



Notice of Race

Finn Spring Racing

29/30th March 2025

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the NOR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

1. Rules:

- 1.1. [NP] Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 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.
- 1.2. Appendix T of the RRS is replaced with the Post-Race Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3. The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) RRS A5.2 is modified to allow a helm over the age of 65yrs to carry a VHF radio or mobile telephone.
 - b) RRS 26 is modified to the class warning signal 3 minutes before the start for a 3,2,1 go sequence.
 - c) RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat.
 - d) RRS 41 outside assistance to get back aboard a boat is added as RRS41 (e) to the assistance permitted under RRS41.
 - e) RRS 42 is modified for the Finn class in accordance with Finn class Rule A.6.2. The recommended wind speed for Class Rule C1.1(2) is ten knots.
 - f) RRS A4.1 changed so, at the Race Committee's discretion and after the first boat has finished, boats may be award points according to their observed position on the course.
 - g) RRS A5.2 has been modified to allow a helm over the age of 65yrs, or those with written permission from the Race Committee or Class Association for specific health reasons, to carry a VHF radio or mobile telephone for use in case of emergency ONLY. The organisers remind helms that the use of a VHF radio is legally regulated. It is the responsibility of the helm to ensure the legality of the use of the VHF radio on board their boat.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions which may change other racing rules.

- 1.4. **RYA Racing Charter:** Competitors should note that West Kirby Sailing Club 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) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.



2. **Adverse Weather:** The decision to hold the event will be made by lunchtime on Thursday March 27th by agreement of WKSC and the Class Association leader. Cancellation notices will be made directly via Class Association media and the WKSC website.
3. **Eligibility and Entry:**
 - 3.1. The regatta is open to all members of the British Finn Association
4. **Entry fee:** The entry fee for the event is £30.00. Please declare you intent to compete online for the Finn at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification> The intent entry will be accepted as agreement with the risk assessment and acceptance of the Racing Charter.
5. **Registration:** Registration will be from 08:00 on Saturday 29st March in the Club house Sandy Lane, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 3HZ.
6. **Briefing:** There will be a competitor briefing at[08:30] on Saturday March 29st.
7. **Sailing Instructions:** The final revised sailing instructions will be issued at registration and updated on the WSC Website.
8. **Races:** There will be a maximum of 10 races. A maximum of 1no. discard will be allowed once more than 4 races are sailed. The first race will not start before **9:15** on Saturday. The last race will not start after 12:00. The target duration of each race will be 25 minutes.
9. **The Courses:** The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs and triangles, or trapezoids.
10. **Race area:** The race area will be within The Dee Estuary with the option of further racing on the marine lake. Boats are not expected to return ashore between races.
11. **Towline:** Boats shall carry a floating towline of at least 8 millimetres in diameter and 8 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.
12. **Risk Statement:** RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone".

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) 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 competitor briefing held for the event;
 - i) their boat is required to hold adequate insurance and, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.
13. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded dependent on the number of entries. Other prizes may also be awarded.
14. **Privacy and imagery:** The personal information that owners, charterers, competitors and others provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate their participation in the event. If they have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If they are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Their personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the WSC privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 14.1. Competitors' contact details may be given to other competitors with a valid need (e.g. parties to a protest).
- 14.2. By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant the WSC and sponsors/supporters, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.
15. **Car parking and accommodation**
- 15.1. Carparks-. Please do not park in the dinghy compounds.
- 15.2. Boats can be parked in the dinghy compound. Please find a space in a dinghy compound for the weekend.
16. **Further Information may be obtained from:**

Admin, West Kirby Sailing Club, Sandy Lane, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 3HZ.

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