



Finn Open 2022 Sailing Instructions

Event website <https://www.club2class.com/gbr/christchurch-sailing-club/finn-open-2022/>

1. RULES

1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); RYA Prescriptions, the rules of the International Finn Class [DP], the British Finn Class Association [DP] and the Notice of Race.
2. Competitors should note that Christchurch Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
3. All competitors will be required to wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. (This changes RRS 40)
4. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
5. In accordance with Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (1), RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: The Race Committee will signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except when the boat's proper course is close-hauled or above. This changes rules 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).
6. Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (1) will be applied in winds of 10 knots and above, measured at deck level on a race committee boat at the windward mark.
7. Government COVID-19 Regulations and RYA Guidance shall apply.
8. **Towline:** Boats shall carry a floating towline of at least 8 millimetres in diameter and 10 metres in length. This line must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices during the event will be posted on the official notice board located in the CSC clubhouse.
2. Pre-Event Notices will be published on the Event website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) 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.
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.
3. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.
2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 Minutes" in race signal AP
3. Competitors shall not go afloat until released by the display of IC Flag D above the Finn Class Flag [DP]



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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

1. 6 races are scheduled to be sailed with no more than 4 races on any one day as follows;

Date	Briefing	Number of Races	First Warning Signal
Thursday 2 June 2022	0930 hrs	3	1125 hrs
Friday 3 June 2022		3	1055 hrs

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.
3. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, an Orange flag will be displayed for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
4. No races will be started after 1500hrs on Friday 3 June 2022.

6. CLASS FLAG

1. The class flag shall be the Finn Class flag.

7. RACE AREA

1. The race area will be in Christchurch Bay. Starting from the Club slipway, sail down river, through the Harbour (keeping close to the main channel), enter the Bay via the narrow channel "The Run" at the Harbour entrance into the Bay. **NB** The Run can be very fast flowing water. There is a sea wall on the north side and a sand bank on the south side of the Run. Competitors should allow an hour to launch and reach the Start Area.
2. The Stanpit Marsh Nature Reserve at the western end of the harbour is a SSSI. There is an exclusion zone bounded by yellow buoys which is treated as a continuing obstruction.

8. COURSES

1. The course will be either triangles as described in Appendix 1 Course A2 and A3 or windward/leeward as described in Appendix 1 Course B2 and B3.
2. The course to be used will be displayed on the Committee Boat.
3. The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the midpoint of the start line may be displayed on a board on the port side of the Committee Boat before the warning signal.

9. MARKS

1. Marks 1, 2, 2S, 2P and 3 will be large yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys.
2. Mark 1A will be a yellow short cylindrical inflatable buoy.
3. Replacement marks as provided in RRS 33 will be yellow short cylindrical inflatable buoys.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

1. There are no designated areas of obstruction in the racing area.

11. THE START

1. Rule 26 shall apply with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
2. The start line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line boat or mark, displaying an orange flag.
3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored DNS.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF A COURSE

1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
2. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
3. A green or red flag may be displayed to indicate that the mark has been moved to starboard or port. This is a variation to RRS 33.2



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13. THE FINISH

1. The Finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee boat displaying a Blue flag and a boat or mark displaying a Blue flag.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

1. RRS Appendix P will apply.
2. The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details. The Exoneration penalty available under this will be 20% as described in 44.3.
3. Penalties for breaches of NoR NoR 12 (Parking), Class Rules, or rules in the SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.
4. Competitors breaking SI 18.2 will incur a £5 fine that will be donated to the RNLI without a hearing. A second infringement will incur a £10 fine without a hearing. Third and subsequent penalties will be subject to protest and any penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
75 mins	20 mins	45 mins

1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

1. Protest forms are available from the Race Office.
2. Protests and requests for redress shall be made in writing and lodged with the Race Office within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day except that:
 1. On the last scheduled day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day; this changes RRS 66.
 3. On the last scheduled day a request for redress based on a protest decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
3. A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the finish of the end of the Protest time limit. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule. This is the notice under RRS 63.2
4. 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 RRS 61.1(b).

17. SCORING

1. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed.
2. Three races are required for a valid championship.



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18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Adequate personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS40 and the preamble to Part 4.
2. A tally system will be in operation.
 1. At Registration each boat will be assigned a unique tally number.
 2. Tallies will be large elastic bands worn on the wrist.
 3. Competitors shall collect their tally before going afloat and return it within 30 minutes of coming ashore.
 4. The tally board will be located outside the Clubhouse near the dinghy slipway.
3. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

1. Substitution of competitors shall only be permitted with the completion of a new signed entry form and the written permission of the Race Officer. Any such substitution during the event shall be scored as a separate boat.
2. Replacement of sails or equipment complying with the Class Rules is permitted.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

1. A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Sailing Instructions and Certificate.
2. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
3. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

1. Competitors are requested to display event advertisements (if any) that may be issued at Registration.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

1. Official boats will fly a Christchurch Sailing Club Burgee.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

1. 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.[DP]

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

1. Trash may not be deposited on support boats or committee boats.(COVID-19 Restrictions)
2. Trash shall not be discarded into the water. [DP]

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

1. 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.

26. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded for places as determined by the event organisers in accordance with the Notice of Race.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Risk Statement in the Notice of Race and RRS 4.
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.

28. INSURANCE

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £3,000,000 per event.



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Appendix 1

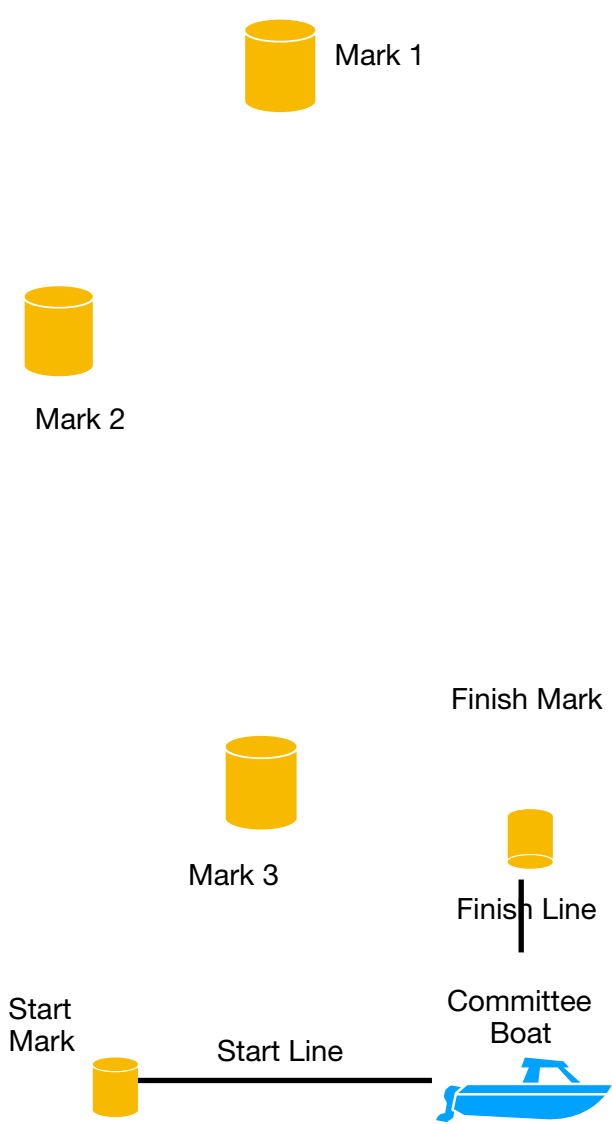
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COURSE A3 Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

COURSE B2 Start - 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - 1 - 1 A - 2P - Finish
COURSE B3 Start - 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - 1 - 1 A - 2P - Finish

Marks shall be rounded to Port, except that 2P/2S in Courses B2 and B3 is a gate through which all boats shall pass rounding 2P to Port or 2S to Starboard. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

APPROX CONFIGURATION OF COURSES - NOT TO SCALE

COURSE A (Triangles)



COURSE Bq

