



Vineyard Haven Yacht Club

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2024 Junior Olympic Windsurfing Festival Techno 293 NOTICE OF RACE

The 2024 US Sailing Junior Olympic Festival Event will be hosted by the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club, July 29-30, 2024 (Monday & Tuesday). This will be an all-family festival of windsurfing.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, including U.S. Windsurfing Association Prescriptions, the Sailing Instructions, and the Techno 293 Class Rules (with amended rig prescriptions). In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ELIGIBILITY, EQUIPMENT, and ENTRY

All competitors in the Techno 293 Class must be members of US Sailing (for U.S. citizens). The T293 fleet will be scored in four age groups: Under 13, U15, U17, and Open Age Group. Eligibility in an age group is dictated by your age as of July 29, 2024.

A minimum of three competitors is necessary to constitute an age group class. Otherwise, age groups will be combined.

3. EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Techno 293 One Design boards will be eligible with the following rig modifications. Open rigs are permitted under the following USWA prescriptions as modified below.

Age Group	Maximum sail size
Under 13 (U13) years old	5.8m
Under 15 (U15) years old	6.8m
Under 17 (U17) years old	7.8m
Open Age Group	8.5m

- 3.2. Per USWA prescriptions, sails with more than 3 cambers and/or 7 battens are prohibited.
- 3.3. Only masts from the approved class list with no more than 75 percent carbon and weight equivalents are permitted.

- 3.4. Booms are restricted to alloy/aluminium construction. Note that carbon booms are not permitted under class rules
- 3.5. Only original fins or manufacturers' replacements permitted. The maximum fin size under class rules is 46 cm. (50cm for Open Age Group)
- 3.6. Techno 293 Class Rules are available at <http://www.techno293.org/> Eligible sail sizes and age groups have been modified by this Notice of Race and USWA prescriptions.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The regatta entry fee is \$50.
Entry fee includes lunch on Monday and Tuesday.

5. SCHEDULE

This event is focused on improvement, camaraderie, and fun. There will be scored racing for the Junior Olympic regatta as well as possible instruction/clinic depending on wind conditions. We are intentionally being flexible with the schedule to take advantage of optimum wind/weather conditions for the racing.

July 29, 2024		July 30, 2024	
Time	Event	Time	Event
0900-1000	Registration at VHYC		
1030	Sailors' Meeting	1000	Sailors' Meeting
1100-1800	Racing and/or instruction	1030-1630	Racing and/or instruction

6. VENUE

Racing will take place in Vineyard Haven Harbor, known for its protected waters and good winds. Sailors are guests of Vineyard Haven Yacht Club.

7. THE COURSES

The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course, no later than the warning signal for each race. Diagrams of the courses will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 8.2. Competitors will have one race discarded for every four races completed.
- 8.3. One race is required to constitute the Championship.

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to competitors placing in respective divisions.

10. Green Regatta:

VHYC is trying to do its part to promote an environmentally sound sailing program. Please plan to bring reusable water bottles. Water fill stations will be available during the regatta in several locations on shore and on the water. This will include the committee boat, lunch boat and coach boats.

Lunches will NOT contain single use water bottles.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. VHYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46.

12. HOUSING

This is peak season on a desirable vacation island. Make your plans right away! In Vineyard Haven and a ten minute walk from VHYC are www.mvmansionhouse.com, www.vineyardharbor-motel.com, www.harbor-landing.com. Camping is also available at www.campmv.com. A limited number of tent spaces are available at private VHYC member homes. Contact Nevin at nsayre@aol.com

13. TRAVEL TO MARTHA'S VINEYARD

This is peak season on the island of Martha's Vineyard so getting to the island can be a challenge, but once you're there everything will be easy. You will not need a car on the Vineyard as we can pick you up from the ferry and everything in Vineyard Haven is within walking distance of Vineyard Haven Yacht Club. If you are planning on bringing your vehicle, you should carpool and make your reservations now. Reservations are not necessary for walk-on passengers or boards. The best ferry service is from Woods Hole, MA to Vineyard Haven. See www.steamshipauthority.com for ferry schedules and parking information. There is also the fast ferry from New Bedford, MA at www.nefastferry.com which only takes passengers and gear. Another option for passengers and gear is the Island Queen from Falmouth to Oak Bluffs at www.islandqueen.com. It is better to arrive in Vineyard Haven than Oak Bluffs for proximity to VHYC.

There are three options for air travel. Fly to Boston Logan airport (BOS), Providence RI airport (PVD) or the smaller Martha's Vineyard airport (MVY). If you are chartering boards, you can take the bus from Logan airport to Woods Hole on Peter Pan/Bonanza Bus www.peterpanbus.com. The bus service is easy and picks up right at the terminal and drops off right at the Woods Hole ferry. The bus from Providence requires connections. For groups of kids, we may be able to arrange pick up by boat from Falmouth Town Pier.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Nevin Sayre at nsayre@aol.com or VHYC Sailing Director at SailingDirector@VHYC.com