



**2020 U.S. FINN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
November 5th-8th, 2020**

Pass Christian Yacht Club
120 South Market Street
Pass Christian, MS 39571

**NOTICE OF RACE
Posted September 2020**

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC).

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a personal flotation device while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The "Y" flag will not be displayed.

2.3 Finn Class Rule C.1.1 will be in effect. It is the intent of the OA to apply Finn Class Rule C.1.1 when the wind is 10 knots or above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark, prior to the Warning Signal of any race in which it is applied. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Finn Class whose skipper is a member of the Finn Class Association as of the date of their entry.

3.2 Entry will be via Regatta Network.

3.3 An entry will be considered complete only when the online entry form is submitted, and regatta entry fees are paid.

3.4 Entries will close at 1700 on Thursday, October 30, 2020.

4. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$150.00.

5.2 Entries received after October 30, 2020 will be subject to an additional fee of \$25.

5.3 The fee provides event shirt, hosted post-race hors d'oeuvres and beverages every day, an evening dinner/US Finn Class Annual Meeting on Saturday at PCYC, and Awards on Sunday.

5.4 Additional guest tickets available at registration for \$50 each and include all except event shirt.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

6.2 The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, November 5, 2020

1200-1700 Registration and Measurement

1500 Practice Race(s)

Friday, November 6, 2020

0830-1000 Check-in

1000 Competitor briefing

1200 1st Warning signal

Saturday, November 7, 2020

1000 Competitor briefing

1200 1st Warning signal

1830 US Finn Class Association Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2020

1000 Competitor briefing

1200 1st Warning signal

1500 No further warning signal shall be made

1700 Awards ceremony

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.

7.2 Boats may be selected for complete measurement.

7.3 Boats must comply with current Finn Class measurement rules. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Finn Class rules.

7.4 Each boat shall have a current IFA sticker affixed to the hull.

7.5 Emphasis is drawn to Finn Class Rule C5.2.1 (a) towing rope minimum 8m long of not less than 8mm in diameter, capable of floating. The towing rope must be readily available without contravening Rule C6.1(b).

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration, and Regatta Network event website.

8.2 The official notice board will be located at PCYC upstairs.

9. VENUE and COURSES

9.1 Races will be conducted in Mississippi Sound South of PCYC.

9.2 The courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than five (5) races are completed.

10.2 Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11. AWARDS

Trophies shall be awarded to the top five (5) finishers overall, Top Master (40>), Top Grand Master (50>), Top Great GrandMaster (60>), Top Legend (70>) and Top Vintage Finn (mfr 2000<). At the discretion of the OA, other categories may also be recognized.

12. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or while on PCYC site 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 competitor's name without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

13. COACHES AND NON-RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

All support boat and coaches must be capable of communicating with the race committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73.

14. BERTHING

Finns will be accommodated free of charge at PCYC from Thursday, October 30, 2020 to November 12, 2020. Contact PCYC Tom Duffy TDUFFY228@GMAIL.COM beforehand to arrange space for Finns as well as support and coach boats.

15. HOUSING

Limited housing is available for out of state competitors whose paid registration is received no later than October 15, 2020. To request housing contact the Regatta Chair.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The OA does not accept any liability for material injury, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Chair: Tom Duffy 228-596-7623 TDUFFY228@GMAIL.COM

18. COVID 19 & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Due to the ongoing Pandemic of COVID 19 Social Distancing will be required and the following precautions will be required:

1) keep your distance, 2) wear a mask in the boatyard, 3) spend as little time onshore as possible both before and after the races. 6-foot separation is required for people from different household.

