

**British Finn Association**  
**Hon Membership Secretary Report**  
**AGM 28 November 2020**

### Membership Numbers

Despite the situation regarding Olympic status and the COVID-19 Pandemic which has disrupted lives, work, leisure and sporting activities, BFA members have remained loyal to the Class and renewed their Membership for 2020. Many thanks! We hope that there is more opportunity to train and race in 2021.

Members	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Category	20/11/20	30/6/19	30/6/18	9/17	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM
Full	119	114	126	129	119	118	116	111	111	97	103
U23	5	9	13	9	8	4	5	4	4	2	2
Associate	13	15	7	6	10	7	9	8	9	8	8
Honorary	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>119</b>

### New Members

9 new members joined BFA since the last AGM. We look forward to seeing them on the water.

### Membership

All Finn owners are encouraged to join/rejoin BFA and commence/renew their BFA Membership.

The BFA Membership records are maintained on BFA WebCollect. Each member has their own "My BFA" Account and is responsible for maintaining their personal and contact information up to date. *Please let the Membership Secretary know if you change your email account so that your account can be updated and you can access it via your new email address.*

### Reminders:

- **Membership Form** - please review and update for any changes to ensure you receive email communications and Finnfare.
- **Classic Finn owners** - Associate Membership is only £10 per annum.
- **Encourage** friends/sailors to Try a Finn and enter a BFA Open Meeting as an Associate Member
- **Finn Training** - BFA is in contact with top quality Finn coaches - ask for details.

### Annual Subscription

The Annual Subscription is due for payment on 1 January and rights and benefits may be withdrawn if fees are not paid before 1 April.

Full Members £50; U23 Members £27.50; Associate Member £10.

### PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS

The right to use a Personal Sail Numbers (PSNs) may be ordered by Full or U23 members (but not Associate members) and paid for online via member's "My BFA" account.

PSNs are subject to terms and conditions as set out on the order form.

### PSN Fees for 4 years

Nos 0 to 20 - £99; Nos 21 to 100 - £75.

### Reminders

- Only PSN holders or the owners of original K registered boats may race with a Sail Number between 0 and 100. Other Finn owners are requested to respect the rights of those who have paid to use such numbers.
- The right to use a PSN lasts for 4 years from the end of the month of purchase, or if renewing, the date on which the PSN expired.
- PSN holders must renew their BFA Membership annually by 1 March.

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- PSNs may not be transferred by the owner on the sale of a boat or sails.
- Income received from the sale of PSNs is reserved for the development of young Finn sailors.

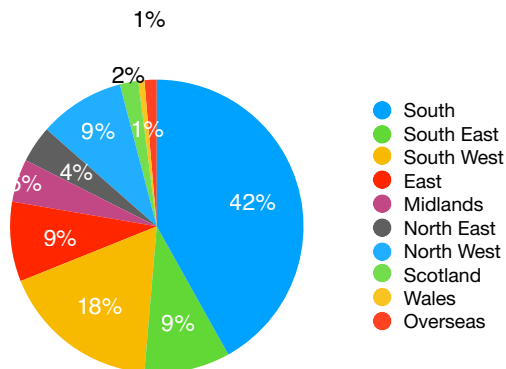
### Requests

Please pay your Annual Membership Fee promptly. If you have sold your Finn you may switch to Associate Membership on renewal.

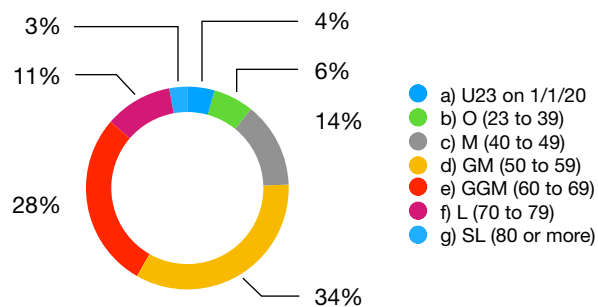
Please inform the Membership Secretary if you do not wish to renew your Membership or your Personal Sail Number.

### MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

#### By Region



#### By Age Category



### THE FUTURE

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the growing awareness of the environment and Climate change has transformed the way the community views water based activities, appreciates the local environs and the freedom that sailing and other water based activities have to offer. Travelling, particularly overseas has become problematic.

Sailing Clubs are diversifying. They are likely to become more family orientated with a greater focus on serving the local community.

BFA may need to modify its offering to better serve the needs of Club sailors and support local enthusiasts to build local fleets.

### THANK YOU

Now that it is time to hand over to a new Membership Secretary, I thank all Finn sailors for their support of BFA in so many varied ways.

It has been fascinating hearing about the history of individual Finn sailors, what brought them to Finn sailing, what they love about the Finn and the wonderful support given by so many so freely and the great love of the Finn and the history of Finn sailing around the world.

Best wishes for the future.

I hope to see you on the water in 2021

Richard Phillips (GBR 42)  
Hon Membership Secretary  
26 November 2020