

2026 SFYC 29er Race Team Handbook

At the San Francisco Yacht Club, we aim to offer a competitive 29er Race Team on the West Coast with the goal of creating and challenging top-level skiff sailors. We require sailors to come in with ample dinghy sailing experience before joining our race team and demand that they represent the San Francisco Yacht Club – by working together in a culture of trust, commitment, continuous self-improvement, and excellence.

The 29er Race Team is a yearly commitment of \$4,325 for SFYC members and \$6,055 for non-members. This fee includes local and some in-state regattas and boat storage, but does NOT include a \$600 boat use fee for those who do not own a 29er. 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.

Here at SFYC we aim for low coach to sailor ratios as we find this to be a major contributing factor towards success along with high-level coaches who bring sailing experience from all over the country/world. This season we will have a flat fee for all practices and some local regattas and will have a separate coaching fee for a-la-carte regattas. This coaching fee does not include towing or boat transportation. To keep cost low we need parents to volunteer to tow coach boat trailers 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.

Tuition

Option 1: Pay per Year

For those of you who choose to pay the annual rate, you will pay an all-in fee that includes coaching at practices and some regattas (see list below) and boat storage. There is a \$600 boat usage fee for those who do NOT own a 29er. This is a one-time fee that will cover usage for the sailing year/season. SFYC Members may choose to pay their tuition monthly through the member billing and will NOT be billed the months of January and December. Non members must either pay via credit card at registration or must mail a check.

Option 2: Pay per Season

For those who choose to participate for part of the year now have the option to sign up for an individual season. The tuition covers coaching at practices and some regattas (See list below) and boat storage. If you are an SFYC Member you will be billed the entire cost of the season at the beginning of the season.

SFYC Members		w/29er	Total	Non Members		w/29er	Total
Annual	\$4,325	\$600	\$4,925	Annual	\$6,055	\$600	\$6,655
Spring	\$2,225	\$600	\$2,825	Spring	\$3,115	\$600	\$3,715
Summer	\$1,750	\$600	\$2,350	Summer	\$2,450	\$600	\$3,050
Fall	\$2,225	\$600	\$2,825	Fall	\$3,115	\$600	\$3,715

Spring (January-May), Summer (June-August 7), Fall (August 8-November)

Option 3: Pay per Day

If you only plan to participate a few times, then you have the option to pay a daily rate for any practice or regatta. The daily rate does not include boat storage. To choose the pay-per-day option you MUST sign up for all practices and regattas on the sign-up sheet provided. Failure to sign up will result in a \$30/fee per practice.

Cost: **\$160/day (SFYC Member)**

Cost: **\$225/day (non-member)**

Regattas/Clinics included in Annual/Seasonal Tuition

- BAYS Winter #3 @ SFYC (February 7-8)
- 29er Midwinters West @ ABYC (March 20-22)
- Elvstrom Zellerbach @ StFYC (May 16-17)
- BAYS Summer #1 @ RYC (June 27-28)
- Ida Lewis @ PYSF (June 29-July 2)
- BAYS Summer #2 @ EYC (July 18-19)
- BAYS Summer #3 @ SFYC (August 1-2)
- Fall Dinghy @ StFYC (TBD)
- BAYS Winter #1 @ TBD (TBD)
- BAYS Winter #2 @ TBD (TBD)

Regattas NOT included in your Tuition

- 29er North Americans @ TBD: **\$TBD/sailor**
- 29er Worlds @ Kiel, Germany (July 2-9): **\$TBD/sailor**

- Youth Champs @ Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (October 9-12): **\$TBD/sailor**

Payment for Non-members

If you're not an SFYC Member, then you have the option to pay via Active Network, although there will be an additional credit card fee added. Please email Abby if you choose to pay via check. Non-members who choose to pay via check can make checks out to:

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

Add/Drop Policy

We will require parents/sailors to sign up no later than a week prior to the practice so that we can schedule the appropriate number of coaches. Also, if you plan to attend a practice with less than a week's notice, we will consider that late and there's a chance your sailor won't be able to participate. An email must be sent to Abby if you'd like to attend a practice on late notice.

Trailing Fees

In order to get 29ers to these events we will need parent volunteers to help tow the coach boat trailer so our staff can tow the 29er trailer. Otherwise, we need sailors to car top their boats so the coach can tow the coach boat. If we can't get any parent volunteers, then we will have to hire outside help and charge a trailing fee. SFYC has vehicles that can tow so you will not need to use your own vehicle unless you choose to.

Boat Storage

Boat storage is offered for members of the 29er Race Team in hopes of allowing easy access to the water for practices. Boats are to be stored in the dry dock area next to the parking lot and allows for one 29er and dolly per 2 team members. Please note that SFYC is not responsible for the loss or theft and we HIGHLY recommend that sailors take their blades, sails, and rigging home at the end of each day. Spars, dolly and hull should be easily identified in order to prevent theft. The monthly fee to store your boat here at SFYC is included in your tuition, otherwise it is \$95/month. You must notify Abby if you add or remove your boat to/from SFYC.

Registration (ALL SAILORS MUST REGISTER THROUGH ACTIVE)

Link: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/SanFranciscoYachtClub?orglink=camps-registration>

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 if we want to attend a regatta not listed? The San Francisco Yacht Club encourages 29er 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

Team 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 are not grounds for removal of the fee. It is the sailor's/parent's sole responsibility to sign up or delete the sailor's name from the list. Link to the sign-up sheet: [click here](#)
- 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. Boat loading for a regatta will take place at the practice before the regatta unless given another time. If you cannot make the practice then you will have to plan a different time to come and load your boat. Typically, you will need at least 2 adults to load a boat if you miss the loading day. **Boats and gear must be unloaded from trailers and towing vehicles after travel before 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 Summer BCF Fund Raising event
- Be a Parent Volunteer at a SFYC hosted regatta
- Drive the 29er trailer or coach boat trailer to an away regatta
- Help coordinate travel accommodations for events like BAYS series, 29er events, etc.

Class Membership

SFYC strongly encourages all race team members to join both the United States 29er 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: <https://www.belvederecovefoundation.org/>

BAYS: www.bayareayouthsailing.org/

US 29er Class: us29er.org

US Sailing: www.ussailing.org/

SFYC Private Practice Policy

Private coaching sessions for sailors may be set up with any SFYC non-salaried employee through the SFYC Youth Office under the following policies. Sessions must be for at least two sailors, or in the case of individual sailors, have a parent or second coach present at all times including on the water. (Per California AB-506 and SafeSport regulations.)

- 1.) Parents must set up private coaching with the coach. Parent or sailor must be an SFYC Member.
- 2.) Sessions must be requested via email at least one week 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, while on private payroll time.
- 4.) Parents' SFYC Member account will be charged for the coaches' hourly rate plus an additional \$25/hour for equipment use, insurance, taxes, 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' hourly rates.