

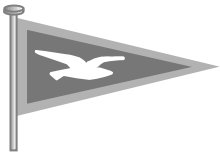


# Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

## J. M. Finn & Co Finn Championships 2008

### Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules** - The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the International Finn Class and the British Finn Class Association, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instruction Appendix P in these instructions will apply.
2. **Entries**
  - 2.1. **Eligibility** - Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority as in the supplementary sailing instructions.
  - 2.2. **Disclaimer of Liability** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See NOR 13.2. The organising 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.
  - 2.3. **Insurance** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 per event.
3. **Notices to Competitors** - Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby.
4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**
  - 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the start of a race they affect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.
  - 4.2 Competitors' attention will be drawn to changes by flying flag "L" accompanied by one sound signal. Flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the first race that is affected by the change or changes in the sailing instructions.
  - 4.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7
5. **Safety**
  - 5.1 RRS40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wetsuits or drysuits are not sufficient on their own.
  - 5.1.A tally system will be in operation. At Registration each boat will be assigned a unique tally number.
  - 5.2. Tallies will be large elastic bands worn on the wrist.
  - 5.3. Competitors shall collect their tally before going afloat and return it within 30 minutes of coming ashore.
  - 5.4. The tally board will be located at the top of the slipway.
  - 5.5. All competitors failing to tally will incur a £5 fine that will be donated to the RNLI. A second infringement will incur a £10 fine.
  - 5.6. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.



## **6. Signals Made Ashore**

- 6.1.** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.
- 6.2.** When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes the Race Signals in the Rules.

## **7. Schedule of Races**

- 7.1.** The schedule of races will be stated in the Notice of Race and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2.** When more than one race is scheduled for the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 7.3.** 7 races are scheduled to be sailed with no more than 4 races on any one day.

**8. Class Flags** - The class flag shall be the Finn Class flag.

**9. Racing Area** - The racing area is located to the south of the clubhouse.

**10. The Course** –The type of course will be signalled by a lettered board displayed on the Committee Boat, either Course A ,B or C. see Appendix 1.

**10.1 Magnetic Bearing of Mark 1** - The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the midpoint of the start line may be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.

**11. Marks** - Marks 1, 2, and 3 will normally be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys. Replacement marks as provided in RRS 34 will be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys.

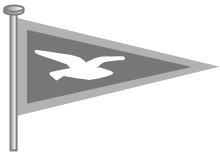
## **12. The Start**

- 12.1.** Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2.** The start line is defined as the line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark, normally of the orange inflatable cylindrical type.
- 12.3.** A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored DNS.

## **13. Change Of Course After The Start**

- 13.1** As an addition to RRS 33, a green or red flag may be displayed to indicate that the mark has been moved to starboard or port.

**14. Shortened Course** – If the race committee wishes to shorten course when the leading boats are approaching mark 1 or mark 1a, or mark 2 of a triangular course,



the race will be shortened to a line at that mark as stated in rule 32.2(a). If the race committee wishes to shorten course when the leading boats are approaching mark 3 or a gate, flag S will be displayed with repeated sound signals either from the committee boat or from a race committee vessel adjacent to the mark or gate being approached, and boats shall leave that mark on the required side, or pass through the gate in the direction of the course from the last mark, and finish on the finishing line described in SI 15. This changes rule 32.2.

**15. The Finish** - The finishing line will be between the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the finish line mark, normally of the orange inflatable cylindrical type.

**16. Time Limit** - The time limit for a boat will be 20 minutes after the first boat finishes after a valid start, except that if the first boat fails to finish with 2 hours of a valid start, the race will be abandoned. This changes rule 35.

**17. Penalty System** - Appendix P will apply.

#### **18. Protests**

**18.1** Protests in writing shall be lodged with the Race Office within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Protest forms are available from the Race Office.

**18.2** A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 2 hours of the finish of the last race of the day. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule. This is the notice under RRS 63.2

**18.3** When the race committee or protest committee intends to protest a boat it may inform her by a notice posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board. This changes the first sentence of rule 61.1(b).

**18.4** The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.

**19. Scoring** - Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if three or more races have been completed.

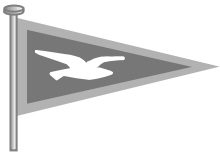
**20. Prizes** - Prizes will be awarded for places as determined by the event organising team based on the entry to the event.

**21. Radio Communications** - A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

#### **22. Rule 42.2**

**22.1** Rule 42.2 is varied by Class Rule C1. The 'Pumping' flag in Class Rule C1(1) 1 is changed from Quebec to Oscar.

**22.2** When Code Flag O is displayed with the warning signal or near a mark it, indicates that: after starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 is varied



in that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and 'ooching' are permitted.

**22.3** When Code Flag R is displayed at with the warning signal or near a mark, after the start or after rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 applies without variation

**23. Equipment & Measuring Checks** – a boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**24. Support Boats** – 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 the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

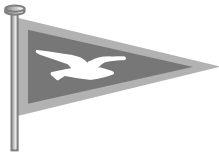
## Appendix 1 – Courses.

Course **A**: Start - **1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3** - Finish

Course **B**: Start - **1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3** - Finish

Course **C**: Start - **1 - 1a - 2P or 2S - 1 - 1a - 2P or 2S** - Finish

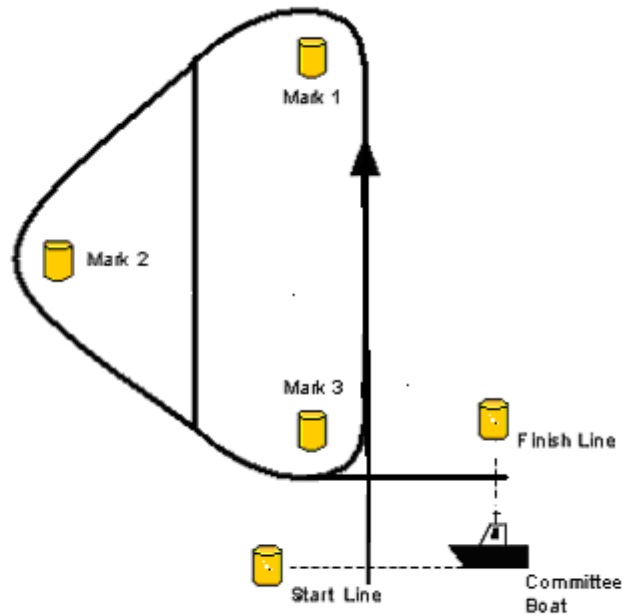
Marks shall be rounded to Port, except that **2P** and **2S** in Course **C** shall always be rounded to Port or Starboard respectively.

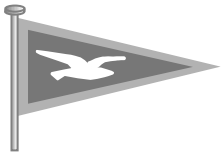


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## Course C

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