



FINN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



September 2-4, 2023

Newport Harbor Yacht Club, 720 West Bay Ave, Balboa, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Add new rule 41(e):
 - 1.2.1. help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.3. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: rule 63.2, rule 63.4.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the event website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com>
- 3.2. Notices may also be posted on the official notice board located on the Sailing Patio at Newport Harbor Yacht Club.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts, including notification of OCS boats, to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the Finn Class whose skipper is a member of the Finn Class Association as of the first day of the regatta.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://yachtscoring.com>
- 4.3. Online entries will be accepted until August 30, 2023 1800 Pacific.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Support Persons (Coaches) shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required Support Person Vessel fee.
- 4.6. Competitors shall complete the Liability Release and Medical Consent forms as part of the registration. Minors will need to download the Liability Release Form for Parental Signature and upload a scanned image.

5. FEES

Early Entry	\$160 USD	Until July 31, 2023
Regular Entry	\$220 USD	August 1 - August 30, 2023

- 5.1. The entry fee includes boat storage from the Saturday prior to regatta to the Friday following the regatta.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes all racing, hosted post-race hors d'oeuvres and beverages/beer and one ticket for the Saturday evening hosted cocktail party.



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- 5.3. The Support Person vessel registration fee is \$120 USD, which includes launching, mooring, refreshments after racing each race day and hosted cocktail party.
- 5.4. If an entry is canceled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - 5.4.1. Notice period of Cancellation - Greater than 7 days: 100% less 7% credit card processing fees.
 - 5.4.2. Notice period of Cancellation - Greater than 24 hours but less than 7 days: 50%.
 - 5.4.3. Notice period of Cancellation - Less than 24 hours or failure to attend: No refund.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

July 31, 2023	1800	Early Entry Deadline
August 30, 2023	1800	Entry Deadline
Friday Sept. 1, 2023	1200 to 1800 1400 1700	Registration, Measurement and Inspection Practice Race/Starts on race venue Social/hors d'oeuvres
Saturday Sept 2, 2023	0800 to 0930 0930 0930 0945 1015 1155 After racing	Registration, Measurement and Inspection Check In closes Support Person Vessel Registration and Briefing Competitors' Meeting Tow leaves NHYC Warning Signal for 1st race of the day Social/heavy hors d'oeuvres/hosted cocktail party
Sunday Sept 3, 2023	0930 0945 1015 1155 After racing	Support Person Vessel Registration and Briefing Competitors' Meeting Tow leaves NHYC Warning Signal for 1st race of the day Social/hors d'oeuvres
Monday Sept 4, 2023	0930 0945 1015 1155 After racing	Support Person Vessel Registration and Briefing Competitors' Meeting Tow leaves NHYC Warning Signal for 1st race of the day Social/hors d'oeuvres Awards Presentation

A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled: One (1) to four (4) races scheduled per day pending wind and weather conditions. The race committee may run fewer races at its discretion.



8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce, on request, a valid measurement certificate. for boat equipment and sails.
- 8.2. Measurement/inspection priority will be based on order of completed paid registration date
- 8.3. Boats must comply with current class rules and specifications.
- 8.4. Sails will be required to show a stamp and date of measurement.
- 8.5. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard and Class rules.
- 8.6. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 8.7. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with class rules.
- 8.8. 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

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The event venue will be conducted in the Pacific Ocean in the vicinity of the Newport Pier.

10. COURSE

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. [DP] Support person vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority and pay the applicable fee.
- 12.2. [DP] Support vessels shall conspicuously display a numbered flag supplied by the organizing authority. To obtain this flag for the support vessel, a refundable deposit of \$20 is to be lodged with the organizing authority. No flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the organizing authority shall be displayed.
- 12.3. [DP] Support person vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio and be prepared to monitor a designated VHF channel.
- 12.4. [DP] If called upon, support person vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 12.5. [DP] Every person on board a support vessel less than 6m in length must wear a properly secured personal flotation device of an appropriate size for that person at all times the engine is running.
- 12.6. [DP] Support person vessel's driver shall use the kill cord at all times the engine is running.



13. SAFETY

- 13.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
 - 13.1.1. A competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) to the minimum standard EN393 or ISO 12402-5 Level 50.
- 13.2. The use of inflatable buoyancy vests is not permitted.
- 13.3. It is the responsibility solely of the competitor to decide if they should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.
- 13.4. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$300,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

15. DEPICTION RELEASE

- 15.1. Competitors, by competing in this event, grant to the Host, perpetually and irrevocably, the unconditional and exclusive right, title and interest throughout the world to use, simulate and portray Participant’s name, likeness, voice, personality, personal identification and personal experiences, incidents, situations and events, whether visual and/or audio, including without limitation photographs, videotape, film and other recordings, electronic or optical-based media, or any other form or medium whatsoever, whether now or hereafter existing, and of every kind and character (collectively “The Images”), which may be taken or taken of Participant while participating in any aspect of the event.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes shall be awarded to the top five finishers overall; Top Youth (<23), Top Great Grandmaster (60>), Top Legend (70>). At the discretion of the OA, other categories may also be recognized.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.nhyc.org or contact the NHYC Race Office jess.gerry@nhycstaff.org or 949.723.6870

Event Chair _____: Robert Kinney

PRO _____: TBD

Chief Judge _____: Steve Schupak