



# 2017 U.S. FINN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

August 2-6, 2017

Encinal Yacht Club  
Alameda, California



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 To be eligible to race a boat shall enter by meeting the eligibility and entry requirements set forth in the Notice of Race for the Finn Class US National Championship NOR.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.4 Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (1) is in effect. RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee may display flag "0" to 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).
- 1.5 Per Finn Class Rule (A.7.2) the race committee will attempt to apply SI 1.4 above in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark.
- 1.6 Per App P5 (c), if the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag "0" was displayed, the race committee may display Flag "R" with repetitive sounds at a Mark to signal to a boat that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies after she has passed the mark.
- 1.7 Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear USCG approved personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag "Y" will not be displayed.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board (window) located on the east side, facing the water, of the Encinal Yacht Club clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board no later than 0900 on the day of the first race to which such changes apply. At the same time, Code Flag 'L', accompanied by a sound signal, will be displayed.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT**

- 5.1 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays code flag "L" over "A" with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the RC boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled for the event. The Race Committee reserves the right to have more or fewer races each day to accomplish races scheduled for this event.
- 6.2 A practice race is scheduled for Thursday at 1300hrs
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200 for Friday, and 1130 for Saturday and Sunday.
- 6.4 A Competitor's meeting will be held Friday at 0900 on the lawn area at Encinal Yacht Club.

## **7. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The class flag for the Finn will be a red flag with a white Finn logo.

## **8. RACING AREAS**

- 8.1 The intended starting area will be racing area is in the area known at Anchorage 8, west of Seaplane Lagoon at Alameda Point and north of NAS Channel Entrance.

## **9. CHECK IN**

- 9.1 Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the Race Committee (R/C) located on a vessel near Mark S and displaying the Code Flag "L" by passing close aboard on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the R/C will hail the boat's sail number.

## **10. THE COURSE**

- 10.1 The course will be selected from Appendix A. Mark 1 is rounded to port. Mark 2 is a gate.
- 10.2 The following signals will be posted athwart-ship from the R/C vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line:
  - a) The number of the course to be sailed will be displayed by numerical pennant.
  - b) The bearing to Mark 1 will be black numbers on a white background.
- 10.3 In the event a mark of the gate is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port before proceeding on to the next leg of the course.

## **11. MARKS**

- 11.1 Marks 1 & 2/2 (gate) will be yellow conical marks. Mark S will be a red conical mark. Mark F, when used, will be a small orange tetrahedron.
- 11.2 New Marks 1 & 2/2 (gate), when used as described in SI 14, will be red conical marks.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C vessel at the starboard end of the start line and the course side of Mark S.

### **13. RECALLS**

- 13.1 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will hail boats by loud hail. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

### **14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the R/C 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."

### **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on an R/C vessel and the course side of Mark F or a staff displaying an orange flag on another R/C vessel as illustrated on the course chart. For course 3, the finishing line will be between a yellow conical mark (Mark 1) and the staff of a blue flag on a committee boat to starboard of Mark 1.

### **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 Boats not finishing within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing and will be assigned the points equal to the number of boats sailing the course and finishing within the time limit, plus two (2) points.
- 16.2 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1600hrs on Friday or Saturday. No Warning Signal shall be made after 1500 hrs. on Sunday.

### **17. PENALTIES**

- 17.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule(s) of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule(s) of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

### **18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table inside the clubhouse near the deck entrance. Protests, request for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the applicable time limit. If filed after the close of the regatta table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 18.2 The protest filing time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest filing time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.
- 18.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **19. WITHDRAWAL**

19.1 A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any R/C vessel before leaving the race area.

## **20. SCORING**

20.1 A boats series score shall be the total of her race scores except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.

20.2 Three completed races shall constitute a series.

## **21. TOWING**

21.1 Limited towing to the starting area for competitors will be available. If available, tows for the Finns will be made up in the Brooklyn Basin area immediately adjacent to the EYC docks and will commence at approximately 1000? on Friday and 0930? each day thereafter. Towing will be available on a first come first served basis.

## **22. COMMUNICATION**

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make or receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22.2. The Race Committee will monitor VHF 66 (USA) for emergency radio traffic during the regatta. Please contact them in the event of an emergency requiring outside assistance or to notify the Race Committee of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per 19.1.

22.3 All auxiliary (coach/spectator/support) boats must be equipped with their own VHF radios and monitor VHF channel 66. Auxiliary boats shall be bound by Rule 1.1 'Helping Those in Danger,' and be prepared to render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the race committee.

## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

23.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 - Decision to Race - 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Encinal Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the regatta.

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## COURSE DIAGRAM

COURSES WILL BE  
DISPLAYED BY  
NUMERICAL PENNANTS

**Course 1**

S - 1 - F

**Course 2**

S - 1 - 2 - 1 - F

**Course 3**

S - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - F

*ALL MARKS SHALL BE TAKEN TO PORT, EXCEPT 2 (GATE). FOR 2 (GATE,) BOATS SHALL PASS BETWEEN THE TWO MARKS FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE LAST MARK, THEN MAY ROUND IN EITHER DIRECTION.*

*IN THE EVENT A GATE MARK IS MISSING, THE REMAINING GATE MARK SHALL BE TAKEN TO PORT.*

**DESCRIPTION OF MARKS:**

S Red Conical Mark

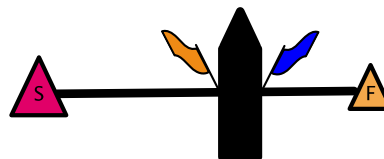
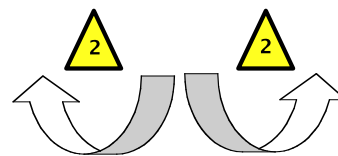
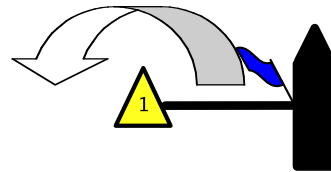
1 Yellow Conical Mark

G Yellow Conical Mark(s)

F Orange Tetrahedron

Change marks shall be of a different color and/or shape than the original mark.

Wind  
Direction



Course is NOT to scale or proportion