

Pass Christian Yacht Club

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FINN CLASS US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Pass Christian Yacht Club, MS 39571

May 16-19, 2024

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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The notation [DP] means that the penalty for breaking this provision will be a discretionary penalty, which may be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule of these sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with US prescriptions, International Finn Class Rules, USA Finn Association Bylaws, these SIs and any amendments to these SIs.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the SI's, the SI's will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 RRS 33, 35, 42, 44.1, 44.2, 62.1(a), 63.1, Appendix A2, A4, A5, P2, and Race Signals have been changed below.
- 1.4 Only US Sailing Prescriptions RRS 61.4, Appendix R, and prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5 (a) and 76.1 shall apply. They can be found in **Addendum A**.
- 1.5 A boat shall not display the sail number of another boat that is racing.
- 1.6 Appendix P will apply, as modified below. Finn Class Rule C.1.1(1) is in effect. RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: 'On or before the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) may display Code Flag "O" to signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P, that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above.' This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b), and 42.2(c).
- 1.7 Per Finn Class Rule (A.7.2) the RC will apply SI 1.6 above in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a RC boat at the windward mark.
- 1.8 Per Appendix P5.2 (b), if the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after Code Flag "O" was displayed, the RC may display Code Flag "R" with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that RRS 42, as changed by the class rules, applies after she has passed the mark.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs in the bar area at PCYC.
- 2.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors, coaches and spectators via **VHF channel 69**, which will be confirmed at each morning's competitor briefing.

- 2.3 [DP] From the warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the SI's will be posted by 1000, or after the daily competitor briefing, on the day they will take effect. Any changes in the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 on the day before they take effect.
- 3.2 In the event of no racing on a day, any changes in the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.3 Oral changes to the SI's may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display Flag "L." Competitors may approach the signal boat and verbally receive the change while Flag "L" is displayed.
- 3.4 Any oral changes made on the water will be posted in writing on the notice board as soon as possible.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the PCYC and communicated to competitors on **VHF channel 69** and via loudspeaker on deck.
- 4.2 Flag "L," when displayed ashore, signifies that a change to the SI's or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board at PCYC.
- 4.3 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.' This changes Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The schedule of events is as follows:

Thurs, May 16	1200-1700	Registration and Measurement
	1500	Practice starts and races
Fri, May 17	0830-1000	Check-in
	1000	Competitor briefing
	1225	First warning signal; more races to follow
Sat, May 18	1000	Competitor briefing
	1125	First warning signal; more races to follow
Sun, May 19	1000	Competitor briefing
	1125	First warning signal; more races to follow
	1430	No initial warning signal shall be made
	1700	Awards ceremony

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the Finn Logo.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be immediately in front of the PCYC in the Gulf of Mexico.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1 [DP] Prior to the first warning signal each day, boats are required to check-in with the RC signal boat. This check-in shall be done after the RC raises Flag "L." Boats should pass the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number and be acknowledged.
- 8.2 [NP] RRS 40.1 will be in effect. Flag "Y" will not be displayed.

8.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the RC as soon as possible, even if that is a member of the OA ashore.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in **Addendum B** shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which to pass.

9.2 If one gate mark is missing, competitors shall leave the remaining gate to port.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course designation, distance and approximate compass bearing to the weather mark.

10. MARKS

10.1 The windward mark (1) and the leeward gate marks (2S/2P) will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 The offset mark (1a) will be an orange buoy.

10.3 A new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

10.4 If mark 1 is changed during a race, mark 1a (the offset) will not be used for the remainder of that race.

11. THE START

11.1 The races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat ("Rip Tide") and a green tetrahedron.

11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will place a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as possible.

12.2 The RC reserves the right to tweak the course, during a race up to 10 degrees and 0.1nm without signaling a change. This changes RR 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line for course L4 will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of an green tetrahedron. This changes Race Signals.

13.2 The finishing line for courses W3 and W5 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of a nearby mark. This changes Race Signals.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limits and target time for each race are as follows:

First mark - 30 minutes

Race limit - 60 minutes

Target Time - 45 minutes

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS, Appendix A shall apply.

15.2 Three (3) races shall constitute a regatta.

- 15.3 When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded.
- 15.4 If a competitor does not race any of the races, they shall be removed as a competitor and the scores will be adjusted to indicate this. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.2.

16. PENALTIES

- 16.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of Incident shall apply.
V1The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more Rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a straight mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 16.2 For incidents occurring in the zone of the weather mark or the leg between the weather mark and the offset mark, penalty turns may be delayed until immediately after passing the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 16.3 RRS Appendix P2.3 does not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

17. PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 17.1 A boat intending to protest shall, if practicable, notify the RC of Its Intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing the race.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 Hearing request forms are available upstairs in the bar area at PCYC.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the board to see if she is cited in a protest. Hearings will be held in the protest room, upstairs, at PCYC, at the posted time.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the RC will be posted.
- 17.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the Chief Judge. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 All 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.
- 19.2 Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and class rules. Emphasis is drawn to Finn Class Rule C 5.2.1 (a) towing rope minimum 8m long and no less than 8mm wide capable of floating. The towing rope must be readily available without contravening Finn Class Rule C.6.1(b).

20. [DP] SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 20.1 Coaches are required to register at the start of the event. During check-in, each coach boat must sign a credit authorization form and receive an identifying flag.
- 20.2 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request, or at the request of the RC, all coaches and other support persons shall stay 100 meters outside the areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired, or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.3 Coach boats are required to monitor **VHF channel 69** and shall abide all RC instructions. Infix addition, they shall provide assistance to any boat in danger if notified by the RC.
- 20.4 The RC reserves the right to make additional requirements for coach and/ or support boats at any time during the regatta.

20.5 The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements of the oral instructions of the RC of the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. After a hearing, a penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the coach or support boat.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

RRS 47 applies: however, trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

22. AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded per the NOR.

23. DISCLAIMER

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA and the PCYC will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

23.2 Each person warrants the suitability of his or her boat for the event.

ADDENDUM A

RRS 61.4

Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress: US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Appendix R

Appendix R as stated in the RRS.

RRS 60.3

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress

RRS 67

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the **rules**. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the **rules** is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the **rules**, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the **rules** shall be based on fault as determined by application of the **rules**, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

RRS 70.5

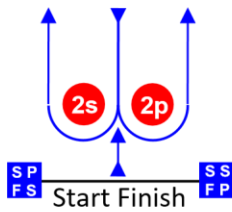
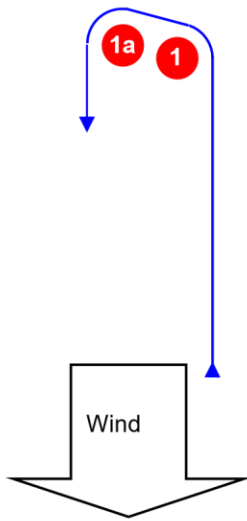
US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required.

RRS 76.1

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation

ADDENDUM B - Course Diagrams

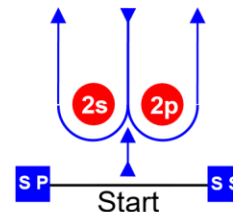
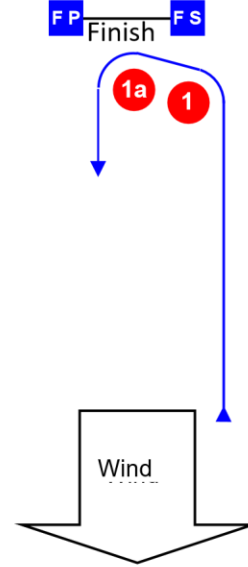
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

W



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
W5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish