



FINN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



September 2-4, 2023

Newport Harbor Yacht Club, 720 West Bay Ave, Balboa, California, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. See NoR 1.
- 1.2. Bow numbers will be supplied by the OA at registration and shall be applied in accordance with the OA's instructions.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1015 on the day it will take effect with code flag "L" being displayed, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Further to NoR 3.
- 3.2. The race committee will use VHF radio channel 68 for communications.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole located at the top of the launch ramp.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. See NoR 7.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags will be a Finn logo on white flag.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean, West of the Newport Pier or if conditions dictate the racing could be inside Balboa Bay near NHYC. The RC reserves the right to relocate the racing area as weather conditions dictate.
- 8.2. If the racing area is to be moved inside Balboa Bay, the change will be posted by 0900 on the day(s) it will be in effect.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the Warning Signal, the course to be sailed shall be signaled by placards displayed on the race committee signal vessel as well as the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 1a, 3P, 3S will be yellow conical shapes.



- 10.2. Change marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow conical shapes with a black cap.
- 10.3. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. 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 68. 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.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark as shown in Addendum A - Course Descriptions.
- 13.2. 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.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3. RRS Appendix P (Special procedures for rule 42) is amended and replaced with the following;

P2.1. First Penalty

When a boat is first penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a One Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2. Second and subsequent Penalty

When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent times, during the regatta, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty for each infraction. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

P2.4. Penalties Near the Finishing Line

If a boat is penalized under rule P2.2 and it was not reasonably possible for her to retire before finishing, she shall be scored as if she had retired promptly.

P5. No change



15. RACE TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
75	45	15

15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

16. HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal vessel arrives at the dock. The time will be posted on a Protest notice board located on the Sailing Patio at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Hearing Request forms are available at the protest desk located on the Sailing Patio at Newport Harbor Yacht Club.

16.2. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room near the protest desk in the order determined by the protest committee.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. In addition to NoR 13.

17.2. [DP] Check-Out and Check-In Procedures: Before the Warning Signal on the first race each day, all boats shall sail by the stern of the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the race committee.

17.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either by verbal hail or on VHF channel 68 as soon as reasonably possible. If this is not possible, TEXT the RC at 310-980-5694 IMMEDIATELY upon returning to shore.

18. SUPPORT VESSELS

18.1. In addition to NoR 12.

18.2. [DP] All support personnel are required to attend a meeting which will be held immediately before the competitors' briefing each day.

18.3. [DP] Unless otherwise directed by the race committee, no support vessel may be within 100 meters of the course boundaries nor have any communication with a competitor between the first warning signal for a race and the time that race is postponed, abandoned, or the competitor has finished and is 100 meters outside the finishing line and course boundaries. This changes rule 41.

18.4. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements will be applied to the appropriate competitors' boats associated with the support vessels personnel at the discretion of the protest committee. Additionally, upon receiving a report, the organizing authority may take other disciplinary action against the registered coach and/or support personnel.

19. RISK STATEMENT

19.1. See NoR 13.4.



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SI Addendum A – Courses

Attached