

FINN US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



May 19-22, 2022

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. See NoR 1.
- 2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1015 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.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Further to NoR 3.
- 3.2. The race committee will use VHF radio channel 68 for communications.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the ABYC flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

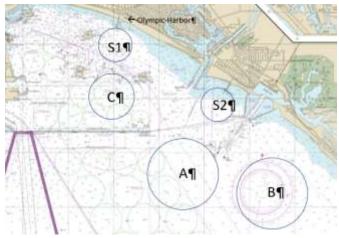
- 6.1. See NoR 7.
- 7. CLASS FLAGS
- 7.1. The class flags will be a Finn logo on white flag.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing areas are shown opposite.
- 8.2. The racing area will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum 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.
- 9.2. The course shall be signaled by placards displayed on the race committee signal vessel.



9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks 1, 1a, 4P, 4S will be yellow inflatable shapes.



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- 10.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be a orange inflatable shapes.
- 10.3. The starting mark will be a buoy with a staff displaying an orange flag, or a race committee vessel with a staff displaying an orange flag.
- 10.4. The finishing mark will be a buoy with a staff displaying a blue flag.
- 10.5. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

11. THE START

- 11.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on the designated VHF channel. Failure of the committee to make the attempt or for the competitor to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. 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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 13.3. In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the race committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. RACE TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

- 15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

16. HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal vessel arrives at the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2. Hearing Request forms are available at the protest desk located inside the ABYC main clubhouse.



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16.3. 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 near the protest desk in the order determined by the protest committee."

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. In addition to NoR 13.
- 17.2. [DP] Check-Out and Check-In Procedures: Before the warning signal on the first race each day, all boats shall sail by the stern of the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the race committee.
- 17.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.

18. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Race Committee



Blue flag marked with white 'RC' and red anchor

19. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 19.1. In addition to NoR 12.
- 19.2. [DP] All support personnel are required to attend a meeting which will be held immediately before the competitors' briefing.
- 19.3. [DP] Unless otherwise directed by the race committee, no support vessel may be within 100 meters of the course boundaries nor have any communication with a competitor between the first warning signal for a race and the time that race is postponed, abandoned, or the competitor has finished and is 100 meters outside the finishing line and course boundaries. This changes rule 41.
- 19.4. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements will be applied to the appropriate competitors' boats associated with the support vessels personnel at the discretion of the protest committee. Additionally, upon receiving a report, the organizing authority may take other disciplinary action against the registered coach and/or support personnel.

20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1. See NoR 19.

