



Finn North American Masters Championship

April 4-6, 2025

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the current rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *International Finn Association Class Rules*, available at <https://www.sailing.org/document/2023-feb-21-class-rules-finn/>.

1.2 RRS 40.1 applies. *"Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment."* Flag Y will not be displayed.

1.3 Finn Class Rule C.1.1 will be in effect. It is the intent of the OA to apply Finn Class C.1.1 when the wind is consistently 10 knots or above. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

1.4 RRS 41 is amended by addition of the following: *(e) 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.*

1.5 In accordance with RRS 50.1(b), the maximum weight for a competitor's clothing and equipment is increased from 8kg to 10kg.

1.6 The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.

2. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

2.1 Refer to NOR 8 for Measurement and Equipment inspection.

2.2 Refer to NOR 9 for Clothing and Equipment.

3. ADVERTISING

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

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to the competitors will be posted on Regatta Network the Official Notice Board located on the wall next to the Tiki Bar under the clubhouse. Regatta Network may be used to send messages and information to competitors.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than 0930 on the day of the first race to which such changes apply. At the same time Flag 'L', accompanied by a sound signal, will be displayed.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the beach next to the gazebo.

7. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

7.1 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC Signal boat displays flag 'L' over 'A' with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC signal boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

7.2 The RC will monitor VHF Channel 68.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 A Competitor's Briefing will be held at 1030 in the FYC Ballroom.

8.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled for the regatta. Three (3) races are scheduled Friday and Saturday, with two (2) races scheduled for Sunday, but three (3) could be sailed if RC is unable to complete three on a previous day.

8.3 The scheduled time for First Warning signal will be 1230 on Friday and Saturday and 1100 on Sunday.

8.4 No Warning Signal after 1500 on Sunday

9. CLASS FLAGS

9.1 The class flag will be a grey flag with a Finn logo.

10. RACING AREA

10.1 The Racing area will be on Mobile Bay west of the club.

11. CHECK IN

11.1 Prior to the warning of first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by the RC, passing close on starboard tack and hailing her sail number.

12. THE COURSE

12.1 The course will be as described on Appendix A

12.2 The course will be posted on the aft portion off the signal boat, including the course to be sailed, and the approximate bearing to the first mark.

13. MARKS

13.1 Marks will be orange tetrahedrons, with change of course marks being yellow tetrahedrons. The starting mark will be a green tetrahedron.

14. THE START

14.1 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the RC boat at the starboard end of the start line and the course side of the starting Mark.

14.2 Boats failing to start within five (5) minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes 63.1, A4 and A5.

15. RECALLS

15.1 As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail OSC boats on VHF 68. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

16. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

16.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a yellow tetrahedron and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change the new course mark will be the original orange tetrahedron.

17. THE FINISH

17.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel and the course side of a mark.

18. TIME LIMIT

18.1 The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes or 30 minutes after the first boat finishes whichever is later. Boats failing to finish within the above time limit will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF). This changes Rule 35. After the Second to last boat finishes, the race committee shall have the authority to recall the last placed boat and award that yacht a finish in place, to decrease the time between races

19. PENALTIES

19.1 Appendix T - ARBITRATION is in effect.

19.2 Appendix VI - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT is in effect.

20. HEARING REQUEST

20.1 Boats must inform RC on the water of intention to file a protest upon finishing or retiring and obtain acknowledgement, this changes RRS 6.

20.2 Hearing Request forms will be available on the Official Notice board located under the club on the wall next to the Tiki Bar.

20.3 Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary at the Protest Desk within the appropriate time limit.

20.4 The protest time limit is forty-five (45) minutes after the docking of the RC signal vessel.

20.5 The RC will post on the notice board the boats that have been penalized by the RC without a hearing (this may be in the form of preliminary results). The deadline for requesting redress based on these penalties will be 30 minutes after the posting or 30 minutes after the protest time limit, whichever is greater. This changes RRS61.2(b)(1).

20.6 Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

20.7 Notices of protest by a committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS63.1(a)(1)

21. WITHDRAWAL

21.1 A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any RC vessel before leaving the race area.

22. SCORING

22.1 A boats series score shall be the total of her races scored except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.

22.2 One (1) completed race shall constitute a regatta.

23. TOWING

23.1 Boats shall carry tow ropes according to class rules. Towing may be available to and from the race course.

24. COMMUNICATION

24.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.

24.2 The RC will broadcast on and monitor VHF 68, Please contact them in event of an emergency requiring outside assistance or to notify the RC of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per 19.1.

24.3 All auxiliary (coach/spectator/support) boats must be equipped with their own VHF radios capable of communicating with the RC on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73. All such vessels are requested

25. RISK STATEMENT

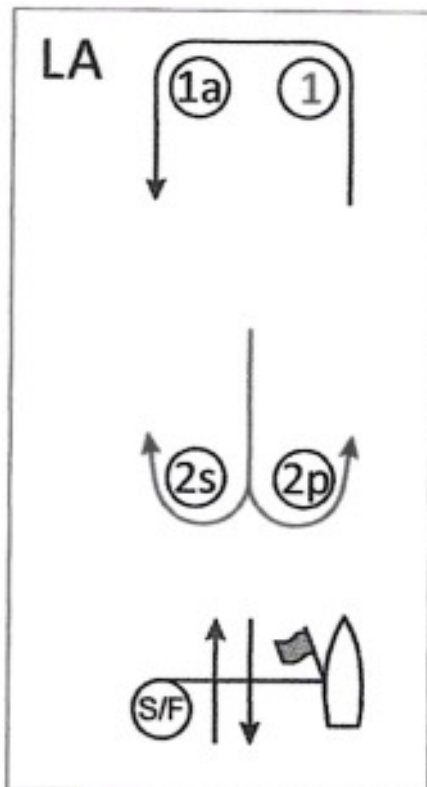
25.1 Refer to NOR 14 for the risk statement.

26. MISCELLANEOUS

26.1 We encourage the use of refillable water bottles. We have a refill station under the clubhouse between the restrooms and can make on the water refill stations

available, if enough competitors show an interest. Other wise bottled water will be available on the RC boats between races. If you have any empty bottles or other trash please sail by pass it to the RC boats so that we don't risk it blowing out of your boat an into Mobile Bay.

APPENDIX A



Course LA — Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish