



FINN UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July 2026

**The organising Authority is Brixham Yacht Club,
in conjunction with the British Finn Association.**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply and the current class rules of the Finn class (except where changed by this NOR). Competitors should note that Brixham Yacht Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.2 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NOR or the sailing Instructions (Sis) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race or the sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1a
- 1.4 Full details of any changes to RRS will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 [NP] [DP] The BYC Mandatory Returning Ashore document and The BYC Championship Protest Procedures 2022 document.
- 1.6 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times afloat.
- 1.7 Appendix T will apply. Appendix T 'Arbitration' is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach.
- 1.8 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed so that "or did not see the incident" is changed to "and did not see the incident"

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be posted on the event webpage [UK Finn National Championship : Brixham Yacht Club](#) at least a week prior to registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be the WhatsApp group. To join the group, click [WhatsApp Group Invite](#)
Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 3.2 When racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones [DP]

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all Finn class boats.
- 4.2 Competitors shall be members of the British Finn Class Association or another National or International Finn Class Association
- 4.3 Eligible boat may enter online and make payment of fees as stated in NOR 5.
- 4.4 BFA members please use the Webcollect link <https://webcollect.org.uk/bfa> Overseas competitors please contact Simon Percival the UK class secretary on 07958 000392 to enter. The OA will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry a boat shall meet all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Entries will not be accepted after midnight on 1st July.
- 4.7 Competitors under 18 before and including the last day of the regatta must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. The form should be signed and delivered at registration.
- 4.8 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or equivalent in other currency.
- 4.9 Cancellation. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor seven days or more before the event, their entry will be refunded in full. There will be no refund for cancelled entries after this time. Any social tickets purchased in addition to the entry may be cancelled and will be refunded in full up to 48 hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat includes free event shirt (size to order) & the evening meal on the Saturday evening.
For entries received on or before 31st May 2026 £120.
Entries received on or after 1st June 2026 £140.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising as instructed by the OA.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration: Will be at Brixham Yacht Club between 09:30 to 11:45 on Friday 3rd July 2026. Competitors will be issued with tyvek wristlets that they will be required to wear throughout the event (they can be worn instead on racing kit provided they are clearly visible); also trolley tags to be attached to the launching trolley throughout the event
- 7.2 Competitor Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 12:00 on Friday 6th September in the main clubhouse at Brixham Yacht Club. Competitors are advised that launching will commence soon after the conclusion of the briefing.
- 7.3 8 races are scheduled.

Date	Race	1st Warning Signal	Tide Times in Brixham
Friday 3 rd July	Registration 09:00 to 11:45	13.25 Race 2 asap after race 1	HW – 09:09 (4.2m) LW – 14:46 (1.2m)
	Competitors Briefing 12:00		
	Points Race 1 and 2		
Saturday 4 th July	Points Race 3, 4 and 5	11.55 and subsequent races asap after race 3	HW – 09:42 (4.2m) LW – 15:18 (1.3m)
	AGM in Jubilee Room 18:00		
Sunday 5 th July	Points Races 6, 7 and 8	10.55 and subsequent races asap after race 6	HW – 10:16 (4.1m) LW – 15:52 (1.3m)
	Prize giving ASAP after racing in BYC main club house		

- 7.4 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday 5th July.
- 7.5.1 The race schedule may be amended if the series falls behind schedule or if predicted conditions warrant it necessary, but no racing will be brought forward of the published 1st warning signal on Friday 3rd July. Any changes to the sailing program will be posted by 20:00hrs on the preceding day.
- 7.5.2 No more than 4 races will be sailed on one day unless the schedule is amended in accordance with NOR 7.5.1.
- 7.6 All Times are BST.

8. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate in the name of the owner and shall produce it if requested to do so by the OA
- 8.2 All boats shall sail using their registered sail number. Any changes to sail numbers shall be made in writing and approved by the Race Committee (RC) prior to registration.
- 8.3 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the event.
- 8.4 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR or Sis.
- 8.5 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set on in this NOR.

9 VENUE AND RACE AREA

- 9.1 The venue will be Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang Road, Brixham, Devon TQ5 8AR. Please note that the postcode for the dinghy berthing is TQ5 8AY.
- 9.2 The Race Area will be in Torbay.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be a combination of windward/leeward and triangle / windward-leeward courses. These will be fully described in the SIs and at the competitors briefing.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply, this changes RRS 44.

11.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P 2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 will apply to all the second and subsequent penalties.

12 SCORING

12.1 Appendix A applies except where changed in NOR 12.3.

12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 RRS A2.1 Series Scores is changed to read as follows:

12.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3.2 When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

12.3.3 When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

13 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 [DP] Support and coach person vessels will not be permitted.

15 BERTHING / BOAT STORAGE

15.1 Dinghies will be parked in the compound next to the club. Multi road trailers will & some other road trailers may be required to be removed to the Cricket Club for the duration of the event (cost £ 15 each)

16 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 Does not apply.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority, the British Finn class association and event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and any other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18. DATA PROTECTION

18.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you 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 you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your National Authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published

18.2 By entering the event, the competitor agrees for their mobile number to be added to an event WhatsApp group for the benefit of communications during and after the event. You may unsubscribe at any time.

19 RISK STATEMENT

19.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve 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) 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 safety briefing held for the event.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Prizegiving will be as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 5th July in the main clubhouse of Brixham Yacht Club

21 FURTHER INFORMATION & CONTACTS

21.1 Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang Road, Brixham, Devon. TQ5 8AR
Email: Event Director <event-director@brixhamyachtclub.com>

21.2 British Class Association:

Class Association Website Home | [BRITISH FINN ASSOCIATION](#) | [Sail a Finn Today!](#)

End of Notice of Race

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BRIXHAM HARBOUR

All competitors should be aware that Brixham is a commercial working port and regard should be given to commercial craft including ferries and fishing vessels.

MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of BYC during the event and as such shall abide by the Club's rules. Members of the Class, their guests and visitors are welcome to use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club but do so at their own risk.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A social programme is being arranged and details will be made available on the Event webpage [UK Finn National Championship : Brixham Yacht Club](#)

The Club galley will be open to competitors, their families and friends. Snacks and drinks to be taken afloat will be available from the Club galley, and the bar will be open when coming ashore and during the evening.

If you have any specific dietary requirements or food allergies please discuss these as soon as possible with the catering staff on arrival at the event to make advance arrangements. Vegetarian options will be available as standard.

BYC prides itself on being a friendly Club that works hard to provide good sailing and a good fun social programme.

DOGS AT BYC

Well-behaved dogs are welcome at BYC but are not permitted in the main clubhouse (except guide dogs) but are permitted in the Jubilee Room. Owners are responsible for the behaviour (and clearing up) of dogs while on the premises or vicinity of BYC.

ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of external activities to entertain both adults and children in the area with plenty of beaches as well as an extensive range of attractions in the Torbay area. Details of some of these activities will be available on the Brixham Yacht Club and class championship websites.

PARKING AND CAMPER VANS AT BYC

Brixham Yacht Club regrets that the members' car parks' on Overgang Road are not available for competitors' car parking. Daily car parking is available in the Council Oxen Cove Pay and Display car park adjacent to the BYC dinghy compound. Weekly Parking permits are available for this car park and any other Brixham and Torbay off-road Car Park through <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/roads/parking/parking-permits/> Mobile homes/camper vans may not be used for sleeping overnight on the BYC premises, or the immediate vicinity which includes the adjacent council car park (unless permission for parking Camper vans in Council Car parks has been granted by Torbay Parking).

ACCOMMODATION

There is plenty of accommodation in and around Brixham including camping ranging from a tent, caravan and motor home pitches, static caravans, bed and breakfast, small hotels and holiday lets. The link below is not the only source of accommodation but it may be useful.

<http://www.brixhamyachtclub.com/ashore/local-accommodation>