



June 15-16, 2024

Shilshole Bay Marina, Seattle

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Race Week Anacortes

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 Applicable One Design and/or applicable Rating/Handicapping System Class Rules, as modified by this NOR and the Sailing Instructions, shall apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.5 Boats other than those racing under One Design Class Rules shall conform to the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations - Category 4.
- 1.6 Racing may occur near active shipping channels which include Traffic Separation Schemes so competitors are advised to pay close attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Competitors will find any/all current requirements posted on the [NOTICE BOARD](#)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by June 1, 2024 on the official [NOTICE BOARD](#). Copies of the SIs will also be distributed during check-in.
- 2.2 Fleets hosting fleet championships will receive a customized SI insert that addresses specific fleet championship Sailing Instructions.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online [NOTICE BOARD](#) link is https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16398
- 3.2 All boats shall carry and monitor an operating VHF radio.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that could provide an advantage.

- 3.5 Commencing at the time 30 minutes prior to the warning signal for the First Start and at all times while racing, a boat shall not operate or receive images or media from a drone (UAV).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to One Design J Boats. Five (5) boats are required to set an independent fleet.
- 4.2 One Design fleets with eight (8) or more boats are invited to use J Fest 2024 to conduct a Nationals or North American Championship. Contact the OA to discuss customized racing options, registration and course specifications.
- 4.3 Boats may enter by registering online at [REGISTRATION](#). Registration closes June 5, 2024. Any entries after this time will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 [DP] Skippers will be required to keep a current crew log on board their boats at all times. The crew log will include the crew's full legal name, date of birth, and emergency contact information for each crew member who is racing at J Fest 2024.

5. FEES

- 5.1 J Fest 2024 registration is \$225 USD for entries received up to midnight May 31, 2024.
- 5.2 For any entries received on June 1, 2024 and beyond, a \$100 USD late entry fee will be charged.
- 5.3 Registration cancellations up to March 1, 2024 will be refunded, less a \$100 cancellation fee. No refunds will be granted after March 2, 2024.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Advertising shall comply with World Sailing regulation 20 (see rule 6 and the World Sailing Advertising Code). Boats must inform the OA of their intent to use advertising, and advertising material must be approved by the OA by June 1, 2024. If approved, no advertising fee will apply.
- 6.2 Competitors are reminded of the brand exclusivity of official sponsors of the event, and advertising that competes with the official sponsors will not be approved by the OA and therefore, must not be displayed at the event.
- 6.3 [DP] If provided, all boats shall display sponsor's advertising on bow stickers for the duration of the event. These bow stickers will be supplied free of charge by the OA at registration.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri, June 14	1730-2000	Competitors Meeting/Opening Night Party Location: TBD Shilshole, Seattle
Sat, June 15	1000 1800-2000	Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards/Party Location: TBD Shilshole, Seattle
Sun, June 16	1000 1800-2000	Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily & Overall Awards/Party Location: TBD Shilshole, Seattle

- 7.2 There are 2 parties planned that are open to participants of J Fest and will feature the daily and overall awards, music, no-host bar, and food.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place in Puget Sound in the vicinity of Shilshole Bay, Seattle.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and will include short courses around set inflatable temporary and permanent marks. Courses will be determined only after fleets are confirmed and participating in J Fest 2024.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS Appendix V, Rule V1 is in effect.
- 10.2 In an effort to maintain fair and equitable racing and mitigate the number of protests, some form of on the water umpiring may be used. Specific details will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 A maximum of ten races are scheduled depending on fleet requirements, of which three must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 A minimum of one race per day shall be completed per fleet for daily trophies to be awarded.
- 11.3 When less than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 If a boat races with sail numbers other than those with which she registered, she must request the approval of the race committee IN WRITING (email with an email reply from the race committee is acceptable) stating her class, boat name, registered sail number, and alternate sail number prior to the Competitors Meeting 17:30, Friday, June 14, 2024. The race committee may reject any requested alternate sail number that is a duplicate of another registered boat. A boat that fails to comply with this instruction or is denied approval by the race committee may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 11.6 A boat scored OCS, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE, UFD, or BFD shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number boats starting, sailing the course, and finishing and not retiring or being disqualified. A boat scored DNC or DNS shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number boats starting, sailing the course, and finishing and not retiring or being disqualified. This changes RRS A5.2.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Registrants using coach/support boats shall register with the OA at RW Anacortes HQ no later than 6 pm on June 14, 2024.
- 12.2 Registered coach/support vessels must display the identifying flag that will be provided by the OA at all times while near the race area(s). A deposit will be required to be paid for the flag.
- 12.3 Support boats shall remain no less than 150 yards from the race course starting area and lay lines from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.4 Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race committee VHF channel for the course they are nearest to.
- 12.5 Support boat drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance.
- 12.6 [DP] Failure of a support boat to comply with NOR 12.1 through 12.5 may result in a protest against the boat associated with that support.
- 12.7 Boats without motors are required to provide support boat(s) for their fleet. The number of support boats required is based on the class rules and boat ratings.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1 J Fest 2024 competitors will have access to guest moorage at Shilshole Bay Marina, and must make moorage arrangements directly with the Port of Seattle.
- 13.2 J Fest 2024 registration fees do not include guest moorage fees at Shilshole Bay Marina.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Principal Race Officer.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3 DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority, Whidbey Island Race Week LLC, its Sponsors, their employees and volunteers do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 15.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 15.3 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta. [DP]

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent. Skippers must be prepared to show their insurance certificate, if requested.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Daily fleet awards will be presented at the post-race party (see 7. SCHEDULE) to the top 3 finishers in each fleet.
- 17.2 Overall awards will be presented to the top 3 boats in each fleet at the Overall Awards Ceremony (See 7. SCHEDULE).
- 17.3 Fleets conducting fleet championships at Race Week will provide specific fleet prizes for daily and overall winners.

18. EVENT NAME AND LOGO

- 18.1 Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name, J Fest Seattle 2024. Any commercial video of the event, including website productions, must be licensed by Whidbey Island Race Week LLC. Any use of the event logo on merchandise or gear without license by Whidbey Island Race Week LLC is prohibited.

19. MORE INFORMATION

- 19.1 J Fest Seattle 2024 advises that all registered skippers review any/all boating safety protocols and Man Overboard (MOB) drills with their crews prior to participating in J Fest 2024.
- 19.2 J Fest Seattle 2024 Headquarters (HQ) and merchandise sales location(s) and hours of operation will be posted on the online [NOTICE BOARD](#)
- 19.3 J Fest Seattle 2024 Contact Information: Schelleen Rathkopf, Event Producer, 2400 NW 80th Street, #130 Seattle, WA 98117 Schelleen@Rathkopf.org (206) 384-5254
- 19.4 The J Fest Seattle 2024 Race Management Team (PRO) is Charley Rathkopf

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