



FINN US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



May 19-22, 2022

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 7201 East Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 25 April 2022

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Add new rule 41(e):
 - 1.2.1. help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: rule 63.2, rule 63.4.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the event website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <http://www.abyc.org>.
- 3.2. Notices may also be posted on the official notice board located near the race entry room.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts, including notification of OCS boats, to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the Finn Class whose skipper is a member of the Finn Class Association as of the first day of the regatta.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by registering online at [Regatta Network](#).
- 4.3. Online entries will be accepted until May 18, 2022 1800 Pacific.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Support Persons (Coaches) shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required Support Person Vessel fee.
- 4.6. Competitors shall complete the Liability Release and Medical Consent forms as part of the Regatta Network registration. Minors will need to download the Liability Release Form for Parental Signature and upload a scanned image.

5. FEES

Early Entry	\$145 USD	Until April 19, 2022
Regular Entry	\$185 USD	April 20 ~ May 18, 2022

- 5.1. The entry fee includes boat storage from the Saturday prior to regatta to the Wednesday following the regatta. Boat's competing in the ABYC Memorial Day Regatta receive storage from the Wednesday until the Wednesday following Memorial Day. Additional boat storage beyond this period is \$15.00 per day.



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- 5.2. The entry fee includes all racing, hosted post-race hors d’oeuvres and beverages/beer, one ticket for the Saturday evening dinner, and Sunday awards
- 5.3. Additional dinners can be reserved when you register for \$35.00.
- 5.4. The Support Person vessel registration fee is \$95 USD, which includes launching, mooring, refreshments after racing each race day and 1 regatta dinner. \$20 USD of this fee is a coach flag deposit which will be refunded on return of the flag.
- 5.5. Any boat or trailer found on ABYC property without prior written authorization from ABYC is subject to impound and associated fees.
- 5.6. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - 5.6.1. Notice period of Cancellation - Greater than 7 days: 100% less 7% credit card processing fees.
 - 5.6.2. Notice period of Cancellation - Greater than 24 hours but less than 7 days: 50%.
 - 5.6.3. Notice period of Cancellation - Less than 24 hours or failure to attend: No refund.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

April 18, 2022	1800	Early Entry Deadline
May 18, 2022	1800	Entry Deadline
Thursday May 19, 2022	1200 to 1800	Registration, Measurement and Inspection
	1700	Social / hors d’oeuvres
Friday May 20, 2022	0800 to 1000	Registration, Measurement and Inspection
	1000	Check In closes
	1100	Support Person Vessel Registration and Briefing
	1115	Competitors’ Meeting
	1255	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
Saturday May 21, 2022	After racing	Social/hors d’oeuvres
	1000	Support Person Vessel Registration and Briefing
	1015	Competitors’ Meeting
	1155	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
Sunday May 22, 2022	After racing	Social / hosted beer - Dinner
	1000	Support Person Vessel Registration and Briefing
	1015	Competitors’ Meeting
	1155	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
	After racing	Social / hors d’oeuvres Awards Presentation

A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled: three (3) races on Friday, four (4) races on Saturday, and three (3) races on Sunday. The race committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce, on request, a valid measurement certificate. for boat equipment and sails.



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- 8.2. Measurement/inspection priority will be based on order of completed paid registration date
- 8.3. Boats must comply with current class rules and specifications.
- 8.4. Sails will be required to show stamp and date of measurement.
- 8.5. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Class rules.
- 8.6. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 8.7. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with class rules.
- 8.8. 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

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The event venue will be either; 1) the waters of San Pedro Bay outside the Long Beach Breakwater, or 2) inside the Long Beach Breakwater in the vicinity of the Belmont Pier.

10. COURSE

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. [DP] Support person vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority and pay the applicable fee.
- 12.2. [DP] Support vessels shall conspicuously display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority. To obtain this flag for the support vessel, a refundable deposit of \$20 is to be lodged with the organizing authority. No flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the organizing authority shall be displayed.
- 12.3. [DP] Support person vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio and be prepared to monitor a designated VHF channel.
- 12.4. [DP] If called upon, support person vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 12.5. [DP] Every person on board a support vessel less than 6m in length must wear a properly secured personal flotation device of an appropriate size for that person at all times the engine is running.
- 12.6. [DP] Support person vessel's driver shall use the kill cord at all times the engine is running.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
 - 13.1.1. A competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) to the minimum standard EN393 or ISO 12402-5 Level 50.
- 13.2. The use of inflatable buoyancy vests is not permitted.
- 13.3. It is the responsibility solely of the competitor to decide if they should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.



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- 13.4. [DP] The centerline “Keep Right” buoys from the edge of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club basin to the end of the Alamitos Bay jetty (including A mark at the end of the jetty) are a continuous obstruction. Boats entering or leaving Alamitos Bay must take these buoys to port. Boats crossing the center buoy line are subject to protest.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. 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.

16. DEPICTION RELEASE

- 16.1. Competitors, by competing in this event, grant to the Host, perpetually and irrevocably, the unconditional and exclusive right, title and interest throughout the world to use, simulate and portray Participant’s name, likeness, voice, personality, personal identification and personal experiences, incidents, situations and events, whether visual and/or audio, including without limitation photographs, videotape, film and other recordings, electronic or optical-based media, or any other form or medium whatsoever, whether now or hereafter existing, and of every kind and character (collectively “The Images”), which may be taken or taken of Participant while participating in any aspect of the event.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes shall be awarded to the top five finishers overall; Top Youth (<23), Top Great Grandmaster (60>), Top Legend (70>). At the discretion of the OA, other categories may also be recognized.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.

Event Chair _____: Roland Fournier
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