



2018 U.S. FINN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

April 6-8, 2018

Fairhope Yacht Club
Fairhope, Alabama



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC)

RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

2.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a personal flotation device while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The “Y” flag will not be displayed.

2.3 Finn Class Rule C.1.1 will be in effect. It is the intent of the OA to apply Finn Class Rule C.1.1 when the wind is 10 knots or above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark, prior to the Warning Signal of any race in which it is applied. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Finn Class whose skipper is a member of the Finn Class Association as of the date of their entry.

3.2 Entry will be via [Regatta Network](#)

3.3 An entry will be considered complete only when the online entry form is submitted and regatta entry fees are paid.

3.4 Entries will close at 1700 on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

4. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$150.00.

5.2 Entries received after March 21, 2018 will be subject to an additional fee of \$50.

5.3 The fee provides event shirt, hosted post-race hors d'oeuvres and beverages, Saturday evening Dinner/US Finn Class Annual Meeting at FYC and Sunday Awards.

5.4 Additional Guest Tickets available at registration for \$50 each, and include all except event shirt.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 A maximum of ten (10) races may be sailed.

6.2 The schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, April 5, 2018
1000-1700 Registration and Measurement
1400 Practice Race(s)
1700-1900 Hosted Beer Social

Friday, April 6, 2018
0800-0900 Check-In
0900 Competitor Briefing
1125 1st Warning Signal
After Racing – Hosted Beer Social / hors d’oeuvres

Saturday, April 7, 2018
1125 1st Warning Signal
1830 Hosted Dinner at FYC and US Finn Class Association Meeting

Sunday, April 8, 2018
1125 1st Warning Signal
1500 No further Warning Signal shall be made
1800 Awards ceremony w/Hosted Beer Social and hors d’oeuvres

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.
- 7.2 Boats may be selected for complete measurement.
- 7.3 Boats must comply with current Class measurement rules. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Class rules.
- 7.4 Each boat shall have a current IFA sticker affixed to the hull.
- 7.5 Emphasis is drawn to Finn Class Rule C5.2.1 (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 C6.1(b).

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration, the FYC Notice Board and Regatta Network event website.
- 8.2 The official Notice Board will be located on the FYC ground level, north side wall.

9. VENUE and COURSES

- 9.1 Races will be conducted on Mobile Bay, west of FYC.
- 9.2 The courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A.2.
- 10.2 Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11. AWARDS

Trophies shall be awarded to the top five (5) finishers overall, Top Master (40>), Top GrandMaster (50>), Top Great GrandMaster (60>), Top Legend (70>) and Top Vintage Finn (mfr 2000<). At the discretion of the OA, other categories may also be recognized.

12. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or while on FYC site 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 without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

13. COACHES AND NON RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

All support boat and coaches must be capable of communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73.

14. BERTHING

Finns will be accommodated free of charge at FYC from March 30 to April 9, 2018. Thereafter storage fees will apply. Contact FYC Sailing Director Holly Murray beforehand to arrange space for Finns as well as support and coach boats. holly@fairhopeyachtclub.com

15. HOUSING

Limited housing is available for out of state competitors whose paid registration is received no later than March 15, 2018. To request housing contact the Regatta Chair.

Local Accommodations:

Hampton Inn Fairhope: (251)928-0956

Holiday Inn Express Fairhope: (251)928-9191

Key West Inn Fairhope: (251)990-7373

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The OA does not accept any liability for material injury, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Chair: Scott Hartwell, 251-510-1532, hartwells251@yahoo.com

Principal Race Officer: Cathy Cromartie, 251-895-0993 or cathy.cromartie@gmail.com

FYC Office Manager: Pat Colvin, 251-928-3276, ext. 1 or office@fairhopeyachtclub.com

Additional information may be posted at www.fairhopeyachtclub.com