



NWISA Fleet Race Championships 2024

May 4-5, 2024

Anacortes, WA



Sailing Instructions

1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. The official notice board will be located at the check in/information station located at the front of the Seafarers Building.
- 1.2. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

2. BOATS AND FORMAT:

- 2.1. This regatta will be sailed in FJs.
- 2.2. The format will consist of two races, followed by a boat rotation.

3. RACING AREA

- 3.1. All races will be sailed on the waters of Fidalgo Bay directly adjacent to Seafarers Park. Gold fleet will sail on the closer course to the rotation area to allow for quicker rotations, unless conditions require otherwise.

4. THE START

- 4.1. The start line will be between the orange flag staff on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 4.2. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(a).
- 4.3. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).
- 4.4. General recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c).
- 4.5. A boat shall not start later than 2 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 2 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored by DNS. This changes Rule A4.

5. COURSE AND MARKS

- 5.1. The race committee may announce the course verbally prior to the warning signal and will display the course on a course board for the gold fleet. Silver fleet may display the course on a course board and will announce the course verbally prior to the warning signal.
- 5.2. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required.

- 5.3. The start/finish line is OPEN in both fleets.
- 5.4. Boats shall not interfere with the other fleet at any time, and shall sail to leeward of the other fleet whenever possible.
- 5.5. A boat shall not sail between a boat in another fleet and her next turning mark unless she must do so to sail her course.

6. THE FINISH

- 6.1. The finish will be between the orange flag staff and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 6.2. After finishing the final race of a set, competitors shall sail directly to the rotation dock to switch pairs.
- 6.3. If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, the race committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position, or score the boat DNF at its discretion.

7. PROTESTS

- 7.1. Protest procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 7.2. Protest forms/written submission is not required for a valid protest.

8. BREAKDOWNS:

- 8.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 8.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). The protest committee will follow the guidelines in ISSA PR Appendix 3.
- 8.3. If boats and/or gear are damaged, the Race Committee shall be notified as soon as possible after the damage occurred. Damage to boats or equipment will be handled per the NWISA District Rules.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1. Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.
- 10.2. Competitors shall wear wetsuits.
- 10.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.