



NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority and Venue

A The 2009 FINN Open European Championship will be held from August 21st to August 29th in Varna, Bulgaria. The organizing Authority is the Bulgarian Sailing Federation on behalf of the International Finn Association (IFA).

B The Championship center will be at:

Yacht Club Captain Georgi Georgiev – Port Varna
1, Slavejkov Square,
Varna 9000, Bulgaria

2. Rules

A The regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

B The prescription of the National Authority will not apply.

C The regatta is designated as Category C in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code.

D Boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsors on the forward 25% of each side of the hull. Such advertising, if any, shall be affixed to the hull in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

E All competitors shall have personal floatation devices in accordance with RRS 1.2. Personal floatation shall be of a suitable size and certified by an internationally recognized authority.

F Coaches are responsible for supplying a country flag for all countries for which they will coach. Such flag(s) must be displayed aboard coach or support boats while afloat.

3. Alterations to the Racing Rules

RRS 62.2 and RRS 66 will be changed to shorten the times for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be reopened on the last day of racing.

4. Eligibility and Entry

A In accordance with the Finn Class Rules, only competitors are eligible, who are current members of an IFA recognized National Finn Association and who have completed on-site registration prior to 23rd August 2009.

B The entry quota of Part D “Entry System for IFA Official Championships” of the Finn Class Rules will apply.

C Entries must be submitted on the Official Entry Form available on the official event website: www.2009finneuropeans.org. The fully completed entry form shall be received no later than 20th August 2009.

D Required entry fees are 150 Euro per boat and shall be paid no later than 20th August 2009.

Payment of the entry fees must be made in EUR to the following bank account:

Beneficiary: BULGARIAN SAILING FEDERATION
Address: 75, Vassil Levski Blvd., Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
IBAN: BG61UNCR76301476110804 (EUR)
Bankers: UniCredit Bulbank AD
Address: 22, Alexandrovska Street,
Bourgas 8000
Bulgaria
SWIFT CODE: UNCRBGSF

E Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement certificate that must be presented at on-site registration.

F No entry is complete until it has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association.

G Each participating boat shall be insured for the period of the Championship (21st – 29th August 2009) with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of Euro 1 000 000 (one million) or equivalent for any incident. All competitors shall produce a certificate of insurance at registration.

5. Schedule

Date	Time	Programme
August 21 st 2009	09:00 to 18:00	Registration and Measurement
August 22 nd 2009	09:00 to 18:00	Registration and Measurement
August 23 rd 2009	09:00 to 12:00 13:00 14:30 19:00	Registration and Measurement Skippers meeting Practice Race Opening Ceremony
August 24 th 2009	12:00	Race (First warning signal)
August 25 th 2009	12:00	Race (First warning signal)
August 26 th 2009	12:00	Race (First warning signal)
August 27 th 2009	12:00	Race (First warning signal)
August 28 th 2009	12:00	Race (First warning signal)
August 29 th 2009	12:00 19:00	Medal Race / Final Race (First warning signal) Prize Giving Ceremony

A. Racing format

- Total of 11 races sailed over 6 days.
- There will be two races scheduled per day for 5 days followed by a Medal Race on day 6 and a Final Race. There will be a maximum of 3 races on any day but with only one race ahead of scheduled allowed.
- Races will be approximately 75 minutes in duration.
- 1 discard will be allowed, which will take effect once 5 races have been completed.

- On the last day of the Championship, the Medal Race (if a minimum of 5 races has been sailed) will be sailed separately by the top 10 placed sailors in the overall ranking using the Olympic format (short race, close to the club, direct judging, not discardable). The rest of the fleet will sail 1 race (Final Race) on the last day (before or after the Final depending on weather condition) with normal scoring and judging. No sailors will be able to get into the top 10 after the last race even if the final results are less than a sailor ranked in the top 10 before the last race.

C The starting procedure for the last race shall be commenced before 15:00 hours on the last day of racing.

D It is requested by the International Finn Association and the Organizers that sailors attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

6. Measurement

A All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according the Finn Class Rules (including item 10 of Part C “Major Championship Rules”) unless otherwise decided by the IFA Chief Measurer. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.

B All competitors shall hold a valid measurement and class registration certificate.

C Each boat shall have a tow rope a minimum of 8 (eight) meters in length and of sufficient strength to tow several boats.

D Boats may be re-measured at any time during the Championship.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available upon on-site registration.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the waters of the Bay of Varna.

9. Courses

Courses will be as per the current IFA Championship Rules. The triangular course will be sailed in winds over 15 knots (or when surfing conditions) with a windward/leeward/triangle, finish on the second reach (offset mark at top mark and gate at bottom); under 15 knots, the course will be a windward/leeward race with an offset mark at the top and a gate at the bottom (downwind finish).

10. Scoring

A 4 (four) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid series.

B The Low Point Scoring System will apply. The system will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. International Jury

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. Supporters

Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall be registered at the Regatta Office before the first racing day. They shall provide the Regatta Office with their national flag (120 cm x 80 cm) and their national anthem on CD-ROM for the Opening and Prize Giving Ceremony.

13. Prizes

A IFA perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of the Finn European Championship. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the first 10 (ten) boats overall and the first three boats junior.

B Daily prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first in each race.

14. Doping Control

For the purposes of doping control (in-competition testing) the event shall be deemed to start at 23rd August 2009.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, Decision to race. IFA and the Organizing Authority and all parties involved in Championship organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with prior to, during, or after Championship.

16. Accommodation and miscellaneous

A Information about accommodation can be found at www.2009finneuropeans.org Tents and camping-cars are not allowed on the car park.

B Information about travel to Varna can be found at www.2009finneuropeans.org

C Information about containers going to Varna can be found at www.2009finneuropeans.org

D Limited number of charter boats will be available on a first come first served basis. Please contact the organizers at E-mail: office@2009finneuropeans.org before 31. May 2009.

17. Information

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RACE OFFICE

Race Office will be open daily from 9 am till 7 pm.

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