

Notice of Race

Flathead Lake Laser Championship

Formerly

The District 22 Laser Championships

North Flathead Yacht Club

August 17 – 18, 2013



Host Club

North Flathead Yacht Club, Somers, Montana will be the host club and organizing authority for the Flathead Lake Laser Championship, to be held August 17th – 18th, 2013. See attachment A for location of the yacht club.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and this Notice Of Race, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility and Entry

All Laser sailboats and sailors are welcome. No master's categories will be acknowledged. Rigs may be swapped (4.7, Radial, Full and back) at anytime (on land only) throughout the event.

Two fleets will be acknowledged at this regatta, Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet. Competitors must select which fleet they will participate in prior to the Competitors Meeting at 8:00am Saturday morning. Once a competitor selects their fleet they may not alter their fleet assignment for the remainder of the regatta. Both fleets will start on the same starting line using the same starting signal sequence. Both fleets will finish on the same finish line. The Gold Fleet will sail to a farther weather mark than the Silver Fleet and will sail a slightly longer overall course. It is anticipated that the competitors with less racing experience and/or dated equipment would select the Silver Fleet, those with extensive experience and newer equipment would select the Gold Fleet. Separate prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes will be offered to both fleets. A minimum of three registered boats are required to constitute a fleet.

By offering two fleet options the organizers are hoping Laser racing and this Laser regatta will appeal to a wider range of sailors. Competitors do not need extensive sailing experience to participate in this regatta. It is anticipated that both fleets will finish races at roughly the same time enabling the race committee to run back-to-back races with minimal wait time between races.

Sailors may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to North Flathead Yacht Club, P.O. Box 208, Somers, Montana 59932. Entries will be accepted, on site, up to the day of the race.

Fees

Adult registration: \$45

Youth (age 16 and under) registration: \$35

Sponsors

This year the Flathead Lake Laser Championship is pleased to acknowledge its major sponsor Sail Montana.

<http://www.sailmontana.com/>

Risk

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

Schedule of events

Friday, August 16th (warm up race – not scored)

- Registration from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- On Course Race Warning Signal 7:00 pm (the warm-up race will be in conjunction with NFYC's regularly scheduled Friday Evening "POETS" series race and will not be scored as a part of this regatta).
- Fireside Gathering after race

Saturday, August 17th

- Registration and continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8:00 am
- Competitors' Meeting 8:00 am
- On Course Race Warning Signal for all Laser Sailors (Gold and Silver Fleets) 9:00am
- No races will be started after 5:00pm
- Dinner at 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 18th

- Continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8:00 am
- On Course Race Warning Signal 9:00am
- No races will be started after 2:30pm
- Awards ceremony after Racing

Gold and Silver Fleets will run concurrently and will start on the same starting line; however the course length will vary between the Fleets. Races will be sailed on Windward/Leeward or Windward/Reaching/Leeward courses set approx 1 mile out in the lake taking advantage of the steady morning thermal. A total of ten (10) races are scheduled for both Fleets. Two (2) races qualify as a regatta. If more than five (5) races are completed there will be one (1) throw out race.

Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the time of race registration.

Facility

The North Flathead Yacht Club has ample lawn space for tent camping and ample parking lot space for RV camping at no charge. Rest room and shower facilities are available at no charge. There are no RV hookups or dump station. There are good launching and storage facilities for Lasers and dollies prior to and throughout the regatta.

Further Information

For further information please contact the club website at www.nfyc.org or Tim Sauer at, tjasauer@msn.com (406) 661-3513.

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Total Amount: _____

SAIL NO. _____ FLEET DESIGNATION (GOLD OR SILVER) _____

SKIPPER _____ AGE (If sailing in youth races) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ YACHT CLUB _____

EMAIL _____

Please read carefully and sign below.

I understand that the safety of my boat and myself, and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race, are my responsibility and not that of the North Flathead Yacht Club or the North Flathead Yacht Club Race Committee. In consideration of the Committee's acceptance of this entry, I for myself and my heirs, legal representative, successors and assigns, hereby hold harmless and waive any and all claims which I and any of them may at any time have against the North Flathead Yacht Club, it's officers, members, and any of their employees and agents arising out of my participation in this event.

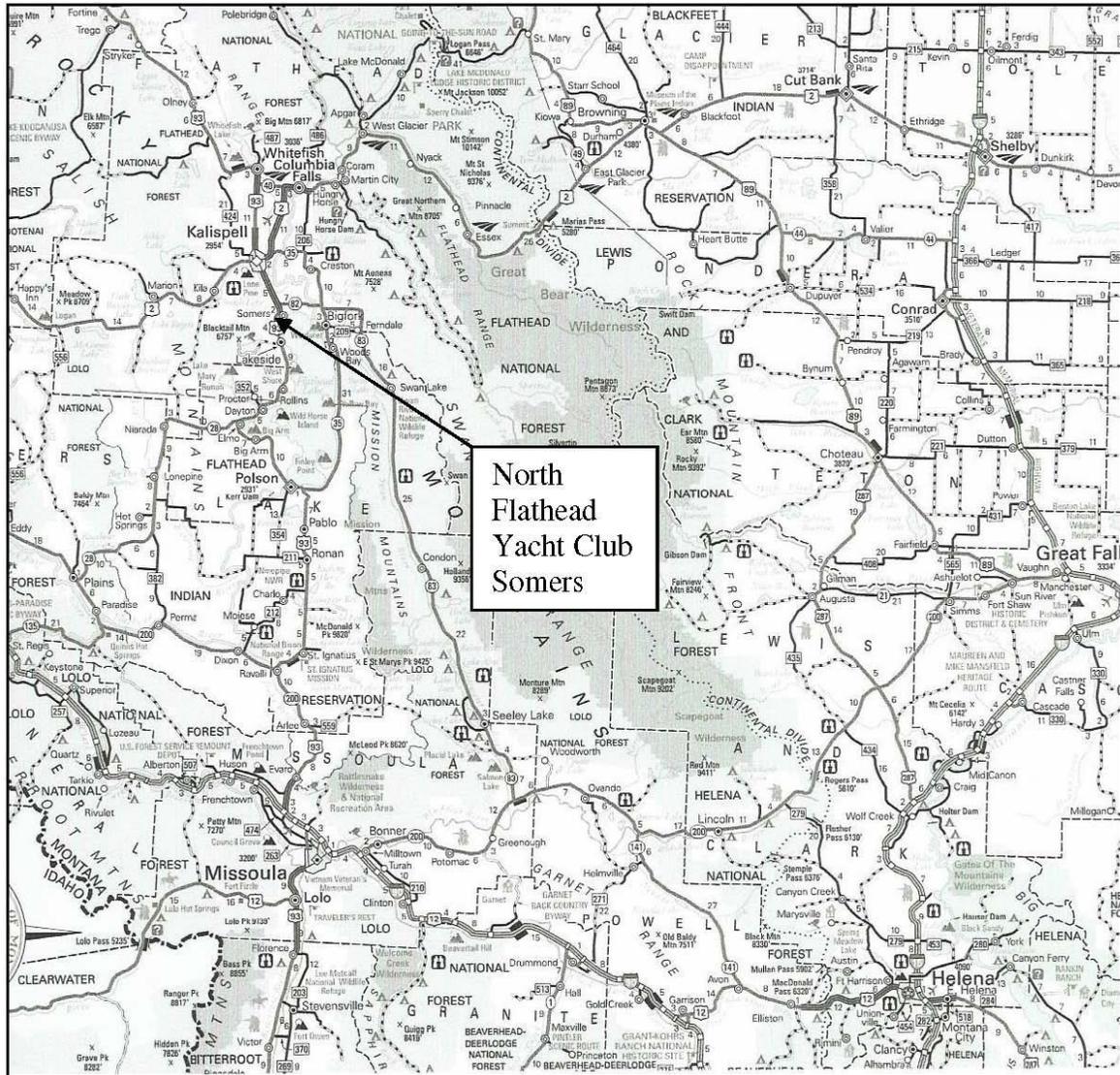
SIGNATURE OF SKIPPER (or legal guardian) and DATE

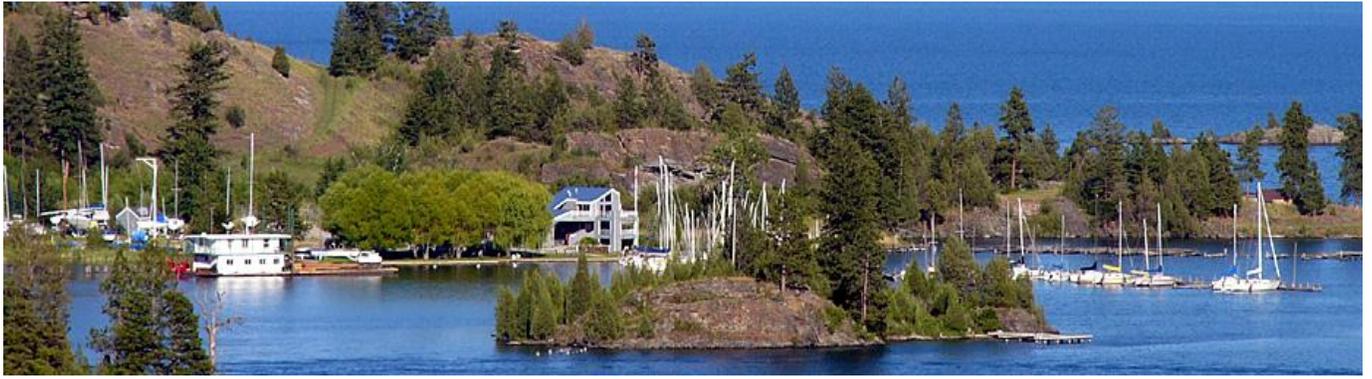
PLEASE PRINT NAME

Make **check** payable to: NFYC

Mail to: NFYC
 Box 208
 Somers, MT 59932

Attachment A





North Flathead Yacht Club

