



TRINITY YACHTS FINN NORTH AMERICAN
MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB
105 N. Roadway, New Orleans, LA 70124 (504) 288-4221
March 2-4, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the US Sailing Association will apply, except that the prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside Southern Yacht Club near the entrance to the Grill Room on the 1st floor.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Southern Yacht Club "A" frame located near the boat launching area.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

DAY	FIRST WARNING	
Friday	1400	Additional Races to Follow
Saturday	1100	Additional Races to Follow
Sunday	1100	Additional Races to Follow

5.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled.

5.3 Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. If no subsequent race is to be sailed that day, the Race Committee finish boat will display Flag "A" indicating "no more racing today" at the finish of a race.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Finn Class flag will be a white flag with blue Finn class insignia.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain approximately 1 to 3 miles north of the Southern Yacht Club harbor entrance.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment "A" show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the Race Committee boat on one end and the nearby mark on the other end.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26. An attention signal with multiple sounds may be made approximately one minute before the warning signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the center of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hear the hail, make the hail or an untimely hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 41 and 62.1(a).

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 (five) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit is 2 hours. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 45 minutes the race will be abandoned.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the SYC receptionist office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat has returned to the dock.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the Board Room across from the SYC Receptionist on the 1st floor, beginning at the time posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

14.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

15.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no race discarded (Changes A2).

15.4 The scoring for the age groups Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters, and Legends uses the points the competitors received in the overall results.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or SYC office as soon as possible.

16.2 Check In. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat and hail the boat's sail number and skipper's name until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

No measurement is scheduled by Southern Yacht Club although skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and compliance with Finn Class rules.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows: Race Committee - "R/C" Flag, Judge - "Judge" flag.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19.2 The Race Committee will monitor and operate on VHF Channel 68 with VHF Channel 69 as an alternate.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers overall as well as the top competitor in age divisions (based on age at 12/31/07) of Master (40-49), Grand Masters (50-59), Great Grand Masters (60-69) and Legends (70+); as well as top vintage boat (combination of boat/mast to be determined).

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

22 Regatta Directory:

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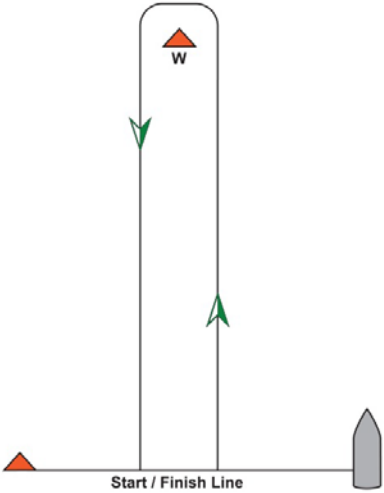
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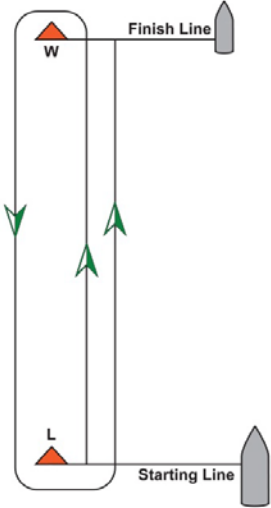
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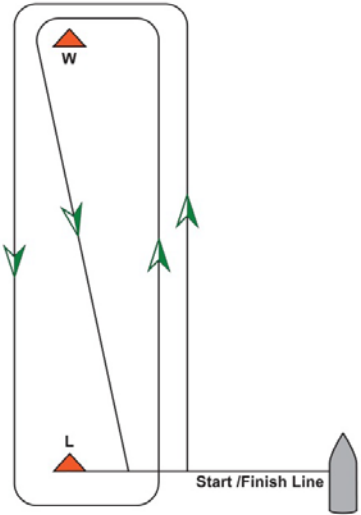
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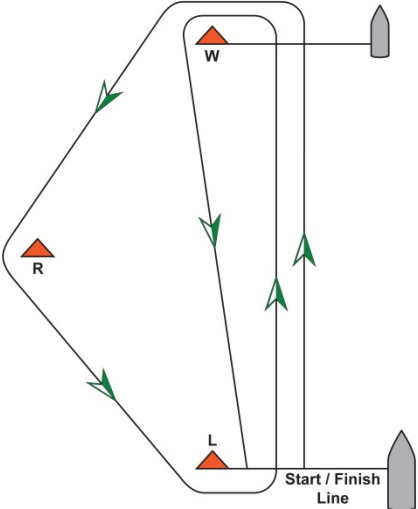


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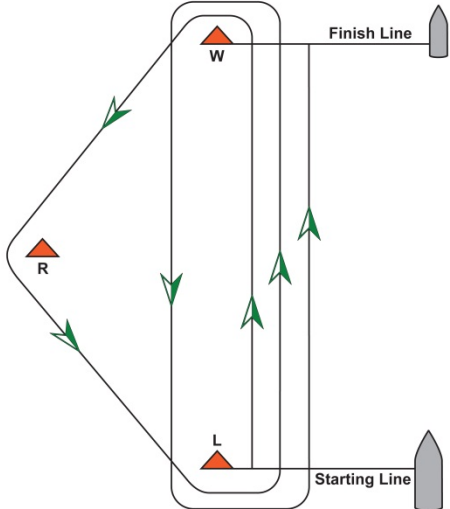


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Windward Leeward (WL) Courses - # indicates number of legs as shown in examples above. The Finish boat may be either left or right of the finish mark.



G



O

Triangle Courses:
 "G" Triangle – Windward – Leeward – Downwind Finish
 "O" Triangle – Windward – Leeward – Windward - Upwind Finish
 The Finish boat may be either left or right of the finish mark.