



2017 U.S. FINN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
August 2-6, 2017



Encinal Yacht Club
Alameda, California

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Encinal Yacht Club (EYC).

2. RULES

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the 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 and 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 EYC website www.encinal.org

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

3.4. Entries will close at 1700 on Thursday August 3, 2017.

4. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is \$150.00.

5.2. Entries received after July 1, 2017 will be subject to an additional fee of \$50.

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

5.4. Additional Saturday dinner tickets available at registration for \$35 ea.

6. SCHEDULE

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

6.2. The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, August 2, 2017:
1200-1700 Registration and Measurement

Thursday, August 3, 2017:
0900-1400 Registration and Measurement
1300 Practice Race
1700-1900 Hosted beer social

Friday, August 4, 2017:
0800-0900 Check-in / Measurement (by pre-arranged appointment only)
0900 Competitor briefing
0930 Harbor Start
1200 1st Warning Signal
After Racing – hosted beer social/ hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, August 5, 2017:
0930 Harbor Start
1130 1st Warning Signal
1830 Hosted Dinner at EYC and US Finn Class Association Meeting

Sunday, August 6, 2017:
0930 Harbor Start
1130 1st Warning Signal
1500 No further Warning Signal shall be made
1800 Awards ceremony w hosted beer social/ 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. At a minimum, all boat hulls will be weighed.
- 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 C 5.2.1 (a) towing rope minimum 8 m long of not less than 8 mm in diameter, capable of floating. The towing rope must be readily available without contravening Rule C.6.1 (b).
- 7.6. US National Finn Class Measurer Bob Carlen will be measuring and available to assist anyone without a measurement certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing instructions will be available at registration, the EYC Notice Board, and event website.
- 8.2. The official notice board will be located outside of the easternmost window of the downstairs Regatta Room facing the lawn at EYC.

9. VENUE and COURSES

- 9.1. Races will be conducted in San Francisco Bay south of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, west of the island of Alameda.
- 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 A2.
- 10.2. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11. AWARDS

11.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top five (5) finishers overall. Top Junior (under 22) and Vintage Finn (< mfr yr 2000), or other categories may also be recognized.

12. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

12.1. Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using Encinal Yacht Club's facilities 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 competitors name or not without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

13. COACHES AND NON RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

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

14. BERTHING

14.1. Finns will be accommodated free of charge at EYC from July 15 to August 13, 2017. Thereafter storage fees will apply. Contact the dockmaster beforehand to arrange space for Finns as well as support and coach boats.

15. HOUSING

15.1. Limited housing is available for out of state competitors depending on date paid registration is received , distance traveled, and availability. Additionally, The Marina Village Inn is next to EYC, and other local accommodations are nearby.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors shall participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The organizing authority 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

17.1. For further information, please contact:

17.2. Regatta Chair: Mike Kennedy (510) 495-5855 Email: michaelkennedy05@gmail.com

17.3. EYC General Manager: Rigo Headley (510) 522-32 Email: gm@encinal.org

17.4. Principal Race Officer: Jeff Zarwell (415) 595-8364 Email: jzarwell@regattapro.com

17.5 Additional information will be posted at www.encinal.org