



**2026 Fall North Regional Regatta
October 3rd & 4th
Bellingham, WA**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2029, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the NWISA District Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted and will not apply.
- 1.3. Under rule 70.5(a), the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.4. CFJ class rules will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. This is an 'Open Regatta' as described in the NWISA District Rules. 'Active' and 'Mixed' teams may attend.
- 2.2. Teams shall be comprised of a minimum of 4 sailors. Multiple teams per school are allowed (limited by boat availability).
- 2.3. Teams shall be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach, or parent recognized by the school.
- 2.4. Sailors must be registered and approved by NWISA prior to competing. The Fall priority deadline for NWISA Sailor Registration is 11:59pm on 9/11/2026. Any sailor registering after this date must alert the NWISA board (mailto:nwisaboard@nwisa.com) of their registration. The NWISA Board makes no guarantee of the timeliness of the approval of sailors registering after 9/11/2026, and no sailor registering after 11:59pm the Tuesday before an event will be approved.
 - 2.4.1. The penalty for sailing an unregistered sailor will be a GDQ penalty for all divisions with an unregistered sailor competing, and loss of all qualification/rankings points earned at the event.

3. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEE:

- 3.1. Eligible schools shall register through the NWISA website link. Registration is on a first come, first served if berths are limited.
- 3.2. Registration closes Wednesday, September 30th at 2200. Additional registrations are allowed after this time, but teams may be turned away if event capacity is reached.
- 3.3. Teams unable to compete once registration closes shall notify the regatta chair as soon as possible.
- 3.4. \$10 entry fee per sailor.
- 3.5. Each competing program must have a damage deposit on file with NWISA per District rule 7.3.

4. BOATS AND FORMAT:

- 4.1. Whatcom Sailing will provide 10 FJs.
- 4.2. Teams may be asked to bring additional FJs and sails to complete the fleet.
- 4.3. The format will consist of two races followed by a boat rotation.

5. SCHEDULE:

Saturday, October 3, 2026

1000	<u>Report time.</u> Registration.
1045	Mandatory Competitors' Meeting.
1100	Registration ends.
1130	First warning; sailing will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

0900	<u>Report time.</u>
1015	First warning; sailing will continue throughout the day.
1500	No race will be started after this time.
1530	Results and Awards Presentation.

6. RACING AREA:

All races will be sailed just south of Zuanich Point Park. Boat rotations will occur off the Bellingham Youth Sailing dock located off of Zuanich Point Park in Bellingham.

7. COACHING:

- 7.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from Saturday morning to the end of racing Sunday unless an exception has been explicitly permitted by the regatta chair. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 7.2. Competitors may receive coaching including instructions, assistance, equipment or sustenance only while on the designated rotation float or on shore.

8. VENUE AND PARKING

- 8.1. The address of the regatta site is: Zuanich Point Park, 2600 N Harbor Loop Dr, Bellingham, WA 98225.
- 8.2. Parking is free but limited. More day-of parking information is available in the Sailing Instructions
- 8.3. Public bathrooms and water fountain are available at the Squalicum Boathouse to the north end of the park
- 8.4. There is no designated indoor space for this event. Teams are encouraged to bring folding chairs and tents to spectate
- 8.5. Tents can be set up on the south side of the park along the water's edge. Sailors should make sure to stay clear of the walking path.

9. CONDUCT:

- 9.1. No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the US Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use), or marijuana, cocaine, or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 US Code 802), the possession of which, by that contestant is unlawful under 21 US Code 841.
- 9.2. Infringements of this regulation and/or other inappropriate conduct occurring during the regatta, may be the basis for a hearing under RRS 69.1. The protest committee for such a hearing shall, at a time and place selected by it, meet to hear said protest, and it may impose scoring penalties, or other sanctions that it deems appropriate, including summary removal from the regatta.

10. HOUSING:

- 10.1. Limited housing may be available. Please reach out ASAP for any housing assistance.

11. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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