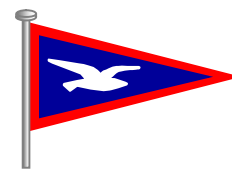




Finn National Championships

22nd, 23rd & 24th September 2017

Notice of Race



Organised by Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in Association with the British Finn Association

To be held at: Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC), 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3NW
Telephone (01702) 587563

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2. Advertising

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and the Class Association.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Championship is open to all boats of the International Finn class.
- 3.2. Each entry shall have a current member of the International Finn Association (IFA) or British Finn Association (BFA) aboard.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form, available from the BFA or Thorpe Bay Yacht Club web sites.

4. Fees

4.1. For entries received before 1st September the fee will be £90.00. Entries on or after 1st September will be £110.00

5. Schedule

5.1. Registration will take place on the first floor of the clubhouse at the following times:

Thursday 21st September: 18.00 – 20.00
Friday 22nd September: 09.00 – 11.00

5.2. The briefing will take place on the first floor of the clubhouse on Friday 22nd September at 10.30

5.3. Seven (7) races are scheduled.

5.4. The number of races each day will be varied without prior notice, according to weather conditions.

5.5. Dates and times of races:

Day	Race	Time	High Water
Friday 22 nd Sept.	Up to 3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 11.55	14.39
Saturday 23 rd Sept.	Up to 4 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.40	15.15
Sunday 24 th Sept	Up to 3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 13.10	15.50

5.6. 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.

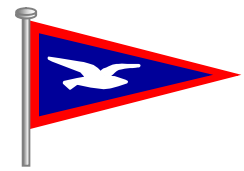
5.7. When no more races are to be sailed on a given day, AP over A will be displayed on the Committee Boat, with 2 sound signals.



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6. Measurement

- 6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2. All boats may be required to complete measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class Rules unless otherwise decided by the event Equipment Inspection Committee. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 6.3. A maximum of 2 masts, and 2 sails shall be used during the Championship. Only sails certified and marked at registration may be used.
- 6.4. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee or the Jury.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. Sailing instructions will be available in the clubhouse main bar area on completion of registration.

8. Venue

- 8.1. The venue is Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC), 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3NW.
- 8.2. Boats and cars must be stored in the area of the Southend Corporation car park which is accessed via the TBYC boat park. Drivers should approach along Thorpe Esplanade, enter the TBYC boat park and immediately turn right, passing carefully between boats to reach the grassed Corporation car park where they should park, see map.



- 8.3. No cars are to be left in the main boat park.
- 8.4. TBYC car parking stickers will be made available and must be displayed on cars parked in the Southend Corporation car park.

9. The Courses

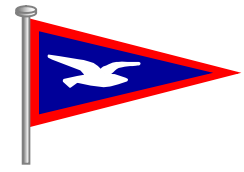
- 9.1. The racing area will be in the Thames Estuary, approximately 10 minutes sailing time to the South of the clubhouse.
- 9.2. Courses sailed will be either triangle/sausage or windward/leeward.



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10. Scoring

- 10.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a National Championship series.
- 10.2. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. Support Boats

- 11.1. Support boats must be registered with the race committee and shall be marked with a national flag, 3-letter country code, or ISCA flag at all times while on the water.

12. Radio Communications

- 12.1. 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 phones.

13. Disclaimer of liability

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 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.

13.2. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

14. Insurance

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15. Rights to use name and likeness

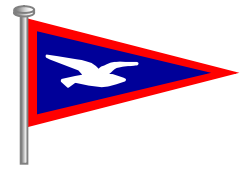
- 15.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and any event sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue, without compensation.



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16. Prizes

16.1. Prizegiving will take place in the clubhouse as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday.

17. Social & accommodation

17.1. Food and drink will be available in the clubhouse throughout the competition with breakfast available daily from 08:00.

17.2. There will be a dinner on Saturday evening, free to competitors. Additional tickets must be ordered in advance.

17.3. Camping, by prior permission, is available on site free of charge from Thursday evening. Please contact Janet Willsmer, Club Secretary, to book.

17.4. Information regarding local accommodation can be found at <http://www.visitsouthend.co.uk/>

18. Further Information

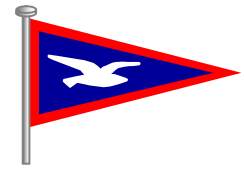
18.1. Further information can be found at www.tbyc.org or by phoning Janet Willsmer, Club Secretary, on +44 (0) 1702 587563



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Please print, complete, sign and return with remittance to The Secretary, TBYC, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3NW, UK.

Helm (Given and Family name)Sail number

Please tick one of each row below

- Standard Race Finn Classic with Carbon Classic Finn
 U23 Open Master Grand Master Great Grand Master Legend

Contact Details

Address

Town / City Postcode

Telephone Email

Sailing Club

Emergency contact ~ Name..... Telephone.....

This Declaration must be signed

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, I have read the section of the Notice of Race¹ covering the risk statement, and agree to the statements contained in it.

Signed Name Date of birth (if under 18)

Entry Fee: £90.00 if paid before 1st September 2017 or £110.00 after that date
 Please make cheques payable to 'British Finn Association' and write the **sail number** on the back of the cheque.

Additional Saturday Dinner bookings: £17.50 per person x (no. of additional bookings)

Total paid (please include cost of additional dinner bookings): £.....

Parent or Guardian Declarations (Required if the helm is under 18)

Under Law, this **helm** is my dependent and I accept the safety section of the Notice of Race and agree to the statements contained within it. I confirm that my dependent is competent to take part and I am responsible for my dependent throughout the event. During the time my dependent is afloat I will be around Thorpe Bay Yacht Club or I will inform the Race Officer in writing who is acting in loco parentis in my absence.

Signed Name

Address

Mobile phone:

Please print, complete, sign and return with remittance to The Secretary, TBYC, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3NW, UK. Include payment for entry fee and additional dinner bookings.

¹ The NOR is pages 1-4 of this document