

2021 SFYC Fall Laser Race Team Information

The San Francisco Yacht Club has one of the most competitive Laser racing teams on the West Coast. Ample dinghy racing experience is required to join the team. Our goal is to create a top-level, single-handed sailing team where the sailors – representing The San Francisco Yacht Club – work together in a culture of trust, commitment, continuous self-improvement, and excellence.

The Laser Race Team is a seasonal commitment of \$1,200 for SFYC members and \$1,600 for non-member. SFYC will provide coaching at all events on the youth calendar as appropriate. Team members must use SFYC coaching at SFYC supported events and are not to hire private coaches. The Team events and support are outlined below.

Tuition, Boat Storage and Registration:

Here at SFYC we aim for low coach to sailor ratios as we find this is to be a major contributing factor towards success along with high-level coaches whom bring sailing experience from all over the country/world. For regattas we will charge a coaching fee that does not include towing or boat transportation. In order to keep cost low we need parents to volunteer to tow the Laser and coach boat trailer to events, otherwise we will have to charge a trailering fee.

In order to send a coach to an event we must require **a minimum of 6 SFYC sailors to participate**. In the case that we do not get enough interest to attend a regatta, it is possible to schedule a home practice at an additional charge. Our tuition is non-refundable and is due prior to the start of each season. Scholarships may be available through the Belvedere Cove Foundation. See 'Information Sources' below.

Practices

Cost for Fall Laser SFYC Members: **\$1,200** (does not include regattas)

Cost for SFYC non-members: **\$1,600** (does not include regattas)

Laser Fall Equipment Charter: **\$450** (includes regattas)

Regatta Coaching Fees (separate from regatta registration fee)

- Ullman Frost #1 @ Alamitos Bay YC (September 4-5): **\$400/sailor**
- Cressy Singlehanded Qualifier (must be in high school) @ US Sailing Center Long Beach (September 25-26): **\$400/sailor**
- Fall Dinghy @ StFYC (October 23-24): **\$150/sailor**
- Junior Olympics @ Santa Cruz YC (October 30-31): **\$250/sailor**
- Ullman Frost #2 @ Alamitos Bay YC (November 20-21): **\$400/sailor**
- Orange Bowl @ Miami, FL (December 26-30): **\$1,000/sailor**

Trailing Fees

In order to get Lasers to these events we will need parent volunteers to help tow the coach boat trailer so our staff can tow the Laser trailer. If we can't get any parent volunteers, then we will have to hire outside help and charge a trailering fee. SFYC has vehicles that can tow so you will not need to use your own vehicle unless you choose to.

Boat Storage

The monthly fee to store your boat here at SFYC is **\$95/month** and will be charged to your member billing quarterly.

Non-members who choose to pay via check can make checks out to:

San Francisco Yacht Club
Youth Sailing
98 Beach Road
Belvedere, CA 94920

ALL SAILORS MUST REGISTER THROUGH ACTIVE

Link:

All decisions regarding program admission and safety will be made by the coaching staff and Sailing Director. Certain weather conditions may require the Sailing Director and Fleet Captain to restrict certain practices for safety reasons. All session fees are nonrefundable.

What does the coaching fee cover? The coaching fee associated with each event is **in addition** to normal Race Team tuition and helps to cover coaching and other expenses like; coach transportation, housing and food; charter coach boat(s) and fuel, coach boat towing, etc. at the regional & national regattas. This fee does not cover Laser boat transportation and/or Laser charters for these regattas although trailers and towing vehicles may be borrowed at the sailors' expense. Grants may be available through the Belvedere Cove Foundation. See 'Information Sources' below.

What if we want to attend a regatta not listed? The San Francisco Yacht Club encourages Laser sailors to travel and race as much as possible and with some organization it is possible to attend events not listed. Expenses for major regattas not listed above need to be covered individually or through financial assistance from outside sources. If you're looking to attend a regatta as part of a group within SFYC then we suggest reaching out to the Youth Sailing Director Abby Featherstone at youth@sfyc.org

Regatta Expectations:

- 1.) SFYC Regatta Sign Up Sheet Policy: Each regatta takes a LOT of planning and will require a commitment at least 4 weeks prior to a regatta. **For each event there is a sign up/drop deadline date, if a sailor is signed up or decides to drop after the deadline there will be a fee.** Personal conversations and/or emails with SFYC staff is not grounds for removal of the fee. It is the sailor's family sole responsibility to sign up or delete the sailor's name from the list. Link to the sign up sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VyHn38oaXObDs49e-k2ZT3UKRTOrmVSZQ2CUid2OZ98/edit#gid=903494692>
- 2.) Boat Loading: It is the responsibility of the sailor and his/her family to get their boat, sails, blades and all other necessary racing equipment to regattas. If a SFYC trailer is transporting boats and equipment then it is the responsibility of the sailor and his/her family to load their boat onto the designated trailer by the designated time, or they can car-top. **Boats and gear must be unloaded from trailers and towing vehicles after travel by the following weekend practice at the latest (unless otherwise noted),** as trailers and vehicles are used for many other purposes and teams.

- 3.) Registration: Each regatta will use a different program for collecting regatta registration and it is the sailor's responsibility to register individually for the event, with the exception being a team racing event. Typically, regattas will use Regatta Toolbox, or Regatta Network.
- 4.) Away-Regattas: Some events will need a parent volunteer to help organize things like hotel, boat charters, team dinners, etc.

Parent Participation – Fund Raising

We expect all families to participate in our fundraising efforts. Our biggest fundraising effort this year will be the BCF Summer event with an auction. We ask for your participation in soliciting donations for this event, and attending if possible.

Parent Participation – Volunteer Hours

We need ongoing help from ALL parents of the team. We ask that all team families help at Youth regattas that the SFYC hosts. In addition, we require all families to contribute twenty volunteer hours to help make our program successful. We have detailed descriptions of many of the ways you can help. If you have not signed up for a volunteer task, one will be assigned to you. Here are some of the ways that parents can make a valued contribution:

- Join the Committee for the BCF Summer Fund Raising event
- Be a Parent Volunteer at a SFYC hosted regatta
- Drive the Laser trailer or coach boat trailer to an away regatta
- Help coordinate travel accommodations for events like Ullman/Frost series, PCC's, etc.

Class Membership

SFYC strongly encourages all race team members to join both the Laser Class Association and US Sailing. These memberships are required at many of the regattas we encourage you to sail in. Membership supports American sailing on many levels.

Information Sources

SFYC youth page & calendar: <https://www.sfyc.org/web/pages/youth-sailing>

Belvedere Cove Foundation: <http://www.belvederecovefoundation.org/>

BAYS: www.bayareayouthsailing.org/

Laser Class Association: <http://www.laser.org/>

US Sailing: <http://www.ussailing.org/>

SFYC Private Practice Policy

Private coaching sessions for one or more sailors may be set up with any SFYC non-salaried employee through the SFYC Youth Office under the following policies.

- 1.) Parents must set up private coaching with the coach. Parent or sailor must be SFYC Member.
- 2.) Sessions must be requested via email at least 2 weeks prior to the sailing date as to be approved by the Youth Sailing Director Abby Featherstone.

- 3.) Once approved, a coach boat will be assigned and coaches will be required to launch and pull coach boats at the beginning/end of each session.
- 4.) Parents' SFYC Member account will be charged for the coaches' rate plus an additional \$25/hour for equipment use and program administration. (No checks or cash.)
- 5.) Coach will be paid their rate through SFYC payroll. Please inquire with Youth Sailing Director Abby Featherstone for coaches' rates.