



Northern Finn Open

April 13th - April 14th

Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club



1 Rules & Organising Authority

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. The Organising Authority is Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club (The "Club" or "YDSC") and this term includes its officers, the sailing committee, the race officers and assistants, the patrol boat crews and any other person involved in running the event.
3. The 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix P, shall apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Finn Class. Helms shall be a member of their national Finn class association. Competitors may be asked to produce evidence of membership at the time of registration by the organising authority.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing a registration form in the clubhouse on the morning of the first day of racing, the 13th April
- 2.3. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the race committee.
- 2.4. There will be no entry fee for the event, but it is suggested that a donation of at least £30 is made to the club upon registering.
- 2.5. Each boat shall be able to present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability coverage of at least £3,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
- 2.6. In order to compete boats must give their signature at registration acknowledging that they have read and understood the risk statement in this notice of race.

3. Advertising and Consent

- 3.1. By participating in the event, the competitors grant the organising authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the event without payment.

4. Schedule

- 4.1. Registration will be at the club on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30am

4.2. There will be a briefing for competitors in the clubhouse at 10:45 on the Saturday morning

4.3. The Scheduled time of the warning signals for each of the days are as follows

		Warning Signal
Saturday 13 th April	Race 1	11:55
	Race 2	Following Race 1
	Race 3	14:45
	Race 4	Following Race 3
Sunday 14 th April	Morning Pumping / Technique Clinic with Hector Simpson	
	Race 5	12:55
	Race 6	Following race 5
	Race 7	Following Race 6

4.4. There will be no more than 7 races sailed. The actual number of races on any day may be varied in response to weather conditions but no more than four races shall be sailed on any one day

4.5. No Race shall start later than 15:00 on Sunday

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

5.2 Preliminary sailing instructions may be posted online before the event.

6. Courses

6.1 Details of the courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions

7. Scoring

7.1 Three races shall constitute a championship

7.2 When 4 or more races are completed, one shall be discarded

8. Safety

8.1 There will be no sign on/sign off tally system.

8.2 Any Competitor retiring from a race must notify the committee boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible. If this is not possible, he shall notify a representative inside clubhouse.

8.3 Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.

9. Time Limits

9.1 There is no race time limit; Races are expected to last for approximately 30 minutes.

10 Communication with competitors

10.1 Notices shall be posted on the official notice board at the bottom of the stairs

10.2 Signals ashore shall be made from the club flagstaff

10.3 Changes to sailing instructions of this Notice of Race shall be posted at least 90 minutes before the first race of the day, except that a change in race times shall be posted by 17:00hrs on the day before it applies

10.4 Notices shall be posted each day of the time by which protests shall be lodged.

10.5 Notices of the time, parties and witnesses for a protest hearing shall be posted within 45 minutes of the protest time limit.

11 Outside Assistance

11.1 Assistance in getting back aboard the boat shall be added to the assistance permitted under RRS 41(a).

12 Measurement

12.1 Each boat shall be able to produce a valid measurement certificate at the event.

12.2 A maximum of 2 Masts and 2 Sails shall be used during the event.

12.3 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the race committee.

13 Prizes

13.1 There will be prizes for the top 3 overall and probably even more!

14 Risk Statement

14.1 Rule 4 of RRS states: “ The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involved 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 and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not resolve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, or a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

General Information

Camping- Camping in motorhomes and tents is allowed but caravans are strictly prohibited. If you are arriving on the Friday Night please call Hector Simpson in advance on 07505210743.

Lunch is available from the canteen on both Saturday and Sunday