



**Junior Finn World Championship  
St. Francis Yacht Club  
August 17 – 24, 2010**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Finn Class Major Championship Guidelines and these Sailing Instructions (including Attachments A, B & C).
- 1.2** The US SAILING National Prescriptions described on Attachment B will apply.
- 1.3** RRS 40 is changed to read as follows. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4.

**2. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

Each day, the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall display a yellow, blue and red bib on the crew respectively. The organizing authority will supply the bibs and instructions for their use.

**3. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats shall complete registration online ([www.stfyc.com](http://www.stfyc.com)) prior to 1600 hours on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 4.1** A Competitors' Meeting will be held at StFYC Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1130 hours.
- 4.2** Official Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 4.3** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to Sailing Instruction 5, Number & Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 4.4** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 4.5** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5. NUMBER & SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** The schedule of races is as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY &amp; DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL</u>
Practice Race	Thursday - August 19 <sup>th</sup>	1400 Hours
1	Friday - August 20 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Hours
2	Friday - August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Immediately Following Race 1
3	Saturday - August 21 <sup>st</sup>	1200 Hours
4	Saturday - August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Immediately Following Race 3
5	Sunday - August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1200 Hours
6	Sunday - August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Immediately Following Race 5
7	Monday - August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1200 Hours
8	Monday - August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Immediately Following Race 7
9 Final Race	Tuesday - August 24 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Hours

- 5.2 In the event of a race not being completed as scheduled, 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.
- 5.3 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 5.4 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.
6. **COMPETITION FORMAT**  
The regatta will consist of nine races. The last race scheduled on Tuesday 24 August is designated the Final Race.
7. **RACING AREA**  
The intended racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.
8. **COURSES & MARKS**
- 8.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, a placard designating the course (A or B) will be displayed from the Signal Boat.
- 8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, a flag designating the mark rounding direction will be displayed from the Signal Boat. If a red flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, all marks except for mark 3g shall be rounded to starboard.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
9. **THE START**
- 9.1 The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Starting Line Mark Boats.
- 9.2 The class flag will be a white flag with a black class insignia.
- 9.3 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35 and A5.
- 9.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
10. **RECALLS**  
The Race Committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line after the starting signal by loud hailer. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
11. **THE FINISH**  
The Finish Line will be between staff displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Finishing Line Mark Boats.
12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**  
Appendix P will apply.
13. **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**  
Time limit and target times are as follows:
- | Class | Time Limit  | Target Time |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Finn  | 120 Minutes | 75 Minutes  |
- Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the Jury Desk located next to the StFYC bulletin board located in the hallway adjacent to the side entrance of StFYC. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the Jury Representative at the Jury Desk within 60 minutes after the arrival of the Race Committee Signal Boat ashore. Time limit will be posted on the Jury Notice Board.
- 14.2** The time and place of all hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the Jury Notice Board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 14.3** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4** A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as possible each day.
- 14.5** Breaches of NoR 13 and 15, SI 1.3, 2, 3, 14, 17, 18 and Attachment C, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 14.6** Penalties for breaches of NoR 13 and 15, SI 1.3, 2, 3, 16, 17, 18 and 20, are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 14.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered  
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.  
This changes rule 66.
- 14.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.9** Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1** Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Junior World Championship.
- 15.2** (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When five (5) or more 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 Final race will not be excluded.
- 15.3** All boats shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish the Final race. A breach of this instruction will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for this breach will be ranking the boat last in the regatta. If there are two such boats, they will be ranked last and next to last based on their ranking at the end of the race before the Final race.
- 15.4** To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the jury desk.

## **16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the event Equipment Inspector. Requests for substitution shall be made at the Jury desk at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class RRS and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1** Check-In: All boats shall check-in on arrival at the racing area by closely passing the race committee signal boat on port tack. Boats not leaving the harbour for any of the day's racing shall so inform the race office.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**19 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee	Blue Flag with RC in white letters and a Red Anchor
Jury	White flag with "JURY" in blue letters

**20. SUPPORT BOATS**

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

**20.2** Support boats shall display their national flag or a white flag with their national letters as described in appendix G. Minimum size of the flags is 40 cm x 50 cm. The flags shall be clearly visible on both sides of the boats.

**21. DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

No boat shall discharge trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay.

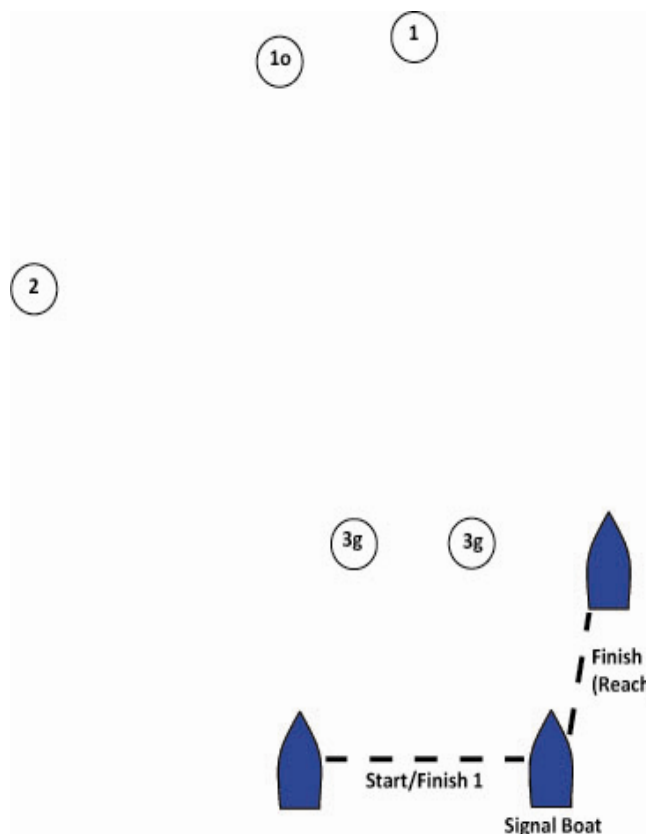
**22. PRIZES**

The Jorg Bruder Silver Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Finn Junior World Championship. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the first five (5) boats overall. Daily prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first in each race.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES**

MARK	DESCRIPTION
<b>1</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
<b>1o</b>	Inflatable orange buoy set as an Offset Mark
<b>2</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Gybe Mark
<b>3g</b>	Two inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate (boats must pass between the two gate marks)
<b>Finish 1</b>	Downwind finish between staffs displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Finishing Line Mark Boats.
<b>Finish 2</b>	Reach finish between staffs displaying orange and yellow striped flags on the Finishing Line Mark Boats.
<b>Change Mark</b>	Inflatable yellow buoy with a Black Band

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER – See SI 8.3
<b>A</b>	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 1o → Finish (Downwind)
<b>B</b>	Start → 1 → 1o → 3g → 1 → 2 → Finish (Reach)



**ATTACHMENT B**  
**US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY**

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

**B1.** US SAILING prescribes that: Add RRS 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress. US SAILING prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

**B2.** 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 RRS. 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 competitors. 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.

**B3.** 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.”

**B4.** 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.”

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY**

- C1** Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980.
- C2** If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and/or the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies an offending boat, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.3.
- C3** A Race Committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the Race Committee shall protest the boat, in which case the Protest Committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- C4** A boat may be penalized independently under C1, C2 and/or C3. A violation of any part this attachment shall not be exonerated by a Scoring Penalty, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under RRS A2. The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules.