Solo FEBRUARY 2016 update…

At the recently concluded Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (ISAF Worlds), Zach Railey emerged from retirement to take a one place lead over Caleb Paine in the contest for who gets selected to represent the USA in the Finn at the Rio Olympics.

Railey only started back in the Finn last summer while Paine has been sailing full-time for several years and secured the berth for the USA in the Rio Games.  The match came down to the last downwind leg of the medal race when Railey pulled off a hard luff on Paine who then drew a penalty flag for pumping.  The second half of the Olympic Trials will be at the Europeans in Barcelona from March 5—it will be who beats who between the two training partners to determine who goes to Rio.

At the ISAF Miami Worlds, the USAFA met and awarded the 2016 North Americans to Pass Christian YC in Pass Christian, Mississippi, President John F. Dane's home club.  The event is in October and will provide mild winds, warm temperatures, and great Southern hospitality.  The Mississippi Gulf Coast is a great destination!

The Nationals are at Buccaneer Yacht Club in Mobile, Alabama April 5-8.  Many well-presented events have occurred here and once again a fine regatta is expected.

The North American Masters is at Mission Bay in San Diego in August.

The 2017 U.S. Nationals will be at Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda August 4-7.

Bids for 2017 regattas are also in the works from Palm Beach Sailing Club (Atlantic Ocean) and North Cape Yacht Club (Lake Erie).

A new fleet is getting organized in the Seattle area and the Midwest fleet is being revived by Peter Frissell and John Woodruff.

A new version of the USAFA webpage is now in the works.  It will feature a calendar, contact list, forum, and classified ads.  Look for it soon.  In the meantime, the best way to get information about USA Finns is through the Facebook pages "North American Finn Class" and "California Finn Association".

National Secretary Peter Connally and NorCal District Governor Charles Heimler can provide details as well.

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