

# ALTON WATER FINN and EUROPE OPEN 2016

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Organizing Authority: Alton Water Sports Centre

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions issued for this event and the Class Rules. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

### 2.0 RYA Racing Charter

- 2,1 Competitors should note that Alton Water Sports Centre, as the organising authority, implements the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors are required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found in the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013- 2016) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

### 3.0 Advertising

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The event is open to all paid up members of the UK Finn Class Association and international associations and Europe class members.

### 5.0 ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 The entry fee for the event is £30 and will be collected by the BFA on Saturday morning. Entries may be completed at registration on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 6.0 REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS

- 6.1 The Race Office will be open for competitor registration from 0900 on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### 7.0 PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 There will be a maximum of 8 races and a maximum of 1 discard will be allowed if 5 or more races are sailed.
- 7.2 The first race will not start before 1230 on Saturday. The last race will not start after 15.00 on Sunday.
- 7.3 The target duration of each race will be 35 minutes.

### 8.0 BRIEFING

- 8.1 There will be a competitors briefing at 11.30 on Saturday and 09.30 on Sunday.

### 9.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will not be issued at registration but will be available on the BFA and AWSC websites.

## **10.0 COURSES AND RACING AREA**

- 10.1 Racing will take place on Alton Water Reservoir within the limits prescribed in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2 Courses will be laid using fixed and portable marks as deemed appropriate by the OOD.
- 10.3 Starting and finishing will be from a committee boat.

## **11.0 RULES DISPUTES, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 11.1 The Exoneration Penalty (and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

## **12.0 SCORING**

- 12.1 One race will be sufficient to constitute a series.
- 12.2 The low points system of scoring will be applied.
- 12.3 The number of races to be discarded will be as follows:
  - 5 or more races sailed - 1 discard
  - Less than 5 races sailed - no discard.

## **13.0 BERTHING**

- 13.1 There is limited storage of competitors' boats available, free of charge, for the duration of the event.
- 13.2 Competitors wishing to leave their craft at the centre on the night immediately preceding or following the event may do so, provided arrangements are made with AWSC prior to the event, taking account of centre closing times.

## **14.0 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the first five boats in the Finn and Europe fleets and to the first Finn classic boat. Other prizes may also be awarded.
- 14.2 The prize giving will take place as soon as practicable after the last race.

## **15.0 RISK STATEMENT**

- 15.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone" and that sailing is by its 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - f. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
  - g. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat;
  - h. Their boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

## **16.0 SOCIAL**

- 16.1 It is planned that breakfast will be available in the Regatta Café at Alton Water Sports Centre from 08:00 both Saturday and Sunday mornings, but please check this in advance with the Centre.
- 16.2 The Regatta Café will also be serving hot food and drinks throughout Saturday and Sunday.

**17.0 RIGHTS TO NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

17.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

**18.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

18.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications while racing. This restriction includes the use of mobile telephones.

**19.0 INSURANCE**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 for any one incident and shall sign a declaration to that effect before going afloat.

**20.0 INFORMATION**

**20.1 Address**

Alton Water Sports Centre Ltd  
Holbrook Road  
Stutton,  
Suffolk,  
IP9 2RY

Tel: 01473 328408  
[www.altonwater.co.uk](http://www.altonwater.co.uk)

**21.0 LOCAL VARIATIONS**

21.1 By entering the event, all competitors agree to read and abide by the Alton Water Sports Centre Rules and Regulations, see <http://www.altonwater.co.uk/index.php?pid=212>.

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*Please Print*

**Sail number** .....**Helm** (Given and Family name) .....

**EUROPE**

**FINN**     Standard Race Finn                       Classic with Carbon                       Classic Finn

        Junior     Open     Master     Grand Master     Great Grand Master     Legend

**Contact Details**

Address	
Post Code	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Emergency contact	
Sailing Club	

**This Declaration must be signed**

**Acknowledgement of Risk and Insurance**

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event.

I acknowledge that it is up to me personally to assess whether any event or activity on the water is too difficult for me, and whether or not my personal safety could be endangered. I acknowledge that the safety of my craft and her entire management including insurance is my sole responsibility, and I am satisfied my equipment is adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the event.

I declare that I hold a valid and current craft insurance which covers me for third party claims in the sum of at least £2million per incident whilst racing and that I will continue to do so whilst engaged in racing at Alton Water Sports Centre.

**Signed** ..... **Name** ..... **Date of birth (if under 18)** .....

**Entry Fee:**        £30 (Cash or Cheque only please)  
                          Please make cheques payable to **'British Finn Association'** and write the *sail number* on the back of the cheque.

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

Under law, this competitor is my dependent, and I accept the Disclaimer of Liability in the Notice of Race which excludes my dependant's right to claim compensation in certain circumstances. During the event the boat sailed by my dependent will have a valid and current third party insurance of at least £2million per incident. I confirm that my dependent is competent to take part and that I am responsible for my dependent throughout the event. During the time my dependent is afloat I will be in or around Alton Water Sports Centre or I will inform the race officer in writing who is acting in loco parentis during my absence.

**Name** ..... **Date** .....  
(parent, guardian or supervising adult)

**Signature** (parent, guardian or supervising adult) .....