



ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB
Established in 1877

*International Finn Class
Masters North American Championship
Rochester Yacht Club
September 8-11, 2022
Rochester, New York, USA*



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (1) is in effect. RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee (RC) may display flag "O" to signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5.2 before the Start and P5.3 (a) after the Starting signal. This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).
- 1.3 Per Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (1) the RC will attempt to apply SI 1.4 above in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a RC boat at the windward mark.
- 1.4 Per RRS App P5.3 (b), if the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag "O" was displayed, the RC may display Flag "R" at a Mark with repetitive sounds to signal.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=14917>
- 3.2 The Race Office is located at the Burgee Bar, telephone (585) 342-5511 ext. 37, email holly@rochesteryc.com
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flag pole by the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Thursday, September 8th, 2022:

1100 - 1800 Check In
 1400 - Practice Race

Friday, September 9th, 2022:

0930 - Competitor briefing
 1100 - 1st Warning Signal

Saturday, September 10th, 2022:

1000 - 1st Warning Signal

Sunday, September 11, 2022:

1000 - 1st Warning Signal
 1400 - No further Warning Signal shall be made
 After Racing - Awards Ceremony

- 5.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled. 3-3-2 format.
- 5.3 The race committee may run one extra race on a day provided that they do not get more than one race ahead of schedule and do not exceed the number of total races scheduled for the event and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

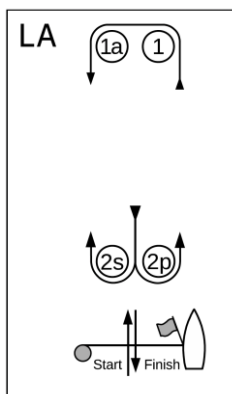
- 6.1 The class flag for the Finn will be a white flag with a Finn logo.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted on Lake Ontario, north of the Genesee River entrance.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram below shows the course the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1, 1a (offset), 2p/2s will Orange Terahedrons.
- 9.2 New mark, as provided in SI 11, is a Green Tetrahedron.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end Yellow Cylinder starting mark.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 If mark 1 is changed, there will be no offset (1a).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on an R/C vessel and the course side of a Yellow Cylinder.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM [DP]

- 13.1 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification, for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
1 or 2 races per day	40 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes	60 minutes
3 races per day	40 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

- 14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The Blue finishing flag will be removed at the end of the Finishing Window. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) The TLE score will equal to the number of boats to finish plus 2 points. This changes RRS 35 and A5.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking time of the Signal Boat. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office at The Trophy Room.
- 15.3 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 Trophy Room.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 16.2 The Low Point Scoring system will apply except that no scores will be excluded if fewer than six (6) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 17.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 17.2 There is no check in or check out system.
- 17.3 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office
- 17.4 On arrival to the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee signal boat, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 17.5 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

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

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

23 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 23.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Trophies will be awarded for the top three Masters finishers overall.

25 RISK STATEMENT

- 26.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

27 INSURANCE

- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.