

Fish Worlds and Finn Gulf Coast Championship

September 23-24 2023
Buccaneer Yacht Club
Mobile, Alabama



Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Fish and Finn class rules. Competitors in the Finn class are required to wear personal floatation devices while racing. Rule 42.2 is varied by Finn Class Rule C1:

- (1) Code Flag O displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: “After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 is varied in that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking, and ooching are permitted”.
- (2) Code Flag R displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: “After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 applies without variation”.

2. Classes and Registration

Fish and Finns

Registration will be through Regatta Network.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs next to the elevator.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

5. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing no later than 1000, Saturday, September 23. Answers, in writing, and any other changes to the Sailing Instructions, will be posted no later than 11000, September 23, and by 0830 on September 24, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located East of the Main Hall. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

7. Schedule of Events

Saturday September 23rd:

Skippers Meeting, 1115 hrs.

Warning for first race 1255 hrs.

Races will be conducted back-to back. Five races are planned, (three on Saturday and two on Sunday but this schedule may be varied depending on conditions except that no more than four races will be sailed on any one day.

Sunday September 24th:

Warning for the first race 1025 hrs

(No races will start after 1500 hrs.)

Trophy presentation ASAP after racing

8. Class Flags

Fish Fish class flag

Finn Finn emblem flag

9. Racing Area

Generally East to Southeast of Buccaneer Yacht Club

10. Courses

Courses will be Windward/Leeward (W-2).

There will be no offset mark at the windward mark. A gate may be set for the first leeward mark.

11. Marks

Marks will be orange tetrahedrons. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

12. Check-In

Each boat shall sail by the RC Starting Boat and hail their sail number and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee at the beginning of each day's racing. The "L" flag will be dropped with multiple sounds, approximately one minute before the starting sequence begins.

13. Change of Course After the Start

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in the new position.

14. Starting and Finishing Lines; Starting System

The starting system is described in RRS Rule 26.

The starting line will be between the staff of an orange line flag on the Race Committee Boat and the forward (course side) edge of a nearby mark. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the same mark.

A boat shall not start later than five minutes after her starting signal.

15. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail the sail numbers of boats over early, or that have broken Rule 30.1, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, except when Flag I has been displayed.

16. Time Limit

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

17. Protests

Rule 61.1 (a) is changed by adding the following: “ A boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, of the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the protested boat(s) and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.”

Protests shall be written on forms available at the Official Notice Board and delivered to the PRO within the protest time, which will end one (1) hour after the race committee signal boat docks at the end of the day’s racing.

Protest notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. Such posting shall constitute notice of hearing as required by Rule 63.2.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

18. Scoring and Number of Races

The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Each boat’s score will be the total of her scores in all races completed. No races will be discarded. This changes Rule A2. One (1) race constitutes a regatta. The winner of both the Fish Worlds Championship and the Finn Gulf Coast Championship will be based on the races completed.

19. Safety and Responsibility

A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the race committee before leaving the racecourse, or, if unable to do so, shall notify a regatta official immediately after arriving ashore.

It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue a race.