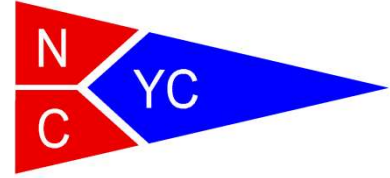




# FINN US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*North Cape Yacht Club  
La Salle, Mi.*



## NOTICE OF RACE

*(Preliminary)*

LaSalle, Mi.

July 20-23, 2023

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and *International Finn Class Association Class Rules*.
- 1.2. Appendix P5 will apply.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: rule 63.2
- 1.4. The organizing authority is North Cape Yacht Club.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all paid up members of the Finn class.
- 2.2. Competitors must arrange for the registered boat to be present at the event. Boats to charter may be available.
- 2.3. Registration is not complete until Entry Form, Waiver, and required fee are received by North Cape Yacht Club.
- 2.4 Register at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15851>

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$250 (Estimated). Entries received after July 1st, and before July 17th, will be subject to an additional fee of \$25. Procrastinators may register onsite but will be subject to an additional \$50.00 fee. USAFA U-23 rules are in effect (except for late fees).
- 3.2. The fee provides for:
  - Thursday: Dinner
  - Friday: Lunch, Dinner
  - Saturday: Breakfast Lunch
  - Sunday: Lunch
- 3.3. Additional tickets available at registration for \$20.00.
- 3.4 If an entry is canceled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
  - 3.4.1 Notice period of Cancellation- Greater than 7 days: 100% less 7% credit card processing fees

3.4.2 Notice period of Cancellation: Greater than 24 hours but less than 7 days: 50% less 7% credit card processing fees

3.4.3 Notice period of Cancellation: Less than 24 hours or failure to attend: No Refund

#### **4. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

4.1. A maximum of nine (9) races may be sailed.

4.2. The preliminary schedule of events is as follows:

Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

1800 Early Registration ends

Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1800 Late Entry ends (See section 3.1)

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

0900-1800 Check in

0900-1230 Equipment inspection

1230 Competitor brief

1400 Practice Race 1st Warning Signal

After Racing – hosted beer social/ hors d'oeuvres

Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023:

1200 1st Warning Signal

1830 Hosted Dinner at NCYC

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023:

9:00 AGM

12:00 1st Warning Signal

Sunday, July 23<sup>th</sup> 2023:

1030 1st Warning Signal

1500 No further Warning Signal shall be made

TBD: Awards ceremony with hosted beverages and lunch

4.3. The Race Committee may adjust the number of races each day to accommodate weather conditions.

#### **5. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

5.1. All equipment must be class legal and will be checked prior to the start of racing and may be rechecked during the regatta. Each boat should be able to produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.

- 5.2. 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 of not less than 8mm in diameter, capable of floating. The towing rope must be readily available without contravening Rule C.6.1 (b).

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1. Preliminary sailing instructions will be available on the NCYC website on or about July, 10 2023 at [www.ncyc.net](http://www.ncyc.net).
- 6.2. A final version will be available online and posted on the official notice board.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATION**

- 7.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com>
- 7.2. Notices may also be posted on the official notice board located on the front door of the North Cape Yacht Club
- 7.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts, including notification of OCS boats, to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 7.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **8. COURSES & RACING AREA**

- 8.1. Courses will be as determined by the Race Committee.
- 8.2. The racing area will be on Lake Erie approximately one mile east of North Cape Yacht Club.

## **9. SCORING**

- 9.1. In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after five (5) races have been completed.
- 9.2. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

## **10. AWARDS**

- 10.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top five (5) finishers overall. Other categories i.e. Vintage Finn [pre1996 hull]) may also be recognized.

## **11. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

- 11.1. Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using North Cape Yacht Club's facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## **12. COACHES AND NON-RACE COMMITTEE BOATS**

- 12.1 [DP] All coach boats and support vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority.
- 12.2. [DP] All support boats and coaches must be capable of communicating with the Race

Committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73.

12.3. [DP] If called upon, support vessels and people will be required to act as safety boats.

12.4 [DP] Every person on board a support vessel less than 6m in length must wear a properly secured

personal flotation device of an appropriate size for that person at all times the engine is running.

12.5 [DP] Support person vessel's driver shall use the kill cord at all times the engine is running.

12.6 [DP] Only North Cape members are allowed to operate hoists located on North Cape property.

### 13. RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

### 14. SAFETY

14.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.

13.1.1. A competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) to the minimum standard EN393 or ISO 12402-5 Level 50.

14.2. The use of inflatable buoyancy vests is not permitted.

14.3. It is the responsibility solely of the competitor to decide if they should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.

### 15. INSURANCE

15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

16.1 HOUSING:

16.1.1 A list of local hotels can be seen on [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com)

16.1.2 Local housing may be available

16.1.3 Limited tent and van camping is available on-site for one-time fee of \$25. No electric hookups available; no generators allowed. First come, first reserved via email directly to regatta housing contact

Contact Peter Frissell (419-376-8557, [peterfrissell13720@gmail.com](mailto:peterfrissell13720@gmail.com))

16.2. CHARTERS:

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