

Wet and Cool

Finn Gulf Coast Championship Regatta

March 28-29, 2020
Fairhope Yacht Club
Fairhope, AL

Sailing Instructions

- 1. Rules** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Finn Class rules. Competitors in the Finn Class are required to wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing. For the Finn Class Rule 42.2 is varied by Finn Class Rule C1:
 - 1) Code Flag O displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: "after starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 is varied in that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted".
 - 2) Code Flag R displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: "After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS42 applies without variation".
- 2. Classes** Finn Class
- 3. Notice to Competitors** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Ballroom, duplicate documentation MAY be posted on the board downstairs next to the bathrooms, failure to post duplicates will not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 4. Changes in the Sailing Instructions** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before Skippers Meeting on Saturday and by 0900 on Sunday, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 5. Signals Made Ashore** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the West side of the club. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.
- 6. Schedule of Events**

Saturday March 28:
Registration 0900 - 1100 hrs.
Skippers Meeting 1130 hrs.
First Warning Signal 1225 hrs. Following races will be conducted back to back. Six races are planned, four on Saturday and two on Sunday but this schedule may be altered depending on conditions except no more than four races will be sailed on any one day.

Sunday March 29:
First Warning Signal 1025 hrs.
No races will be started after 1400 hrs.
Trophy presentation ASAP after racing is completed.
- 7. Class Flag** Class flag will be a flag with the Finn Class emblem
- 8. Racing Area** The race area will be on Mobile Bay West of Fairhope Yacht Club.
- 9. Courses** Course will be a Windward/Leeward (W2)
- 10. Marks** Marks will be orange tetrahedrons, with yellow tetrahedrons used change marks.
- 11. Check-In** Each boat shall sail by the RC Starting Boat and hail their sail number and receive acknowledgment from the Race Committee at the beginning of each day's racing. The "L" flag will be dropped approximately one minute before the starting sequence begins.

- 12. Change of Course After the Start** A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in the new position.
- 13. Starting and Finishing Lines** The starting system is described in RRS 26. The starting and finishing lines will be between the staff of an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and orange mark. A boat shall not start later than five minutes after her starting signal.
- 14. Recalls** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail the sail numbers of boats over early, or that have broken Rule 30.1, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, except when Flag I has been displayed.
- 15. Time Limit** The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes or 30 minutes after the first boat finishes whichever is later. Boats failing to finish within the above time limit will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF). This changes Rule 35. After the Second to last boat finishes, the race committee shall have the authority to recall the last placed boat and award that yacht a finish in place, to decrease the time between races.
- 16. Protest** Rule 61.1(a) is changed by adding the following: “ A boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity of the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the protested boats(s) and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid”
Protest shall be written on forms available at the Registration Desk and returned to the Registration Desk within the protest time, which will end (1) one hour after the race committee signal boat docks at the end of the day’s racing.
Protest notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. Protests shall be heard in the approximate order received.
- 17. Scoring and Number of Races** The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Each boat’s score will be the total of the scores in all races. Six must be competed for a throw out, one race constitutes a regatta.
- 18. Safety and Responsibility** A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the race committee before leaving the race course, or, if unable to do so, shall notify a regatta official immediately after she arrives ashore.
It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue a race.