



**Royal Torbay Yacht Club  
J. M. Finn & Co  
Finn Championships 2013  
Sailing Instructions**



**1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing; the rules of the International Finn Class and the British Finn Class Association, Sailing Instruction Appendix P will apply.

**2. Entries**

**2.1 Eligibility** - Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority.

**2.2 Disclaimer of Liability** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See NOR 14. 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.

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

**3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the clubhouse.

**4. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

**4.1** Any changes to the sailing instructions 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.

**4.2** 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.

**4.3** In the event of a conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, these sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes rule 63.7

## 5. Safety

5.1 RRS40 is changed, flag Y will not be displayed. Adequate personal floatation devices must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wetsuits or dry-suits are not sufficient on their own.

## 6 Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the base of Haldon Pier.

6.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, `one minute` is replaced with `not less than 60 Minutes` in race signal AP.

6.3 Competitors shall not go afloat until released by the display of IC Flag D.

## 7 Schedule of Races

Date	Time of first warning signal	Races per day
Friday 5th July	1330	2
Saturday 6th July	1030	3
Sunday 7th July	1000	2

7.1 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. 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.

7.2 7 races are scheduled to be sailed with no more than 4 races on any one day.

7.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 8 Class Flags

The class flag shall be the Finn Class flag.

## 9 Racing Area

The sailing area will be in Torbay.

## 10 The Course

10.1 The appendix 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The type of course will be displayed on a blackboard placed on the stern of the committee boat either Course A , B or C. see Appendix 1.

10.2 The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the midpoint of the start line may be displayed on a board on the stern of the committee boat before the warning signal.

## 11 Marks

Marks will be orange inflatable Buoys.

## **12 The Start**

- 12.1** Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2** The start line is defined as the line between the flagstaff on the committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line boat or mark, normally a Dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 12.3** A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored DNS.

## **13 Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (yellow inflatable), or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

## **14. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a white buoy displaying a blue flag.

- 15. Time Limit** - The time limit for a boat will be 20 minutes after the first boat finishes after a valid start, except that if the first boat fails to finish within 2 hours of a valid start, the race will be abandoned. This changes Rule 35.

- 16. Penalty System** - Appendix P will apply.

## **17. Protests**

**17.1** Protests in writing shall be lodged with the Race Office within two hours of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Protest forms are available from the Race Office.

**17.2** 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

**17.3** 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 rule 61.1(b).

**17.4** 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(c)

- 18 Scoring** - Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if three or more races have been completed.

- 19 Prizes** - Prizes will be awarded for places as determined by the event organising team based on the entry to the event.

**20 Radio Communications** - 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.

**21 Rule 42.2**

**21.1** Rule 42.2 is varied by Class Rule C1.

**21.2** When Code Flag O is displayed with the warning signal or near a mark it, indicates that: after starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 is varied in that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and 'ooching' are permitted.

**21.3** When Code Flag R is displayed at with the warning signal or near a mark, after the start or after rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 applies without variation

**22 Equipment & Measuring Checks** – a boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Sailing Instructions and Certificate. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**23 Support Boats** – 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.

## Appendix 1 – Courses.

Course **A**: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course **B**: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Course **C**: Start - 1- 1a - 2P or 2S - 1 - 1a - 2P or 2S - Finish

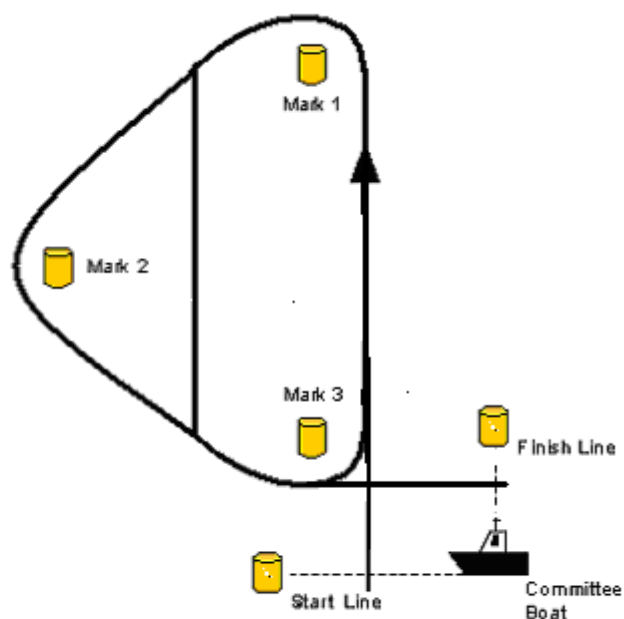
Marks shall be rounded to Port, except that **2P** and **2S** in Course **C** shall always be rounded to Port or Starboard.

### Courses A & B

Mark 1 is the intended windward mark.

The diagram is for indicative purposes only.

It does not indicate the exact angles between legs or the lengths of legs relative to each other.



## Course C

Mark 1 is the intended windward mark.

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