

Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Finn Winter Series Regattas
November 1 2025 - February 1 2026

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

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PART I – GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the organizing authority.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Finn Winter Events will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and this NOR/SI.
- 2.2. The US Sailing prescriptions are in effect, except as changed in this notice of race and sailing instructions (NOR/SI) and any subsequent amendments.
- 2.3. The class rules will govern, except as changed in this NOR/SI or amendments.
- 2.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, including RRS P5. The race committee intends to display flag O if winds are consistently above 10 knots, and flag R otherwise.**

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. All race documents, notices & results will be posted on the official notice board at Regatta Network. Failure of a boat to read any such postings will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.2. To register a boat for an event a skipper shall be 18 years of age or older.
- 3.3. Event dates:
3.3(a). Event #1: November 1-2, 2025
3.3(b). Event #2: December 20-21, 2025
3.3(b). Event #3: January 3-4, 2026
3.3(b). Event #4: January 31 - February 1, 2026
- 3.4. Registration fees: **\$200 for the full series or \$70 for an individual event.**

4. CHANGES TO THE NOR/SI, NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of CGSC.
- 4.2. When a decision to postpone or abandon a regatta prior to the first warning signal on the day of the event is made ashore, in addition to signals ashore an announcement will be made on VHF 73 at 1000. When signal AP is made ashore, no warning signal shall be made in less than 60 minutes after its removal, this changes Race Signals.
- 4.3. When a decision to postpone or abandon a regatta prior to the first warning signal on the day of the event is made on the water, in addition to signals afloat, an announcement(s) will be made on VHF 73.

5. CHECK IN

- 5.1. On each race day boats will check in with the race committee before a boat's first warning signal of the day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal vessel until

- acknowledged by the committee. No check in will be accepted during a starting sequence.
- 5.2. Boats failing to check in will be scored DNS without a hearing on the first race of each day.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The warning signal for the first race of each day is scheduled for 1130 hours.
- 6.2. Each regatta will consist of up to six races.

7. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. A boat while racing may use VHF radio, cell phone, or similar devices only for communication with the race committee or for emergencies.
- 7.2. The race committee will use VHF channel 73, unless another channel is posted on the signal boat.

8. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 8.1. By registering a boat with CGSC for a regatta for the events, the owner/skipper agrees to conform to The Racing Rules of Sailing including the US Sailing prescription to rule 40 regarding government regulations that apply in the racing area.

9. COURSES & CONDITIONS

- 9.1. There are 2 possible courses.
- 9.1(a). Course 1 - start-windward mark-downwind finish (start/finish line).
- 9.1(b). Course 2 - start-windward mark- downwind gate - windward mark-downwind finish (start/finish line).
- 9.2. Prior to the warning signal the race committee will display the pennant of the course to the sailed.
- 9.3. Marks are to be left to port. Gate may be left to either starboard or port.
- 9.4. No race will be started in less than 4 knots or more than 20 knots of sustained wind, or conditions where it is gusting to more than 25 knots. The RC may postpone if there are sustained winds over 18 knots.

10. MARKS, STARTING LINE, GATE, FINISHING LINE

- 10.1. The starting line and finish line will be between an Orange Tetrahedron mark and the Signal Boat.
- 10.2. The starting line and the finishing line will be the same.
- 10.3. The weather mark and the gate will be Yellow Tetrahedron marks.
- 10.4. If there is only one leeward mark (instead of a gate), it shall be rounded Port-side to.
- 10.5. If no gate is set, the boats shall round the Pin Mark Port-side to..

11. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

- 11.1. A boat may take a One Turn Penalty' when she may have broken a rule of Part 2. However, when she has broken a rule of Part 2 while in the ZONE around a mark, the penalty shall be a 'Two Turns Penalty'. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 11.2. A boat intending to file a protest or a request for redress regarding an incident in the racing area shall inform the race committee of intent either orally or by VHF radio as soon as practicable following the boat's finish of that race. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 11.3. In order to file a valid protest, a protest must be communicated to the chairperson of the race committee (or the alternate person) of CGSC within 60 minutes from the time of the Signal boat docks.

- 11.4. The protest committee will convene at CGSC shortly after each day's event.

PART II - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: ONE DESIGN CLASSES

OD1. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS

- OD1.1. The Finn class flag will be the class insignia.

OD2. RACING AREA

- OD2.1. The race area will be near the entrance to the John Brennan Channel on Biscayne Bay

OD3. THE START

- OD3.1. The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal, and the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.
- OD3.2. 15 seconds before the warning signal, the RC will make multiple short sounds as an alert to the warning signal.
- OD3.3. A boat starting 3 minutes or more after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

OD4. THE FINISH

- OD3.1. The RC will display flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate "No more racing for the day."

OD5. TIME LIMITS

- OD5.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail a Designated Course and finish will be **75** minutes.
- OD5.2. A boat failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

PART III: SERIES, SCORING, AND PRIZES

S1. SERIES

- S1.1. A boat's series score will consist of the boat's total score across all series, with one race discarded for every 6 races scored. This changes RRS A2.1

S2. SCORING

- S2.1. The Low Point System, RRS 90.3, A4, as changed in this NOR/SI will be used. No score will be excluded in a regatta.
- S2.2. RRS A5.2 is changed so that, a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that finished.

S3. TIES

- S3.1. Ties will be broken in accordance with Rule A8.

S4. PRIZES

- S4.1. There will be first through third place prizes for each event, and for the series..