

2022 FINN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

April 07 – April 10,2022

FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB

101 VOLANTA ST.

Fairhope, Alabama

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC).

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 April 7,2022.

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 March 31, 2021 will be subject to an additional fee of \$25.00.

5.3. The fee provides event shirt, hosted post-race hors d'oeuvres and beverages every day, and awards on Sunday.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Eight races are scheduled.

6.2. The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, April 7

1200-1700 Registration and Measurement

1500 Practice races

Friday, April 8

0830-1000 Check-in

1000 Competitor Briefing

1200 1st warning signal: Three (3) races are scheduled.

Saturday, April 9

1000 Competitor briefing

1200 1st warning signal: Three (3) races are scheduled.

Sunday, April 10

1000 Competitor briefing

1200 1st warning: Two (2) races are scheduled, but three (3) may be sailed if less were sailed the previous day.

1500 No further warning signal shall be made

1700 Awards Ceremony

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. Boats twenty (20) years and older are exempt from providing a certificate but will still be required to meet minimum weight requirements. Class labels for relevant boat equipment and sails (stamp with measurement date) should be attached.
- 7.2. Boats may be selected for various elements of measurement. Requested Measurement (weight & Lamboloy Swing) will be available with scheduling. 2-hour blocks of time will be scheduled beginning Wednesday, April 6, and working backwards through the week as required to accommodate requests. Please contact Terry Greenfield via email at measurer@finnusa.org to schedule your requested 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 rules.
- 7.4. 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 under the Club on the bulletin board next to the Tiki Bar.
- 8.3. Registration will open on February 01, 2022
- 8.4.

9. VENUE and COURSES

- 9.1. Races will be conducted on Mobile Bay, west of FYC.
- 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 the 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 Grand Master (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 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 boats and coaches must be capable of communicating with the race committee on VHF channel 68.

14. BERTHING

Finns will be accommodated free of charge at FYC from Thursday March 24, 2022 to April 12, 2022. Contact FYC – Randy Fiz-Wainright (fitz1350@bellsouth.net) beforehand to arrange space for Finns as well as support and coach boats.

15. HOUSING

15.1. Local Accommodations are (251) Hampton Inn Fairhope @ 928-0956, Key West Inn @990-7373, Marriot Grand Hotel @ 928-9201, Holiday Inn Express @ 928-9191. Other Hotels are available within the Daphne/Fairhope area.

15.2 Limited housing is available on a first come - first serve basis. Contact Terry Greenfield via email at dtgreenfield@gmail.com .

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS4. 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

Please contact Randy Fitz-Wainright (251-377-8419, fitz1350@bellsouth.net).