



2009  
FINN GOLD CUP  
3 - 11 July Copenhagen, Denmark

Notice of Race

**1. Organizing Authority and Venue**

The 2009 Finn Gold Cup will be held from the 3 to the 11 of July in Vallensbæk, Denmark. The organizing Authority is Vallensbæk Sailing Club, in conjunction with the Danish Finn Class Association and the Danish Sailing Federation on behalf of the International Finn Association.

The Regatta Centre will be in Vallensbæk Sailing Club.

Race Office position: 56°.36N - 12°23.E

**2. Rules**

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

2.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2.3 The Finn Class Major Championship rules, will apply.

2.4 All competitors shall have personal flotation in accordance with RRS 1.2. Personal flotation shall be of a suitable size and certified by an internationally recognized authority or in writing by the MNA of the competitor.

2.5 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:

- The preamble to Part 4 will be changed, to state that the obligation to wear personal buoyancy when signal flag Y is displayed not only applies while racing.
- 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 can not protest another boat or competitor for breaches of specific parts of the sailing instructions.
- Rule 61.1(b) will be changed so protests by race committee and protest committee will be posted on the official notice board. Rule 62.1(a) will be changed so failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
- 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.
- Rule A4 will be changed by stating, that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- Rule A4.1 is changed for the medal race so that the points are doubled.
- Rule A4.2 is changed for the medal race so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to compete in that race.

- Rule A8 is changed for the medal race so that ties in the regatta score are broken by their medal-race scores if different.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 2.6 The Sailing Instructions will contain Addendum Q applicable to the medal race.
- 2.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 3. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Only competitors eligible in accordance with Finn Class Rules, who are current members of an IFA, recognized National Finn Association and who have completed on-site registration prior to July 6 may compete.

- 4.2 The entry quota of Part D "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" of the Finn Class Rules will apply.

Entries must be submitted through National Finn Secretaries on the Official Entry Form no later than June 3 either using the entry form on [www.fgc-2009.com](http://www.fgc-2009.com) or through e-mail; [entry@fgc-2009.com](mailto:entry@fgc-2009.com).

- 4.3 The Entry fee is 200 Euros and shall be paid by bank transfer to:

Nordea Bank  
 Registration no.: 2217  
 Account no.: 8897146704  
 IBAN: DK6020008897146704  
 Swift: NDEADKKK

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

- 4.5 Measurement Certificates must be presented at on-site registration.

- 4.6 Additional Entry forms may be obtained from and any questions related to the entry procedure addressed to: [entry@fgc-2009.com](mailto:entry@fgc-2009.com)

### 5. Competition Format

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of an opening series and a medal race. Eleven (11) races are scheduled.

- 5.2 The ten boats ranked highest in the opening series will be assigned to compete in the medal race.

- 5.3 The other boats are scheduled to sail one more race (The Final Race) after the opening series.

### 6. Schedule

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Date	Time / Warning signal	Programme
Day 1: Friday 3 July 2009	09:00 to 18:00 18:00	Registration and Measurement AGM
Day 2: Saturday 4 July 2009	09:00 to 18:00	Registration and Measurement

	18:00	Opening Ceremony
Day 3: Sunday 5 July 2009	09:00 to 12:00 (12:00) (14:00)	Registration and Measurement Skippers meeting Practice Race
Day 4: Monday 6 July 2009	(11:00)	Racing (2 races)
Day 5: Tuesday 7 July 2009	(11:00)	Racing (2 races)
Day 6: Wednesday 8 July 2009	(11:00)	Racing (2 races)
Day 9: Thursday 9 July 2009	(11:00)	Racing (2 races)
Day 10: Friday 10 July 2009	(11:00)	Racing (2 races)
Day 11: Saturday 11 July 2009	(11:00)	Medal Race and Final Race Prize Giving Ceremony

- 6.2 No race will be started after 15:00 on the last day of racing.
- 6.3 In the event of any day's sailing being lost, an additional race may be scheduled for the following day(s) to enable the lost race(s) to be sailed. A maximum of 3 races per day will be sailed.
- 6.4 It is requested by the International Finn Class and the organizers to attend the Opening and closing ceremonies.

## 7. Measurement

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 All competitors shall hold a valid measurement and class registration certificate.
- 7.3 Each boat shall have a tow rope a minimum of 8 meters in length and of sufficient strength to tow several boats.
- 7.4 Boats may be re-measured at any time during the Championship.

## 8. Sailing Instructions

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

## 9. Venue

Racing will be conducted on the waters just outside the regatta harbour.

## 10. The Courses

Courses will be as per the current IFA Championship Rules.

## 11. International Jury

In accordance with RRS 70.5 all decision of the International Jury shall be final.

## 12. Scoring

- 12.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship.
- 12.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute an opening-series.
- 12.3 Except for race score excluded under instruction 12.6, a boat's series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from the opening series and the medal race or the additional race defined in instruction 5.3, if any.
- 12.4 For the medal race, rule A4.1 is changed so that the points are doubled, and rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to compete in that race.

- 12.5 When fewer than five (5) opening-series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.6 When five (5) or more opening-series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. However, the score from the medal race will not be excluded.
- 12.7 For boats assigned to compete in the medal race, ties in the regatta score are broken by their medal-race scores if different. This changes rule A8.
- 12.8 The boats assigned to compete in the medal race will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat disqualified from the medal race under rule 5 or 69.
- 12.9 A boat assigned to compete in the medal race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. A breach of this instruction will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). The penalty for this breach will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta. If there are two such boats, they will be ranked ninth and tenth, in order of their opening-series ranks, etc.

### **13 Support boats**

Any Coach travelling to this event to coach is responsible for supplying a Country Flag for any countries for which they will coach. Such flag(s) must be displayed aboard any coach or support boat while afloat in the vicinity of the racing area.

### **14 Radio Communications**

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.

### **15 Prizes**

- 15.1 The perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of the Finn Gold Cup. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the first ten (10) boats overall, the top 3 juniors and souvenir prizes for every competitor.
- 15.2 Daily prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first in each race.

### **16 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and IFA 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.

### **17 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1,5 million Euro per event or the equivalent.

### **18 Doping Control**

For the purposes of doping control (in-competition testing), the ISAF Anti-doping Code (ISAF regulation 21) will apply. The event shall be deemed to start at 09:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2009.

### **19 Rights to use name and likeness**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of

them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

**20 Cameras and Electronic Equipment**

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, and/or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority

**21 Changes to the Notice of Race**

Any changes to this notice of race will be posted on the official regatta website [www.fgc-2009.com](http://www.fgc-2009.com) no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

**22 Information**

General practical information will be posted on the event site; [www.fgc-2009.com](http://www.fgc-2009.com)  
Invitations to be used for visa applications can be requested by contacting the race committee on e-mail: [jakob@fgc-2009.com](mailto:jakob@fgc-2009.com)

## ENTRY FORM

### DISCLAIMER

1. The undersigned agrees to be bound by the rules of the International Sailing Federation and all other rules that govern this event.
2. The undersigned acknowledges that the competition in which he has entered is dangerous and assumes all risks of accident, loss of property and personal injury or loss of life.
3. The undersigned also acknowledges that the establishment of any equipment regulations, and/or the inspection of boats, is merely for the purpose of ensuring fair competition and neither serves as a certification that the boat on which he is competing is safe nor relieves the undersigned of his sole and exclusive responsibility to maintain the boat in a sound, properly equipped, thoroughly seaworthy and safe condition.
4. The undersigned represents that the boat on which he will compete in this event is sound, properly equipped, thoroughly seaworthy and safe. The undersigned represents that all equipment aboard, including, but not limited to, safety and emergency equipment, is properly stowed, has been well maintained, is in good operating condition and is appropriate for this competition. The undersigned also represents that he is experienced and competent, physically fit, and capable of swimming and treading water in full sailing attire, and is aware of the use and location of all safety equipment aboard the boat.
5. The undersigned acknowledges that the decision to start and/or continue racing is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the undersigned.
6. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, the undersigned certifies that each of the foregoing statements and representations are true and accurate and on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the organizing authority of the event as well as the International Finn Association, and their respective members, volunteers, employees, agents, executive officers, race committees and juries from any and all liability arising out of his participation in this regatta and all social shore events connected therewith, whether such loss is due to property damage, personal injury or loss of life, even if such loss or injury is due to the negligence of any party so released.
7. The undersigned certifies that the boat complies with all rules of the International Sailing Federation and the International Finn Association.

Name and address of

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Skipper

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FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Sail # \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name (with block letters): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_