



Finn Class  
North American  
Championship  
Miami, FL USA  
December 12 - 15, 2024



The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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*The notation [DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 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, and these SI's and any amendments to these SI's. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI's, the SI's will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2. 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 will be posted on the official on-line notice board.
- 1.3. A boat shall not display the sail number of another boat that is racing.
- 1.4. Appendix P5 will apply. 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 P5, 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).
- 1.5. Per Finn Class Rule (A.7.2) the RC will apply SI 1.4 above in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a RC boat at the windward mark.
- 1.6. Per Appendix P5.3 (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. All race related documents, notices and results will be posted on the official notice board at Regatta Network. [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28303#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28303#_newsroom).

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the SI's will be posted no later than 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.2. Oral changes to the SI's may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display Code Flag "L." Competitors may approach the signal boat and verbally receive the

change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the CGSC and communicated to competitors *via* VHF radio and email.
- 4.2. Code Flag "L," when displayed ashore, or posted on-line, signifies that a change to the SI's or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board on Regatta Network.
- 4.3. Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore, or posted on-line, means that the start has been postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This changes Race Signals AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. A maximum of eight (8) races may be sailed.
- 5.2. The schedule of events is as follows:

|      |        |           |  |
|------|--------|-----------|--|
| Thur | Dec 12 | 1530-1700 | Registration & Check-in at CGSC              |
| Fri  | Dec 13 | 0930      | Competitor and coach briefing at CGSC        |
|      |        | 1200      | Warning signal for first race of the day     |
| Sat  | Dec 14 | 1200      | Warning signal for first race of the day     |
| Sun  | Dec 15 | 1200      | Warning signal for first race of the day     |
|      |        | 1530      | No warning signal to be made after this time |
|      |        | ASAP      | Awards ceremony at CGSC                      |

#### 6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The class flag will be a white flag with a blue Finn class logo.

#### 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay, approximately 1.5 nm SE of the John A Brennan channel entrance.

#### 8. SAFETY

- 8.1. 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 Code Flag "L." Boats should pass the stern of the RC boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number. The check-in is not considered completed until the RC boat acknowledges. [DP]

#### 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment #1 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 9.2. If one gate mark is missing, competitors shall leave the remaining gate to port.
- 9.3. The course number and approximate magnetic heading and distance to the weather mark will be displayed on the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each race.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. The windward mark (1) and the leeward gate marks (2S/2P), will be large orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. The offset mark (1a) will be an orange tetrahedron.

## **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 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end of the line, or the course side of a yellow inflatable mark.
- 11.3. If any boat is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall), 30.3 (U Flag Rule) or 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her bow or sail number on RC VHF channel 73. Failure of the committee to make the attempt or for the competitor to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 11.4. A boat not starting within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.
- 12.2. If Mark 1 is moved during a race, Mark 1a, will not be used for the remainder of that race.
- 12.3. The RC reserves the right to tweak the course, during a race, up to 10 degrees and 0.1 nm without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line for courses WA2 and WA3 will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and a yellow cylinder on the port end of the line
- 13.2. The finishing line for course LA2 will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end boat, or the course side of a yellow tetrahedron.

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1. The time limits and target time for each race (in minutes) are as follows:  
FIRST MARK LIMIT 30 minutes  
RACE LIMIT 75 minutes  
TARGET TIME 45 minutes
- 14.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS, Appendix A shall apply to this regatta except that when five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS rule A2.1.
- 15.2. Three (3) races shall constitute a regatta.
- 15.3. 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 5.2 and A5.3.

## 16. PENALTIES

- 16.1. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of Incident shall apply.  
**V1** The 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 starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."  
A boat that has taken penalty turns is encouraged to notify the Protest Committee by completing the online Penalty Acknowledgement form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbb1l7q1h0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv\\_\\_5-Ibidk-7h2BQw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbb1l7q1h0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv__5-Ibidk-7h2BQw/viewform)
- 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. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the RC *via* hailing or having their coach calling the RC on VHF channel 69, and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the RC *via* email to [RaceCommittee@CGSC.org](mailto:RaceCommittee@CGSC.org). [DP]

## 17. PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 17.1. A boat intending to protest shall, if practicable, notify a RC finish boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 17.2. Scoring inquiries, including potential redress requests **relating to a starting penalty**, should be initiated by filling out the online Scoring Inquiry form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc56x9WKwLpLRLiQE5NOPGtKmntIVJQTe6-IWplSqVouz5qIQ/viewform>. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). Also, questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). The RC will investigate, get back to you, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.
- 17.3. Protests and requests for redress **unrelated to a starting penalty** should be initiated by filling out the online Protest form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK\\_ixfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5IQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK_ixfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5IQ/viewform). Additionally, if a diagram is required, it should be

photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Also, questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Protests and requests for redress shall be emailed within the protest time limit, which is one (1) hour after the RC finish boat docks and which will be posted on the regatta website notice board. Virtual Protest hearings will be conducted *via* Zoom.

- 17.4. Notices will be posted on the regatta site 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 on-line notice board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.
- 17.5. Notices of protests by the RC, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the on-line notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Also, the OA will inform competitors by email or text.
- 17.6. If the RC posts results on the official notice board prior to the protest time limit expiring, a request for redress based on being scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded per the Notice of Race.

## **19. SUPPORT & COACH BOATS**

- 19.1. 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 a flag. The coach will be charged \$80 if the flag is not returned to the signal boat after racing is completed on the last day. Only coach boats that have been registered with the OA and are flying a flag will be allowed in the racing area as permitted in this SI.
- 19.2. Coach and support boats are required by the RC to monitor VHF Channel 73 and shall abide by all RC instructions. In addition, they shall provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the RC.

Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the RC, support and coach boats shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any boat that is racing, except at mark roundings or the finish line where they shall not approach closer than 100 meters upwind of the windward mark or downwind of the leeward mark, and extensions of the finish line.

- 19.3. Non-CGSC boats will not be allowed use of CGSC docks at any time, except for launching and returning. All coach and support boats that are staying at CGSC must use mooring balls assigned by Dock Staff at time of check-in.
- 19.4. A boat whose registered coach, support and / or spectator boat has violated any of the above stated rules, or has caused undo wake due to excessive speeds near the race course, may be subject to protest by the RC or the Protest Committee, per RRS 60.3 (d) and 64.5.
- 19.5. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the RC or of the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat. A

hearing may be called if a coach or spectator boat fails to comply with the requirements of SI 19.

- 19.6. The RC reserves the right to make additional requirements for coach and / or support boats at any time during the regatta.

## **20. VENUE**

- 20.1. RRS 47 applies; however, trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 20.2. Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days. Food and beverages will be available to order upstairs at CGSC. Seating upstairs will be limited.
- 20.3. The safety of sailors and volunteers is paramount. All skippers, crews and interested parties must comply with all CGSC protocols. Further, while ashore, all skippers and crews are to promptly comply with instructions from the CGSC Staff. Failure to comply with this SI shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. [DP]
- 20.4. Automotive vehicle parking on the CGSC grounds is restricted to CSGC Members only. Participants may bring their boats into the CGSC “Strip” area, as may be enlarged for the event, beginning on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Extended storage on a space available basis may be requested in advance by contacting the CGSC office (305) 444-4571.

## **21. RISK STATEMENT & INSURANCE**

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3. The OA and the Host Club shall not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, sickness, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.
- 21.2. Each person warrants the suitability of his or her boat for the event.

## **22. MEASUREMENTS**

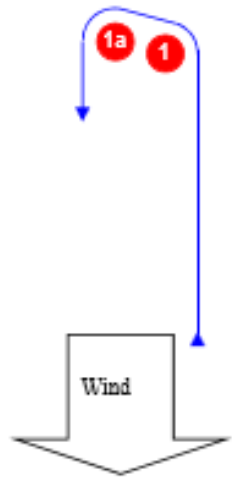
- 22.1. All equipment must be class legal and may be checked at any time during the regatta. Each boat must be able to produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.
- 22.2. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard (or competitors’ home countries’ requirements) and Class rules. Emphasis is drawn to Finn Class Rule C 5.2 (a).1, which requires 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).

## **23. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 23.1. Courtesy tows to the racing area may be available in the vicinity of the launch area; however, it is the responsibility of each competitor to be at the start on time.
- 23.2. FURTHER INFORMATION.  
Contact CGSC Regatta Chair Steve Herman, [cgsrace@gmail.com](mailto:cgsrace@gmail.com) ;  
or CGSC Finn Class Representative Dave Martin, [dave@manageinc.com](mailto:dave@manageinc.com).

## Attachment 1 – Course Diagram

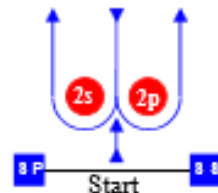
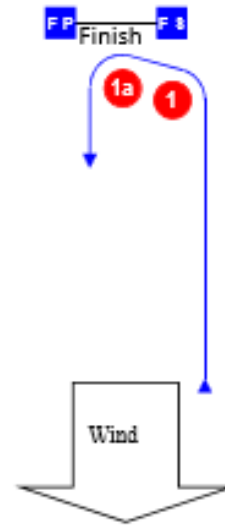
### LA



Course: Leeward finish

| Signal | Mark Rounding Order                      |
|--------|--|
| LA2    | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |

### WA



Course: Windward Finish

| Signal | Mark Rounding Order                              |
|--------|--|
| WA2    | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish                  |
| WA3    | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish |