



FINN GOLD CUP



27 August – 4 September 2010
San Francisco, CA

Organizing Authority:

**St. Francis Yacht Club, in conjunction with the International Finn Association
and the USA Finn Association**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Finn Class Major Championship Rules.
- 1.2 The US SAILING National Prescriptions described in Attachment B will apply.
- 1.3 For the Medal Race, the sailing instructions of Addendum Q apply and take precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed to read: 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

- 2.1 While racing, boats shall display bow numbers. The organizing authority will supply the numbers and instructions for their use.
- 2.2 Each day while racing, the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall display a yellow, blue and red bibs and stickers, respectively. The organizing authority will supply the stickers and bibs and instructions for their use.

3 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority. The organizing authority will supply the GPS equipment and instructions for their use. The organizers will use the system for public media purposes and to provide displays onshore.
- 3.2 The following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) Each competitor shall personally collect their tracking device at the Race Office at registration.
 - (b) When returning ashore after the last race, each competitor shall personally return the tracking device to the Race Office. The opportunity to return tracking devices will be available up to the protest time limit.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor's Yachtmaster's office.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole located in front of the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor's Yachtmaster's office.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7 FORMAT OF RACING

7.1 The regatta will consist of an Opening Series and a Medal Race.

7.2 The ten boats ranked highest in the Opening Series will be assigned to compete in the Medal Race. The other boats are scheduled to sail one more race (The Final Race) after the Opening Series.

7.3 Assignments to the Medal Race will be based on the ranking available at 0800 on the day of the Medal Race. The jury may extend the time limit.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1

Date:	Races:
Sunday 29 August 2010	Practice Race
Monday 30 August 2010	2 Races
Tuesday 31 August 2010	2 Races
Wednesday 1 September 2010	2 Races
Thursday 2 September 2010	2 Races
Friday 3 September 2010	2 Races
Saturday 4 September 2010	Medal Race and Final Race

8.2 Eleven (11) races are scheduled. Of the 11 races, 10 are scheduled as Opening Series races and one as a Medal Race/Final Race. (see also Sailing Instruction 7.2).

8.3 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 3 races per day will be sailed.

8.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race is 1400.

8.5 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange and yellow striped flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before the warning signal.

8.6 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

9 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be the class insignia on a white background.

10 RACING AREAS

The intended racing area will be the Berkeley Flats, San Francisco Bay, as shown in the Notice of Race.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee Signal Boat will display a placard designating course A or B, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

12 MARKS

12.1 The marks are described on Attachment A.

12.2 The starting marks will be the race committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and another race committee boat at the port end. Both boats will display orange and yellow striped flags.

12.3 The finishing marks will be race committee boats. Both boats will display orange and yellow striped flags.

13 THE START

13.1 The starting line will be between orange and yellow striped flags on the starting marks.

13.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13.3 (a) If a boat fails to start or breaks rule 30.3, the race committee at Mark 1/ 1o or nearby will point flag X at her, make a sound signal and display her sail number.

(b) The boat shall immediately retire from the race. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. Failure to make the signal will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rules 62.1(a) and A5.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 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.

15 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between orange and yellow striped flags on the finishing marks.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1** Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 16.2.
- 16.2** If in the Medal Race a boat is penalized for breaking rule 42 a second or third time during the regatta she may acknowledge her breach by immediately retiring from the race. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and ranked 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. This changes rules P2.2 and P2.3.

17 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1** Time limit and target time for the Opening Series are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Target time
Finn	120	75

Time limit and target time for the Medal Race are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Target time
Finn	60	30

Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 17.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes (15 minutes for the Medal Race) after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1** Protest forms are available at the jury office, located in the Marina Bay Yacht Harbour Yachtmaster's offices. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the arrival of the race committee Signal Boat ashore.
- 18.3** 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 jury office.
- 18.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 18.5** A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking rule 42 will be posted daily.
- 18.6** Breaches of Notice of Race 2.4 and 13 and Sailing Instructions 1.4, 2, 3, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 18.7** The penalty for breaches of Notice of Race 2.4 and 13 and Sailing Instructions 1.4, 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28 may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

18.8 On the last scheduled day of the Opening Series and on September 4th for the Final Race and any Opening Series' races sailed that day 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.

18.9 On the last scheduled day of the Opening Series and on September 4th for the Final Race and any Opening Series' races sailed that day 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.

18.10 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

19 SCORING

19.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid World Championship.

19.2 There will be no Medal Race if fewer than 5 races have been completed by the end of racing on September 3rd.

19.3 (a) Except for race scores excluded under Sailing Instruction 19.4(b), 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 Final Race defined in Sailing Instruction 7.2, if any.

- (b) 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.

19.4 (a) When fewer than five (5) Opening-Series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- (b) 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.

19.5 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. If the boats have the same score in the Medal Race and are still tied, the tie will be broken by applying rule A8 to the opening-series score.

19.6 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.

19.7 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.

19.8 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

19.9 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 18.6 will be DPI.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 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 harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the race office.

20.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. When instructed by an Event Equipment Inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23 ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

24 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	Yellow flag with "JURY" in blue letters

25 SUPPORT BOATS

25.1 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, or the race committee's signals in accordance with Sailing Instruction 25.3

25.2 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.

25.3 When the race committee display a flag with a red cross on a white background, support boats may enter the race area to provide additional safety resources. The race committee will communicate and coordinate instructions on VHF channel 69.

26 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash of any kind into the San Francisco Bay.

27 BERTHING

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

28 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

29 PRIZES

29.1

The perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winners of the Finn Gold Cup. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top ten (10) boats overall, the top three (3) juniors.

29.2

Daily prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first, second and third in each race.

29.3

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place at 1800 hours on September 4th at the St. Francis Yacht Club.

30 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

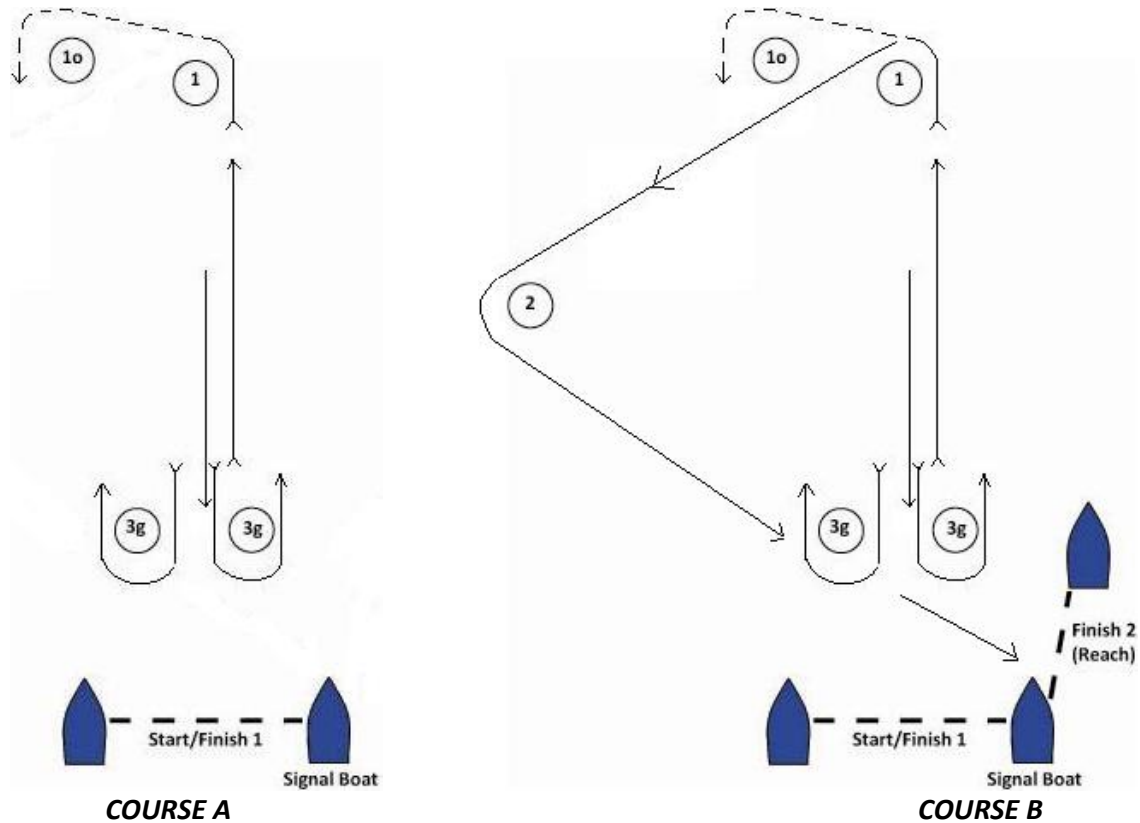
31 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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.

ATTACHMENT A
OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

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

COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → Finish (Downwind)
B	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 2(p) → Finish (Reach)



ATTACHMENT B

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.