



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**FINN NORTH AMERICAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Mission Bay Yacht Club**  
**San Diego, California**  
**September 23-25, 2016**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and IFA Class rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply: rule 60, rule 63.2 and rule 63.4.
- 1.3. Appendix P5 will apply. Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (Flag O @ 10 kts+ to permit downwind pumping/rocking/ooching; flag R to restrict) will be in effect and explained fully in Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. The organizing authority is the Mission Bay Yacht Club.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all members of the Finn class who have or will reach their 40th birthday by September 23, 2016. Competitors shall be members of the USA Finn Association, the Canadian Finn Association or other relevant national Finn class association.
- 2.2. Competitors must arrange for the registered boat to be present at the event. Boats to charter may be available. Contact Charles Heimler (see Additional Information below).
- 2.3. Eligible competitors may enter on line by logging on to Regatta Networks and by providing the required information. The link to Regatta Networks is:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=13150](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13150)
- 2.4. Registration is not complete until Entry Form and required fee are received by Mission Bay Yacht Club.

**3. FEES**

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$120.00. Entries received after Sept 9, and before Sept 23, will be subject to an additional fee of \$50.
- 3.2. The fee provides event shirt, hosted post-race hors d'oeuvres and beer/beverages, Saturday evening Dinner at MBYC, and Sunday awards.
- 3.3. Additional Saturday dinner tickets available at registration for \$35 ea.

**4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1. A maximum of nine (9) races may be sailed.

4.2. The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, September 23, 2016:

- 0800-1000 Check-in
- 1000 Competitor brief
- 1200 1st Warning Signal
- After Racing – hosted beer social/ hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, September 24, 2015:

- 1200 1st Warning Signal
- 1830 Hosted Dinner at MBYC

Sunday, September 20, 2015:

- 1200 1st Warning Signal
- 1500 No further Warning Signal shall be made
- 1800 Awards ceremony w hosted beer social/ hors d'oeuvres

4.3. The Race Committee may adjust the number of races each day to accommodate weather conditions.

## **5. MEASUREMENTS**

- 5.1. All equipment must be class legal and may be checked at any time during the regatta. Each boat should be able to produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.
- 5.2. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Class rules. Emphasis is drawn to Finn Class Rule C 5.2.1 (a) towing rope minimum 8 m long of not less than 8 mm in diameter, capable of floating. The towing rope must be readily available without contravening Rule C.6.1 (b).

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1. Preliminary sailing instructions will be available on the Mission Bay Yacht Club web site on or about September 9, 2016.
- 6.2. A final version will be available at on-site registration.

## **7. COURSES & RACING AREA**

- 7.1. Courses will be as determined by the Race Committee.
- 7.2. The racing area will be on the Pacific Ocean approximately one mile north of Mission Bay Jetty.
- 7.3. In the discretion of the Race Committee based on its evaluation of surf, weather and wind conditions, races may be moved to Mission Bay.

## **8. SCORING**

- 8.1. The Low Point Scoring system will apply except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 8.2. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

## **9. AWARDS**

- 9.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top three (3) finishers overall. Other categories (i.e., Vintage Finn [pre-1996 hull]) may also be recognized.

## **10. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

- 10.1. Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using MBYC's facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in

conjunction with the competitors name or not without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

## **11. COACHES AND NON RACE COMMITTEE BOATS**

- 11.1. All support boats and coaches must be capable of communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73.

## **12. PARKING AND STORAGE**

- 12.1. Parking on the MBYC grounds is restricted. Complimentary parking passes will be available at the MBYC office. Participants may bring their boats into the MBYC yard on Thursday September 22, 2016. Extended storage on a space available basis may be requested in advance by contacting the MBYC office (858) 488-0501.

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK**

- 13.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race and each competitor is ultimately responsible for the risks of sailing and racing. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes all race preparation activities and post-race activities. The organizing authority 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.

## **14. INSURANCE**

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$300,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

## **15. TUNE UP EVENT**

- 15.1. September 17 & 18 – Finn PCCs @ SDYC – Sign up at [sdyc.org](http://sdyc.org)

## **16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 16.1. ACCOMMODATION. Limited housing is available for out of state competitors depending on date paid registration is received, distance traveled, and availability. Overnight camping at MBYC is not permitted; Mission Bay Park does not permit camping – Recommend Campland 800-422-9386. Closest hotels: Bahia -\$\$ (619-488-0551); Catamaran -\$\$\$ (619-488-1081); Dana Inn and Marina -\$ (619-222-6440). Reserve early. San Diego is a destination resort city and lodging fills up early.
- 16.2. CHARTERS. Contact Charles Heimler (510365-6004; [charlesheimler@yahoo.com](mailto:charlesheimler@yahoo.com)) to discuss possibility of charters.
- 16.3. TOWS. Courtesy tows to the racing area may be available in the vicinity of the launch area; however, it is the responsibility of each competitor to be at the start on time.
- 16.4. HOSPITALITY. Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days. Refreshments will be available following racing. There will be a Dinner on Saturday night. Guests of competitors may purchase additional dinner tickets.
- 16.5. Further Information. Contact Mark Tegio at 619-977-2395 or [mtegio@cox.net](mailto:mtegio@cox.net); or visit <http://www.mbyc.org/regatta-information/finn-na-masters-2016-championship-sept-23-25>