



2025 Finn North American Masters Championship Regatta

**The Organizing Authority is
Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC)**

April 4 – April 6, 2025

Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC)

101 Volanta Ave.

Fairhope, Alabama 36532

Notice of Race

Posted 01/31/2025

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed 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 Rule 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 the 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on Regatta Network or at Check-In table.

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board is located on the wall next to the Tiki Bar under the club house.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to members of the USA Finn Association (USAFA) or other relevant international Finn class associations. Members of USAFA need to have paid dues for 2025.
- 4.2. Eligible competitors may enter online at
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29273
- 4.3. Registration is not complete until Regatta Network entry and required fees are received by FYC.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$175.00, and includes T-shirt, and complimentary food and beverage.
- 5.2. Entries received after March 16, 2025 will be charged an additional \$50.00.
Entries will close at 1800 on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE *(Eight races are scheduled)*

Thursday, April 3

1400 Practice Race(s)

Friday, April 4

0830- 1000 Check in and complimentary breakfast
1030 Competitors briefing
1230 First Warning Signal; Three (3) races are scheduled. After Race food and drink.

Saturday, April 5

0900-1000 Complimentary breakfast
1230 First Warning Signal; Three (3) races are scheduled.
After Race food and drink.

Sunday, April 6

1100 First Warning Signal; Two (2) races are scheduled but three (3) races could be run if less than three were completed on a previous day.
1500 No race to start after. Awards ASAP after racing.

8. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce, on request, a valid measurement certificate for the boat and sails. Boats twenty-years or older are exempt from this requirement.
- 8.2 Boats must comply with current class rules and specifications.
- 8.3 Sails may be inspected to verify a stamp with date of measurement.
- 8.4 Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Class Rules.
- 8.5 Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 8.6 Emphasis is drawn to Finn Class Rule C5.2(a)(1)

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. Equipment must be class legal and may be checked at any time during the regatta. Each boat must be able to produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.
- 9.2. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard (or competitors' home countries' requirements) and Class rules. 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(b).

10. COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 10.1 Course will be as determined by the Race Committee, as described in Sailing Instructions, Appendix A.
- 10.2 The racing area will be Mobile Bay west of Fairhope Yacht Club.

11. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta, a competitor grants the OA and/or Host Club in perpetuity to make, use and/or show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him taken during the period of competition without compensation.

12. SCORING

Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than six (6) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.1. One (1) race shall constitute a series.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

All support and coach boats must be capable of communication with the Race Committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73, and shall respond to any Race Committee requests for help providing rescue and safety of competitors.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Host Club will accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. See RRS 3.

15. PRIZES

The Finn North American Masters Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta. Trophies will also be awarded to the top five (5) finishers overall, and Top “Master” (40-49), Top “Grand Master” (50-59), Top “Grand Grand Master” (60-69), Top “Legend” (70-79), and Top “Vintage Finn” (mfr. before 2003).

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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