



NWISA Fleet Race Championships

May 9-10, 2026

Zuanich Point Park, Bellingham, WA



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the ISSA Procedural Rules.
- 1.2. Under ISSA PR 18(a), the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1 are deleted and will not apply.
- 1.4. Races will be judged according to the guidelines for Rule 42 enforcement in Appendix 8 of the ISSA PR.
- 1.5. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The event is a District Championship Regatta as defined by NWISA District Rule 2.3.
- 2.2. Gold competing teams shall be "active" teams as defined in the NWISA District Rules, shall be members of ISSA, and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 2.3. The Gold regatta shall be limited to 20 active teams that have qualified from NWISA Ranking Regattas.
- 2.4. The top-two Gold scores will advance to the Mallory Trophy (National ISSA Fleet Racing Championship) to represent NWISA.
- 2.5. Teams shall be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.
- 2.6. Sailors who skippered at NWISA Open Fleet Race Championships in Anacortes are ineligible to skipper in this regatta.

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. All qualified NWISA teams are encouraged to participate. Teams needing assistance with boats, registration, or other questions about the regatta please contact the regatta host or district representative.
- 3.2. Eligible schools shall register through the NWISA website link.
- 3.3. Teams unable to compete once registration closes shall notify the regatta chair as soon as possible.

4. ENTRY FEE AND WAIVER

- 4.1. [Each competitor must have a signed waiver on file. Please complete the Whatcom Sailing Liability Waiver Form online.](#)

4.2. An entry fee of \$20 per sailor, payable to: “Whatcom Community Sailing,” will be collected at check-in via cash, check or credit card. Please submit one payment per team.

4.3. Entry fee includes light breakfast and snacks, located at the Whatcom Sailing tent.

5. BOATS AND FORMAT

5.1. This regatta will be sailed in ZIM FJs.

5.2. Boat needs shall be determined based on signups. Teams should plan to bring boats as needed to fill the fleet.

6. SCHEDULE

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the top of the dock.

Friday, May 8th, 2026

1600 Registration and boat drop off. Measurement.

1700 Boat drop off and measurement ends.

Saturday, May 9th, 2026

1000 Report time. Registration.

1030 Mandatory Competitors’ Meeting.

1030 Registration ends.

1100 First warning; sailing will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

0900 Report time.

1000 First warning; sailing will continue throughout the day.

1500 No race will be started after this time.

1530 Results and Awards Presentation.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. All races will be sailed on waters directly south of Zuanich Point Park.

7.2. Boat rotations will occur from the Zuanich Point Park Youth Sailing Dock.

8. HOUSING

8.1. Limited housing with local programs will be available by request. Please contact coaches@whatcomsailing.com to request housing as soon as possible.

9. TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION, and PARKING

9.1 Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

9.2. Parking is free

9.3. The address of the rotation dock and regatta viewing area is: **Zuanich Point Park, 2600 N Harbor Loop Dr., Bellingham, Washington 98225.**

9.4. The area where boats and trailers will be stored overnight, and where sailors will start and end each day, is the parking lot of the **Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch, Bellingham, WA 98225.** The address closest to this area is **1801 Roeder Ave # 170, Bellingham, WA 98225.**

9.5. See diagram at end of document for more details.

10. VENUE

10.1. Public bathrooms and water fountain are available at the Squalicum Boathouse to the north end of the park. The bathrooms are on the north side of the building, facing the parking lot.

10.2. There is no designated indoor space for this event. Teams are encouraged to bring folding chairs and tents to spectate, and clean up their trash.

10.3. Tents can be set up on the south side of the park along the water's edge. Tents must be staked or otherwise secured.

10.4. Sailors should make sure to keep the walking path clear and be mindful of other park users.

11. COACHING

11.1. 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.

11.2. Competitors may receive coaching including instructions, assistance, equipment or sustenance only while on the designated rotation float or on shore.

11.3. Race committee and mark boats will communicate on VHF Channel 72.

12. DRONES

12.1. The use of drones is expressly prohibited, as stated in ISSA Procedural Rule 5.2.

13. CONDUCT

13.1. 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), 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.

13.2. 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 removal from the regatta.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS

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Venue and Parking Map

