

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB



Notice of Race **J.M. Finn & Co. Finn National Championship** **Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July 2013**

To be held at: Royal Torbay Yacht Club
12 Beacon Terrace Torquay TQ1 2BH
Telephone 01803 292006

Organising Authority:
The Organising Authority is Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

1) Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the International Finn Class and the British Finn Class Association. Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 will apply. An exoneration penalty of 20% will be available under the RYA Arbitration process.

2) Advertising

In accordance with ISAF regulation 20.3 (d) (i), boats shall display on each side of the bow while racing any advertising supplied by the event organiser at registration.

3) Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to International Finns who are current members of the IFA. Boats may be entered by completing an entry form available from the BFA and RTBC websites.

4) Entry fee

The entry fee will be £100 for entries before June 15th and £110 after that date.

5) Schedule

5.1 Registration:

This will take place in the race office from 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs, Thursday 4th July and 0900hrs to 1100hrs, Friday 5th July.

5.2 Briefing:

This will take place at 10.45 in the clubhouse on Friday 5th July.

Friday 5th July	Time of First Warning Signal	Low Water
Two races	13.30pm	10.15 am

Saturday 6th July	Time of First Warning Signal	Low Water
Three races	10.30am	11.00 am

Sunday 7th July	Time of First Warning Signal	Low Water
Two races	10.00am	11.45 am

The warning signal will be the Finn Class flag. The race committee may bring forward a race or races but there will be no more than 4 races per day. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted two hours before the start of the race(s) affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be made before 2000 on the preceding day.

6) Measurements

All competing boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate, which may be required to be shown at registration

7) Sailing area and courses

The sailing area will be in Torbay Bay, approximately 20 minutes sailing from the club. Courses sailed will be either triangle / sausage or windward/leeward courses.

8) Sailing instructions

These will be available in the clubhouse main bar area on completion of registration or from the RTYC website and the BFA website.

9) Scoring

Three completed races are required to constitute a series. When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

10) Support Boats

Each coach/support boat must be identified by national flag, 3 letter country code, or ISCA flag at all times while on the water. All boats must be registered with RTYC.

11) Berthing

Boats should be left in the RTYC boat park, or as directed by a member of the event organising team.

12) Radio Communication

Except in emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13) Prizegiving

This will be in the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday.

14) Risk Statement and Responsibility

14.1 Rule 4 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."

14.2 Royal Torbay Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

14.3 The skipper shall be held responsible for the conduct of the boat before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

14.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

14.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the skipper of the boat has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in the entry form.

14.6 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:

14.6.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept taking part in the responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

14.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

14.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

14.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate

14.6.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

14.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

14.7 **Inspections** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

15. Insurance.

15.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £3,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race.

16) Car Parking/Camping Vans

Cars should be parked in the Torbay car parks and around the club as directed. No cars in the boat park please. Space for camper vans will be available at the local rugby club requires booking forms to follow

17) Further information can be found at: www.rtyc.org or www.Finnuk.org.uk