



FJ Frenzy on the Fresh Water

June 22-23, 2024

Notice of Race

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club
7110 NW 25th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, as modified by the NWYRC Notice of Series, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class rules shall be observed and enforced by the competitors, except that competitors may use a “club sail” in place of a class-approved sail, provided it is of the same size, shape, material, and construction.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the FJ (non-spin) class whose sailors meet the eligibility criteria defined in the [NWYRC Notice of Series](#).
- 2.2 Fleets must have three (3) boats registered by Wednesday, June 19, to qualify for a start.
- 2.3 All sailors must be registered with the 2024 NWYRC. [Click Here](#)

3. REGISTRATION & ENTRY

- 3.1. Competitors must register in advance [here](#). Registration and online payment will be accepted up until 16:00 on Friday, June 21st, but we encourage all competitors to register in advance.
- 3.2. For doublehanded classes: The skipper shall register the team. At the time of registration, the skipper must provide the name and contact information for their crew. Crews (or their parents) will then be sent a link to complete registration and sign waiver forms.
- 3.3. An entry fee of \$100 for doublehanded classes shall be collected online in advance of the regatta.
- 3.4. A late fee of \$20 will be added starting Wednesday, June 19.

4 SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 22, 2024	Sunday, June 23, 2024
11:00-12:00 Check-in Rigging & Launching	9:00-10:00 Rigging & Launching
11:30 Safety/Support Boat Mtg	9:30 Safety/Support Boat Meeting
12:00 Competitors Meeting	10:30 First Warning
13:00 First Warning	15:30 No starts after this time
19:30 No starts after this time	~17:00 Awards

*Any changes to the schedule above will be directly communicated to competitors 24 hours prior to said change.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online by Wednesday, June 19. No printed copies will be made available. A copy will be posted on the regatta notice board.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Race courses will be located on the East side of Vancouver Lake launching from the [Vancouver Lake Sailing Club](#). The exact racing area will depend on weather conditions with further details provided at the competitors' meeting.
- 6.2 The race committee and support boats may tow sailors to the racing area. Sailors should be prepared to leave the dock 30 minutes prior to the first warning each day to ensure they arrive at the racecourse in time.

7 NUMBER OF RACES

- 7.1 For all classes, ten (10) races are scheduled for the regatta, conditions permitting. The race committee will not attempt more than seven (7) races per fleet on any single day.
- 7.2 A minimum of one race shall constitute a regatta.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 This regatta shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A.
- 8.2 When five (5) or more races are completed, a competitor's worst score shall be excluded. When ten (10) or more races are completed, a competitor's two (2) worst scores shall be excluded.

9 SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 9.1 Except in the case of emergencies and coaches helping the back 25% of championship fleet as needed, support and spectator boats must remain a distance of 75 feet from the racing area at all times and shall not cause significant wake in the racing area.
- 9.2 Coaches and spectators on the championship course must carry a working VHF radio and monitor VHF Channel 72 at all times. Support and spectator boats shall provide assistance to competitors if so directed by the race committee.

10 SAFETY

- 10.1 Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 10.2 Double handed boats shall carry a bow line of at least 30' which is to remain affixed to a tow point at all times while racing.
- 10.3 Competitors voluntarily participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4 "Decision to Race").

11 BOAT LAUNCHING & STORAGE

- 11.1 Dinghies may use dollies to launch at the VLSC ramp. Competitors' boats and trailers may be stored at VLSC on Friday and Saturday nights. Coach and support boats are able to be launched from the VLSC launch but recommend they do so in advance of competitors and then leave them in the water tied to the Northern most docks. Boats may be left in the water overnight.

11.2 Tidal range is approximately one to two feet but daily water levels fluctuate based on river conditions. For the latest water levels refer to [NOAA Northwest River Forecast](#) at Columbia - Vancouver POP where shallow conditions across the lake can exist below three feet measures.

12 PRIZES

Awards will be given for first through third places.

13 LODGING/CAMPING

Housing and/or camping may be provided upon request. Please contact the regatta chair directly for information. Those wishing to camp may do so on VLSC grounds Friday through Sunday nights. Local hotel options exist within a 10 minute drive.

14 CHARTERS

Two FJs are available for charter at a \$150 fee. Please contact the regatta chair directly to coordinate. The only ask is that if damage occurs those costs are incurred by the chartering team and compensated to VLSC.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Regatta Chair: Chris Thobaben, crthobaben@gmail.com. Cell: 217-506-2749.