

Christchurch Sailing Club

British Finn National Championships 2016

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules - The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing; the rules of the International Finn Class [DP] and the British Finn Class Association [DP]. RRS Appendix P will apply.

1.1 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee;

2. Entries

2.1. Eligibility - Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority as in the supplementary sailing instructions.

2.2. Disclaimer of Liability - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See NOR 14. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

2.3. Insurance - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 per event.

3. Notices to Competitors - Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the start of a race they affect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 Competitors' attention will be drawn to changes by flying flag "L" accompanied by one sound signal. Flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the first race that is affected by the change or changes in the sailing instructions.

4.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7

5. Safety

5.1 RRS40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed. Adequate personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

5.2. A tally system will be in operation. At Registration each boat will be assigned a unique tally number.

5.2.1 Tallies will be large elastic bands worn on the wrist.

5.2.2 Competitors shall collect their tally before going afloat and return it within 30 minutes of coming ashore.

5.2.3 The tally board will be located at the Beachmaster's table outside the Clubhouse by the dinghy slipway.

5.2.4 Competitors breaking sailing instruction 5.2.2 will incur a £5 fine that will be donated to the RNLI without a hearing. A second infringement will incur a £10 fine without a hearing. Third and subsequent penalties will be subject to protest and any penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

5.3 A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.

6.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore , “ one minute“ is replaced with “not less than 60 Minutes“ in race signal AP

6.3 Competitors shall not go afloat until released by the display of IC Flag D above the Finn Class Flag [DP]

7. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races is as follows:

Date	Number of Races	Time of 1st Warning Signal
Friday 5 th August	2	11.55 am
Saturday 6 th August	3	10.55 am
Sunday 7 th August	2	11.55 am

7.1. When more than one race is scheduled for the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, an Orange flag will be displayed for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

7.2. 7 races are scheduled to be sailed with no more than 4 races on any one day.

8. Class Flags - The class flag shall be the Finn Class flag.

9. Racing Area - The sailing area will be in Christchurch Bay.

10. The Course –The type of course will be signalled by a lettered board displayed on the starboard side of the Committee Boat, either Course A, B or C. see Appendix 1.

10.1 Magnetic Bearing of Mark 1 - The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the midpoint of the start line may be displayed on a board on the port side of the Committee Boat before the warning signal.

10.2

Marks – Marks 1, 2, and 3 will normally be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys. Replacement marks as provided in RRS 33 will be yellow short cylindrical inflatable buoys.

11. The Start

11.1. Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. The start line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line boat or mark, displaying an orange flag.

11.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored DNS.

12. Change Of Course After The Start

12.1 As an addition to RRS 33, a green or red flag may be displayed to indicate that the mark has been moved to starboard or port.

13 The Finish -

Courses A & B: The Finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee boat displaying a Blue flag at the Starboard end, and a boat or mark displaying a Blue flag at the Port end.

Course C : The Finishing line will be in the same position as the Start line (but shorter in length) and is between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a Blue flag marking the Port end of the line and a boat or mark displaying a Blue flag at the Starboard end of the finish line.

14. Time Limit. The time limit is 2 hours. Any boat that does not finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

15. Penalty System - Appendix P will apply.

16. Protests

16.1 Protests in writing shall be lodged with the Race Office within two hours of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Protest forms are available from the Race Office except that:

16.1.1. On the last scheduled day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

16.1.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day; this changes RRS 66.

16.1.3 On the last scheduled day a request for redress based on a protest decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.2 A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the finish of the end of the Protest time limit. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule. This is the notice under RRS 63.2

16.2.1 When the race committee or protest committee intends to protest a boat it may inform her by a notice posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board. This changes the first sentence of rule 61.1(b).

16.3 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details. The Exoneration penalty available under this will be 20% as described in 44.3

16.4 Penalties for breaches of NoR 5 (Advertising), NoR 13 (Support Boats), NoR 16(Boat Parking), NoR 17 (Car Parking), Class Rules, Championship Rules or rules in the Sis marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee

17 Scoring - Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if three or more races have been completed.

17.1. 4 races are required for a valid championship.

18 Prizes - Prizes will be awarded for places as determined by the event organising team based on the entry to the event.

19. Radio Communications - A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

20. Equipment & Measuring Checks – a boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Sailing Instructions and Certificate. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Support Boats – team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.[DP]

Note to Competitors

Boats should note that the Finn Class Rule C1 changes RRS 42 as follows:

C.1 GENERAL

C.1.1 RULES

(1) RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee may 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 rules 42.2(a), 42.2(b)

And

42.2(c)

(2) The Finn Class recommends that race committees apply Rule C.1.1 (1) in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark. See also A.7.2.

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

INSPECTIONS The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of

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Appendix 1 – Courses.

Course **A**: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course **B**: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Course **C**: Start - 1- 1a - 2P or 2S - 1 - 1a - Finish

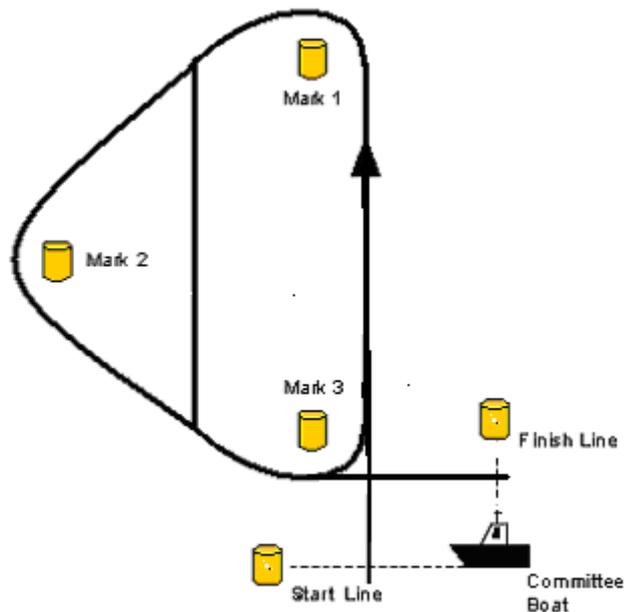
Marks shall be rounded to Port, except that **2P** and **2S** in Course **C** shall always be rounded to Port or Starboard.

Courses A & B

Mark 1 is the intended windward mark.

The diagram is for indicative purposes only.

It does not indicate the exact angles between legs or the lengths of legs relative to each other.



Course C

Mark 1 is the intended windward mark.

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