



2021 U.S. FINN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
June 24-27, 2021

Corpus Christi Yacht Club
98 Coopers Alley
Corpus Christi TX

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
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The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for breaking this provision will be a discretionary penalty, which may be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of these SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) with US prescriptions, International Finn Class Rules, USA Finn Association Bylaws and these SI's.
- 1.2 RRS 33, 35, 42, 44.1, 44.2, 61, 62.1(a), 63.1, and Appendix A4, A5, A 10 and P2 have been changed below.
- 1.3 Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (1) is in effect. It is the intent of the Race Committee (RC) to display Flag "O" when the wind is 10 knots or above, measured at deck level on a RC boat, prior to the warning signal of any race in which it is applied. This signals, in accordance with RRS Appendix P5, that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above. This changes RRS 42.2(a), (b), (c).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted before 1000, or after the daily competitor's briefing, 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.
- 2.2 Changes to a SI may be made on the water by the RC displaying Flag "L" and verbally communicating the change to all boats.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at CCYC upstairs on the Lanai windows.
- 3.2 The race office will be upstairs, outside, on the Lanai.
- 3.3 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors, coaches and spectators via VHF radio on channel, which will be confirmed at each morning's competitor briefing.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the poolside flagpole at CCYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The schedule for racing is:

Thurs, June 24	1000-1700	Registration and Measurement
	1500	Practice starts and race
	1830	US Finn Class Assoc meeting
Friday, June 25	0830-1000	Check-in
	1000	Competitor briefing (Lanai)
	1200	First warning signal; more races to follow
Saturday, June 26	1000	Competitor briefing (Lanai)
	1200	First warning signal; more races to follow
Sunday, June 27	1000	Competitor briefing (Lanai)
	1200	First warning signal; more races to follow
	1500	No further warning signals shall be made
	1700	Awards ceremony (Lanai)

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the Finn logo in blue.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be conducted on Corpus Christi Bay, approximately ½ mile East of the gap in the breakwater.

8 COURSES

8.1 The course diagram in SI Addendum A shows the course, 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 RC signal vessel will display the course designation, distance and approximate compass bearing of the weather mark on a white board.

9 MARKS

Mark 1 (the windward mark) and marks 2 S/P (the gate), will be large orange tetrahedron buoys. Mark 1a (the offset), will be a small buoy. If mark 1 is moved during a race, mark 1a (the offset), will not be used for the remainder of that race.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and the pin boat at the port-end of the line OR the course side of a yellow tetrahedron.

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

11.2 The RC may tweak the course during a race, to maintain a fair racecourse, no more than .1nm or 10 degrees without signalling a course change. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line for courses W3 and W5 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and a nearby mark. This changes Race Signals.

12.2 The finishing line for course L4 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish boat or the course side of a yellow tetrahedron. This changes Race Signals.

12.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13 PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 For incidents occurring in the zone of the weather mark or the leg between the weather mark and the offset mark, penalty turns may be delayed until immediately after passing the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.

13.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.3 RRS Appendix P2.3 does not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

14 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

14.1	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window
	30 minutes	75 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 PROTEST HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the front desk, downstairs at the CCYC.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located upstairs at CCYC, in the Library, at the time posted.

- 15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of the RRS, Appendix A, shall apply.
- 16.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.4 If a competitor does not race any of the races, they shall be removed as a competitor and the scores will be adjusted to indicate this.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] Prior to the first warning signal each day, boats are required to check-in with the RC signal boat. This check-in shall be done after the signal boat raises Flag "L." Boats should pass the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number and be acknowledged.
- 17.2 RRS 40 will be in effect. All competitors must wear a PFD while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A light pinny may be worn on the outside to prevent snagging. Flag "Y" will not be displayed.
- 17.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the RC as soon as possible, even if that is a member of the OA on shore.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Chief Judge. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the NOR and the SIs.
- 19.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 20.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request, or at the request of the RC, all coaches and other support persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.2 The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the RC or the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. After a hearing, a penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the coach or support boat.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

RRS 47 applies; however, trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

22 AWARDS

Trophies shall be awarded according to NOR 11.

23 DISCLAIMER

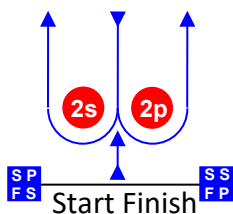
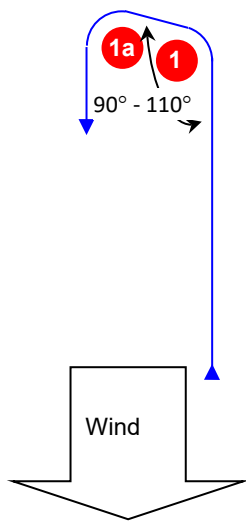
Competitors shall participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. The OA will not accept any liability for material injury, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

SI ADDENDUM A

COURSE DIAGRAM

Windward Leeward with offset

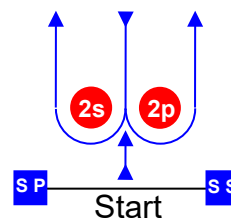
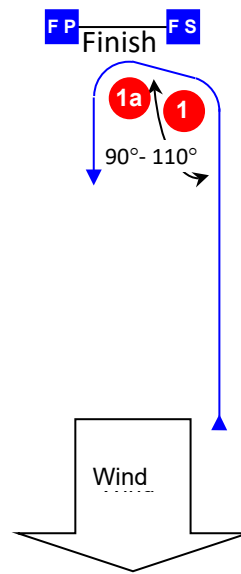
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

W



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
W5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish