leave from the Squalicum Harbor Gate 3 area.
- 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 (all times are approximate and subject to change)**

Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016

1030 – 1200 Registration / Rigging / Launch  
 1200 Mandatory Competitors Meeting @ BYC  
 1330 First Warning Signal

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016

0800 Report Time & Breakfast  
 1000 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, 10 races are scheduled during the Regatta, conditions permitting.
- 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 2015 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.

**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. FURTHER INFORMATION** - For further information please visit the Regatta website <http://jrskitosea.byc.org>, or contact Regatta chair Jonathan Knowles at: [jon@latitude48north.com](mailto:jon@latitude48north.com) or 360.303-5465