

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2010 FINN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 16-18, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Finn Class Rules.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear life jackets, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 Rule 42.2 is varied by Finn Class Rule C1:
 - (1) Code Flag O displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: "After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 is varied in that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking, and ooching are permitted".
 - (2) Code Flag R displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: "After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 applies without variation".

- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 is a One-Turn Penalty.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the Youth Sailing Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. RRS 90.2 (c) is amended to allow oral changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and may attempt to hail competitors with a loud hailer.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the Youth Tent. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5 TOWS

Boats shall be ready to accept tows to the race area by 1030 hours each day.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Friday, July 16 - Three races are scheduled.

Saturday, July 17 - Three races are scheduled.

Sunday, July 18 - Two races are scheduled.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200 hours.

5.3 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals may be made.

5.4 Any race for which a warning signal has not been given by 1530 hours on Sunday July 18th will be abandoned and not resailed.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag shall be the Finn class flag.

7 RACING AREA

The intended racing area will be in the vicinity of the northern Berkeley Olympic Circle. The racing area may be moved towards Southampton Shoal at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 There may be an Offset Mark “1a” set in the vicinity of the Windward Mark “1”. If present, the offset mark shall be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions of **Attachment A**.

8.3 If one of the two gate marks (“2s” or “2p”) is missing, the remaining gate mark shall be rounded to port.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

8.5 The Start-Finish line is NOT restricted during racing.

9 MARKS

9.1 All marks will be red/orange inflatable marks.

9.2 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 2s, 2p, and 3 are rounding marks. All marks except 2s shall be rounded to port.

10 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red/orange inflatable buoy, or the starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a red/orange inflatable buoy, or the finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 AFTER RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a penalty (an 'After Race Scoring Penalty') after she has *finished* and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% of the number of boats entered, calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock. The protest times will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 The provisions of **Attachment B ("Protest Arbitration")** apply. This changes RRS 63.1.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 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 RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if four or more races are completed.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** Check-in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 BERTHING

The SFYC guest dock will be available from Thursday through Sunday, July 15-18. Parking for trailers will be available in the SFYC parking lot.

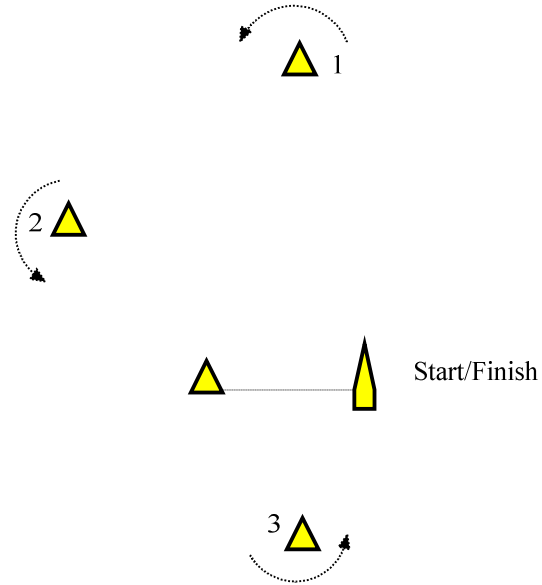
20 PRIZES

- 20.1** Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, July 18th, on the SFYC deck.
- 20.2** Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

Forrest Gay – Regatta Chair
Erich Ringewald – Principal Race Officer

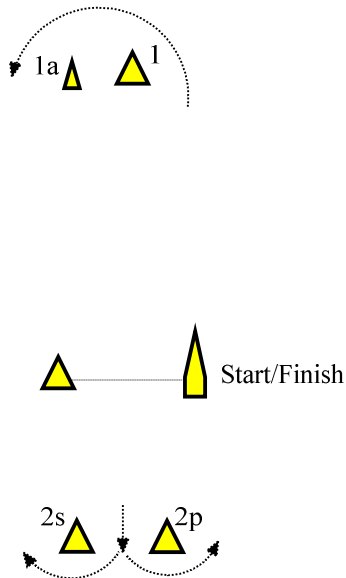
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Attachment A Course Descriptions



Course 1: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course 2: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



Course 3: Start - 1 - 1a - 2s or 2p - Finish

Course 4: Start - 1 - 1a - 2s or 2p - 1 - 1a - 2s or 2p - Finish

Attachment B

Protest Arbitration

- B1** An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each *party* who was on board at the time of the incident will meet with the arbitrator. If all the *parties* are not represented the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted.
- B2** After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following options:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a *rule*. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. The arbitrator will offer each (both) boat(s) the option of accepting an After Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- B3** The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After Race Scoring Penalty as described in the Sailing Instructions will not be further penalized as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.
- B4** If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes RRS 63.1.