



Finn Class North American Championship

Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Miami, FL USA
September 26-29, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and IFA Class rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Appendix P5 will apply. Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (Flag O @ 10 knots or more to permit downwind pumping/rocking/ooching; flag R to restrict) will be in effect and explained fully at the Competitors' meeting.
- 1.3. RRS 41 is amended by addition of the following: (e). 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.
- 1.4. The following US Sailing prescriptions do not apply: rule 63.2.
- 1.5. Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the Organizing Authority and the Host Club.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to members of the USA Finn Association (USAFA) or other relevant international Finn class associations. Members of USAFA need to have paid dues for 2024, and that payment will not carry over to 2025.
- 2.2. Competitors must arrange for the registered boat to be present at the event.
- 2.3. Eligible competitors may enter on line by logging on to Regatta Network and by providing the required information. The link to Regatta Network is:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28303>
- 2.4. Registration is not complete until Regatta Network entry and required fee are received by Coconut Grove Sailing Club

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is US \$250. Entries paid for after September 11, 2024 will be subject to a late fee of US \$75. No entries will be accepted after 2300 hours on September 25, 2024.
- 3.2. REFUND POLICY – Entry fees will be reimbursed in full (less a \$35 processing fee) if (a) the regatta is canceled due to State, County or City guidelines, or because of low registration, or (b) an individual requests a refund by emailing cgsrace@gmail.com before 2300 hours on September 18, 2024.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. A maximum of eight (8) races may be sailed. The Race Committee may adjust the number of races each day to accommodate weather conditions.
- 4.2 The schedule of events is as follows:
 - Thursday, September 26, 2024:
 - 1530-1700 Check-in
 - Friday, September 27, 2024:
 - 0800-0930 Late Check-in
 - 0930 Competitors' and coaches Meeting
 - 1200 1st Warning Signal
 - Saturday, September 28, 2024:
 - 1200 1st Warning Signal
 - Sunday, September 29, 2024:
 - 1200 1st Warning Signal
 - 1530 No further Warning Signal shall be made.
Awards ceremony as soon as practicable after racing.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1. All equipment must be class legal and may be checked at any time during the regatta. Each boat must be able to produce a valid measurement certificate for boat equipment and sails.
- 5.2. Skippers may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by US Coast Guard (or competitors' home countries' requirements) and Class rules. 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).

6. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB)

- 6.1. The official Notice Board will be on Regatta Network, at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28303>
- 6.2. Preliminary sailing instructions will be available on the event web site on or about September 19, 2024. A final version will be available on the event web site before September 26, 2024.

7. COURSES & RACING AREA

- 7.1. Courses will be as determined by the Race Committee.
- 7.2. The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay, approximately 1.5 nm SE of Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 8.2. Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1. Trophies will be awarded for the top three (3) finishers overall, and to the Top Youth (<23), Top Great Grandmaster (60>), and Top Legend (70>).

10. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 10.1. Competitors entering the regatta accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using CGSC's facilities. They consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media. This whether or not in conjunction with the competitors' name, without compensation, and without the competitors' approval of such images or any use thereof.

11. COACHES AND NON RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

- 11.1. All support boats and coaches must be capable of communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 73 while on the water during the event.
- 11.2. If called upon, all such support and coach boats shall be required to act as rescue boats.
- 11.3. Coach Vessels shall register with CGSC during Registration, receive a flag, and sign a credit card authorization. Upon request, a mooring ball will be assigned for overnight use. The vessel will be charged \$80 if the flag is not returned at the end of the regatta. No coach vessel will be allowed on the course without a flag.

12. PARKING AND STORAGE

- 12.1. Automotive vehicle parking on the CGSC grounds is restricted to CSGC Members only.
- 12.2. Participants may bring their boats onto the CGSC property beginning on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Extended storage on a space available basis may be requested in advance by contacting the CGSC office (305) 444-4571.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK

- 13.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race and each competitor is ultimately responsible for the risks of sailing and racing. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes all race preparation activities, racing, and post-race activities. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Host Club will accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

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. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 15.1. ACCOMMODATION. Overnight camping at or in the vicinity of CGSC is not permitted. Suggest competitors reserve hotel rooms at nearby hotels via TripAdvisor or other websites. Reserve early. Coconut Grove is a destination resort location, and lodging fills up early.
- 15.2. CHARTERS. Charters are not available.
- 15.3. TOWS. Courtesy tows to the racing area may be available in the vicinity of the launch area; however, it is the responsibility of each competitor to be at the start on time.
- 15.4. HOSPITALITY. Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days.
- 15.5. FURTHER INFORMATION. Contact CGSC Regatta Chair Steve Herman, cgsrace@gmail.com; or CGSC Finn Class Representative Dave Martin, dave@manageinc.com.