



Finn Gold Cup
St. Francis Yacht Club
San Francisco, CA, USA
August 27 – September 4, 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority and Venue

The 2010 Finn Gold Cup will be held from August 27-September 4, 2010 in San Francisco, CA. The Organizing Authority is the St. Francis Yacht Club (StFYC), in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the US Finn Class Association. The Regatta Center will be at the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor (see Attachment A for location details).

2. Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) and the Finn Class Major Championship rules except as any of these altered by Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 In accordance with US SAILING prescription to RRS 88, only the following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply:

2.2.1 US SAILING prescribes that: Add RRS 61.4. 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress US SAILING prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

2.2.2 After RRS 68 add: "US SAILING prescribes that":

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

2.2.3 After RRS 76.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."

2.2.4 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.4, 63.6."

2.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2.4 Boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsors. Such advertising, if any, shall be affixed to the hull in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

2.5 RRS 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device while racing.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognized National Finn Association and complete on-site registration prior to August 29, 2010, unless excused in writing by the Organizing Authority.

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

- 3.3 Entries shall be submitted online prior to August 20, 2010; the entry form is available at www.stfyc.com.
- 3.4 An entry is not complete until it has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association.
- 3.5 Measurement Certificates shall be presented at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.
- 3.6 Entry Fee is \$205 US Dollars*. This shall be paid as part of the online entry form.
- 3.7 Pre-entries must shall be submitted online prior to May 31, 2010. Pre-entries will receive \$15 off the entry fee.

4. Competition Format

- 4.1 The regatta will consist of an opening series and a medal race. Eleven races are scheduled.
- 4.2 The ten boats ranked highest in the opening series will be assigned to compete in the medal race.
- 4.3 The other boats are scheduled to sail one more race (the final race) after the opening series.

5. Schedule of Events

| Date | Event | Time | Location |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday, August 27 | Measurement/Registration | 0900-1700 hours | Marina Bay Yacht Harbor |
| Saturday, August 28 | Measurement/Registration Opening Ceremony | 0900-1600 hours 1800 hours | Marina Bay Yacht Harbor St. Francis Yacht Club |
| Sunday, August 29 | Measurement/Registration Competitor's Meeting Practice Race | 0900-1200 hours 1200 hours 1400 hours | Marina Bay Yacht Harbor Marina Bay Yacht Harbor Racing Area |
| Monday, August 30 | Racing (2 races scheduled) | First Warning Signal 1200 hours | Racing Area |
| Tuesday, August 31 | Racing (2 races scheduled) | First Warning Signal 1200 hours | Racing Area |
| Wednesday, September 1 | Racing (2 races scheduled) | First Warning Signal 1200 hours | Racing Area |
| Thursday, September 2 | Racing (2 races scheduled) | First Warning Signal 1200 hours | Racing Area |
| Friday, September 3 | Racing (2 races scheduled) | First Warning Signal 1200 hours | Racing Area |
| Saturday, September 4 | Medal Race & Final Race Closing Ceremony | Warning Signal 1200 hours 1800 hours | Racing Area St. Francis Yacht Club |

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- 5.1 Two races are scheduled for each day of racing, except for the Medal Race & Final Race day. 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 three races per day will be sailed.
- 5.2 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 5.3 Any race for which a Warning Signal is not given by 1530 hours on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.
- 5.4 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizers to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

6. Measurement

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 All competitors shall hold a valid measurement and class registration certificate.
- 6.3 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at on-site registration beginning August 27, 2010. An unofficial copy may be found on the event website prior to this date.

8. Racing Area

The intended race course will be set on the Berkeley Circle utilizing inflatable marks. See Attachment A.

- 9. Courses**
Courses will be as per the current IFA Championship Rules.
- 10. Scoring**
- 10.1** Four races shall be completed to constitute the World Championship.
- 10.2** Five races shall be completed to constitute an opening series.
- 10.3** The Low Point Scoring system will be amended to account for the medal race. The system will be detailed in the SI.
- 11. International Jury**
- 11.1** An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with the rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.
- 11.2** Decisions if the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5
- 12. Prizes**
- 12.1** The perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Finn Gold Cup. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top ten boats overall and top three juniors.
- 12.2** Daily prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing first in each race.
- 13. Insurance**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 US Dollars* or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any incident. All competitors shall produce a certificate of insurance at registration (in English). Insurance can be obtained through US SAILING's One Design Program: http://www.gowrie.com/USS/one_design.aspx.
- 14. Photography Consent**
By entering the Championship competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 15. Disclaimer of Liability**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or properties occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the Yacht Club premises. The Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association, and their respective members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.
- 16. Information**
For further information please contact:
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ATTACHMENT A

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- Boats will be stored at Marina Bay Yacht Harbor (Regatta Center)
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies will take place at St. Francis Yacht Club (Organizing Yacht Club)