

2016 New Zealand Finn Class National Championship

The organising authority is Waiuku Yacht Club, Sandspit Rd, Waiuku
P O Box 40, Waiuku (on behalf of the NZ Finn Association)

11th – 14th FEBRUARY 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Finn Class rules 2009 available from the International Finn Association at www.finnclass.org
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, shall apply.
- 1.3 **CODE OF CONDUCT**
Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ~~1~~ minute is replaced with ~~not~~ less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP. When AP over flag B is displayed boats shall not go afloat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Races</u>	<u>Time of first warning signal</u>
11 th February 2016	3	1215hrs
12 th February 2016	3	1300hrs
13 th February 2016	3	1400hrs
14 th February 2016	2	1430hrs

- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed provided the schedule does not become more than one race ahead and the change is made in accordance with SI3

5.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed

5.4 On the Sunday 14th February no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Finn	Blue Finn insignia on a white background

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on the waters off Waiuku Yacht Club

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be made up of windward, leeward legs or triangle and windward, leeward as detailed in Appendix A

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number in black numbers and letters on a white background.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are described in Appendix A

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, are described in Appendix A.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks are described in Appendix A.

9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Nil

11 THE START

11.1 The ends of the starting line are described in Appendix A.

11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4, *Low Point System*, and A5, *Scores Determined By The Race Committee*.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

- 12.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28 *Sailing the Course*.

13 THE FINISH

The ends of the finishing line are described in Appendix A.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1** Time limits and target times are as follows: The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish is 75 minutes. The Target time for each race is 40 minutes

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, Time Limit And Scores, A4, Low Point And Bonus Point Systems, and A5, Scores Determined By The Race Committee.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee .This changes rule 61.

- 16.2** For protests where only a rule of Part 2, *When Boats Meet*, or Rule 31, *Touching A Mark*, is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing. Yachting New Zealand 4.5.5 will apply. (This changes Rule 44.1, *Taking A Penalty*). The scoring abbreviation for a penalty accepted at an arbitration hearing is ARB

- 16.3** Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 16.4** For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 16.5** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the clubhouse.

- 16.6** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 16.7** For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the authority responsible is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

- 16.8** Breaches of instructions 18, 23, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a), *Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action*.

Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

- 16.9** On the last scheduled day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 16.10** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores.
- 17.3** When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Boats shall sign-out before going afloat and sign-in after being afloat, on the sign-out/sign-in sheet in the clubhouse.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 ADVERTISING (Nil)

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the Waiuku Yacht Club Pennant attached to a pole on the transom.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23.2 The Race Committee or the Protest Committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instruction 23.1 Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule will result in a penalty being imposed on the boats supported by the support boat.

24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st Place New Zealand Open Champion

1st New Zealander

Handicap Trophy

1st Master (40years-49years old at 6th February 2016)

1st Grand Master (aged 50-59 years at 6th February 2016)

1st Great Grand Master (aged 60-69 years old at 6th February 2016)

1st Legend (aged 70 years or older at 6th February 2016)

1st Classic Finn (Boats originally constructed prior to 1 January 1995)

2nd Classic Finn

3rd Classic Finn

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

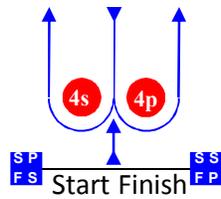
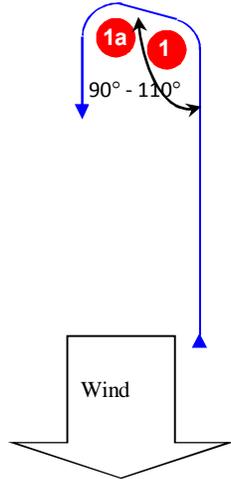
28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward with offset

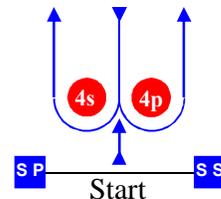
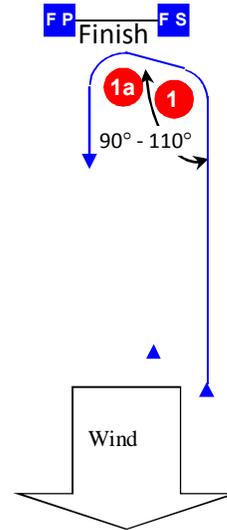
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

WA



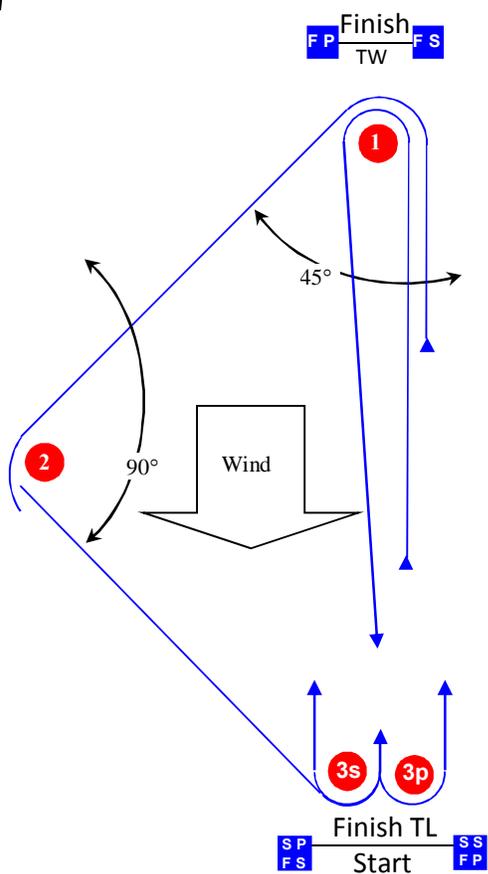
Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

Mark	Description	
1	Orange Cylindrical Buoy	
1a	Orange Round Buoy	
4s 4p	Orange Cylindrical Buoy	
SS Starting mark starboard end	Race Committee boat	
SP Starting mark port end	Small Orange Buoy	
	LA	WA
FP Finishing mark starboard end	Race Committee Boat	Small Orange Buoy
FS Finishing mark port end	Small Orange Buoy	Race Committee Boat

Course Illustration – Triangular course

TW / TL



Course: Triangular Upwind Finish

Course: Triangular Downwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TW2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – Finish	TL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – Finish
TW3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – Finish	TL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – Finish
TW4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – Finish	TL4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s(port) – 1 – Finish

Mark	Description	
1	Orange Cylindrical Buoy	
2	Round Orange Buoy	
3s 3p	Orange Cylindrical Buoys	
SS Starting mark starboard end	Race Committee Boat	
SP Starting mark port end	Small Orange Buoy	
	TW	TL
FS Finishing mark starboard end	Race Committee Boat	Small Orange Buoy
FP Finishing mark port end	Small Orange Buoy	Race Committee Buoy