

2015 Finn Class North Island Championships

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th November, 2015

Wakatere Boating Club,
Narrowneck Beach, North Shore, Auckland

The Organising Authority is the Wakatere Boating Club (WBC)
in conjunction with the New Zealand Finn Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1, shall apply.
Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 The rules of the International Finn Class shall apply.
- 1.4 Under rule 86, *Changes to The Racing Rules* the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rules 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to state that boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish,
 - Rule 60.1(a) will be changed to state that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches of instructions 18, 20, 22 and 23,
 - Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 1.5 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 may be offered prior to any formal hearing. The arbitration process and penalties applied will be in accordance with Yachting New Zealand Regulation 4.5.5, *Arbitration*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the WBC clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles on the main deck of the WBC clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The event shall consist of a series of up to 6 races – (refer schedule below).

Day	Date	No of Races	Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday	7 th November	3 races back-to-back	11:30
Sunday	8 th November	3 races back-to-back	11:00

- 5.6 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.7 On Sunday 8th Nov, no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.
- 5.8 Prize giving will be held in the WBC clubhouse after racing on Sunday 8th Nov.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white Finn class insignia on a black background.

7 RACING AREA

Appendix 1 shows the location of the regatta venue and the approx location of the racing area.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Appendix 2 outlines the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark. The course-id will be displayed on a board on the race committee boat.
- 8.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32, *Shortening or Abandoning After the Start*.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Descriptions of the marks are given in Appendix 2.
- 9.2 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction **12.2**.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The area between Narrowneck Beach and the yellow truncated cones – “200 metre markers” – is a restricted zone limiting speeds to 5 knots. All boats shall act with caution in this area.
- 10.2 Boats shall at all times observe the Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2014 when racing in the Rangitoto Channel, in particular Part 8, clause 55 - Moving Prohibited Zone.
1. “A moving prohibited zone extending 100m astern and 100m to each side of a vessel, and continued at such width to 500m ahead, following the line of the buoyed channel when changing course is reserved around a large vessel, when that vessel is underway within the pilotage areas of Auckland (excluding Tamaki River) and Manukau.
 2. When navigating within a marked channel, the moving prohibited zone to the side of the vessel may be reduced to the width of the marked channel and the zone ahead of the vessel shall follow the line of the marked channel.”
 3. The owner or person in charge of a vessel must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited zone of a large vessel, within the pilotage areas of Auckland (excluding Tamaki River) and Manukau.
 4. For the purpose of this clause, a tug and barge is considered a composite unit.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 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*.
- 11.3 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26, *Starting Races*. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 *Individual Recall* does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes rule A11, *Scoring Abbreviations*.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule **31.2** or **44.1** shall complete an acknowledgement from at the race office within the protest time limit

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and Target times for the first boat are as follows:

Class	Target Time	Time Limit
Finn	40 mins	70 mins

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 mins 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 RRS **44.1** is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of RRS Part 2 *When Boats Meet* or 31 *Touching a Mark* to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her fleet or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in her fleet, whichever is less.
- 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 RRS 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. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.4 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 the latest. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, jury and requests for redress. This change rule 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 at WBC Club, beginning no earlier than the time posted.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b), *Informing the Protestee*.

- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 18, 20, 22 and 23 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.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) when fewer than Four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) when Four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 18.2 On arrival at the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee boat, clearly showing their sail number.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning to shore.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the Race Committee.
- 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 Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 Change of sail numbers will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising of the supplied by the organising authority. A notice will be displayed on the official notice-board.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall display a WBC pennant.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Except when requested to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and are restricted to a 5 knot speed limit, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a sequence of starts until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all races. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail..
- 22.2 When the wind is less than 10 knots support boats shall not exceed 5 knots within 500m of the area where boats are racing.
- 22.3 The Race Committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instructions 22.1 and 22.2. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule will result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.
- 22.4 Attention is drawn to Auckland Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2014, in particular Part 3.

7. Carriage of Personal Flotation Devices

- 1) A person in charge of a recreational vessel must not use it unless there are sufficient personal flotation devices for each person on board at all times that the vessel is in use.
- 2) Personal flotation devices must be;
 - (a) in a readily accessible location on board the vessel;
 - (b) of an appropriate size for each person on board; and
 - (c) in good operative condition.

9. Wearing of personal flotation devices on small recreational vessels six metres or less

- 1) Every person on board a small recreational vessel must wear a properly secured personal flotation device of an appropriate size for that person at all times.
 - 2) Subclause (1) does not apply if the person in charge of the vessel, after assessing all circumstances and determining there would be no reduction in safety, expressly authorises any person on board to remove a personal flotation device.
- 22.5 When flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a committee boat all support boats are requested to remain afloat and assist all sailors.
- 22.6 Boats associated with the racing and registered support boats shall comply with the New Zealand Government Regulation "Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996". This regulation prohibits anchoring in the area shaded in the No Anchoring area in Appendix 1 and defined on charts NZ532 and NZ5322.
- 22.7 Any boat or support craft breaking SI 22.6 will be subject to a hearing resulting in a report to their National Authority and ISAF. As a consequence, a competitor associated with the coach or support craft may be disqualified from the race closest to the time of the infringement.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support boats or race committee boats.

24 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.

25 PRIZES

- 25.1 Competitors will compete for the Finn Class North Island Championship Trophy.
- 25.2 Trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 25.3 A prize giving and BBQ for all competitors will be held at the WBC clubhouse after racing on Sunday 8th Nov.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

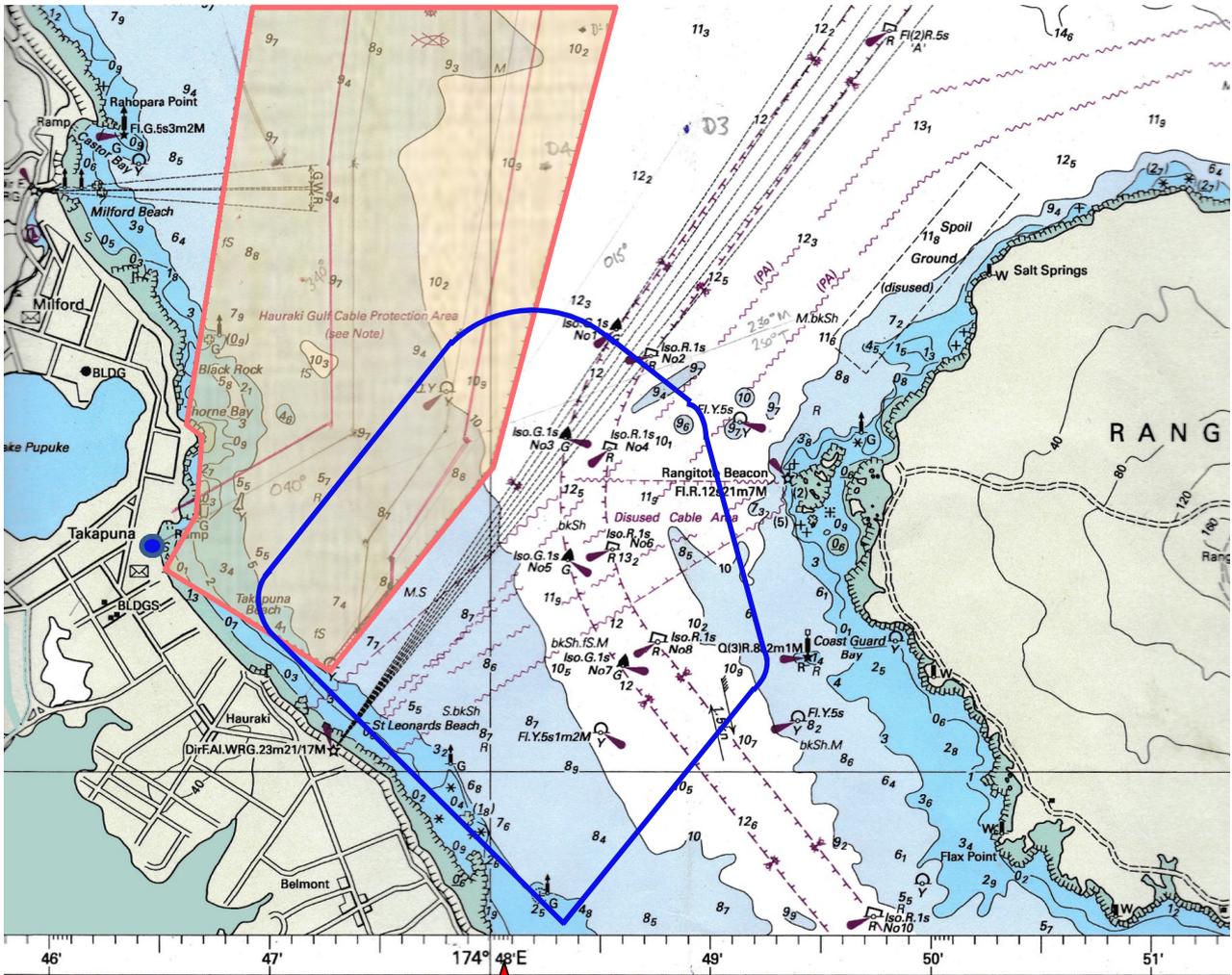
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500k NZD or the equivalent.

APPENDIX 1

LOCATION OF WAKATERE BOATING CLUB and APPROX RACING AREA

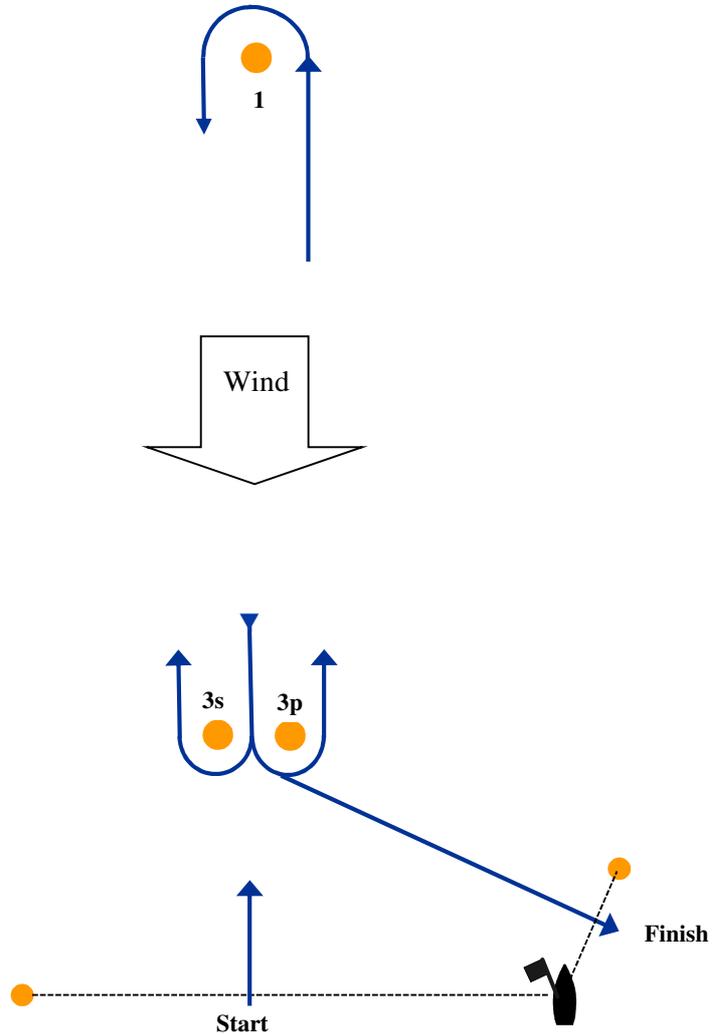


-  Wakatere Boating Club location
-  Takapuna Boating Club
-  No Anchoring Area
-  Approximate course area

APPENDIX 2

Course Illustration - Windward Leeward with Reaching Finish

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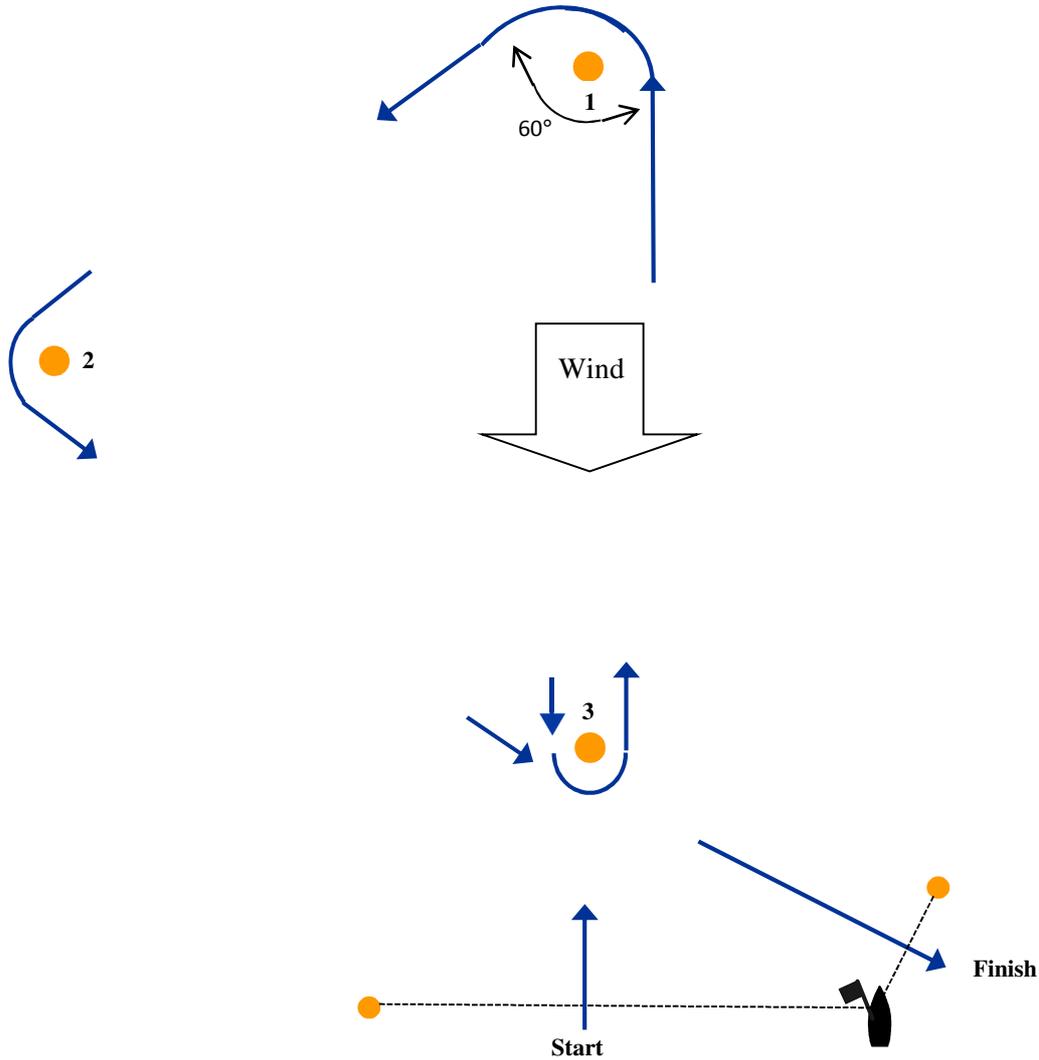


Course-id	Mark Rounding Order
LR1	Start – 1 – 3p – Finish
LR2	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3p – Finish
LR3	Start – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3p – Finish

Mark	Description
1, 3s, 3p	Large orange cylinders
Start mark stbd end	Raced committee boat
Start mark port end	Small orange sphere
Finish mark stbd end	Raced committee boat
Finish mark port end	Small orange sphere

Course Illustration - Triangle with Reaching Finish

TR



Course-id	Mark Rounding Order
TR1	Start – 1 – 2 – Finish
TR2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Mark	Description
1, 2, 3	Large orange cylinders
Start mark stbd end	Raced committee boat
Start mark port end	Small orange sphere
Finish mark stbd end	Raced committee boat
Finish mark port end	Small orange sphere