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FINN U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB  
OCTOBER 2, 3, 4, 2009

## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: USA Finn Association  
Host Club: Southern Yacht Club

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of US SAILING will apply. The prescriptions may be found at [http://www.ussailing.org/rules/documents/2009-2012%20Prescriptions%20FINAL CLN.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/rules/documents/2009-2012%20Prescriptions%20FINAL%20CLN.pdf)
- 1.3 The rules of the International Finn Association and the USA Finn Association will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress based upon actions of the jury and requests to reopen on the last day of racing. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, will apply
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be Category C. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and event sponsor advertising.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Finn class. Competitors shall be members of the USA Finn Association or their relevant national Finn class association.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Ewell C. Potts, III, 356 Fairway Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124 or Southern Yacht Club, 105 N. Roadway Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124 by October 1, 2009.
- 3.3 Registration is not complete until all fees have been paid, a completed Entry Form and a valid Measurement Booklet have been submitted and the boat has completed all required measurement inspections.

**3.4** Only boats that have completed registration by 10:00 a.m. on October 2, 2009 may compete unless the Organizing Authority and the Host Club, in their sole discretion, extend this deadline.

**3.5** This event may be a qualifier for the U.S. Sailing Team and, if so, all competitors wishing to qualify must be members of the U.S. Finn Class and U.S. Sailing.

#### **4 ENTRY FEE**

**4.1** The entry fee is \$175.00 with a \$10.00 discount if presented with a current U.S. Sailing membership card.

**4.2** Entries received after September 1, 2009 are subject to a late fee of \$25.00 (this is in addition to the entry fee).

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

**5.1** Registration:

Day and date: October 1, 2009	From 1700 HRS To 2100 HRS
October 2, 2009	From 0800 HRS To 1000 HRS

**5.2** Measurement and inspection:

Day and date: September 30, 2009	From 1200 HRS To 1800 HRS
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**5.3** Racing:

<i>Date</i>		<i>First Scheduled Warning</i>
October 2, 2009	Racing	1100 HRS
October 3, 2009	Racing	1000 HRS
October 4, 2009	Racing	1000 HRS

**5.4** No starting signal will be made after 1500 HRS on the last day of racing.

**5.5** Social events:

Thursday, October 1, 2009 6:00 p.m. Informal Social in Bar

Friday, October 2, 2009 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Party

Saturday, October 3, 2009 6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m. Informal Cocktail Party and Trip to

French Quarter departing at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 2009 4:00 Cocktail

5:00 Banquet

#### **6 MEASUREMENT and INSPECTION**

**6.1** Each boat shall produce a valid measurement booklet.

**6.2** Boats shall have a current IFA sticker affixed to the hull.

**6.3** Measurement inspections will be made.

**6.4** While not required to compete in the US National Championship, we are endeavoring to provide competitors the opportunity to re-measure, lamboley and weigh their boats to comply with recent changes in Finn Rules. Measuring 4-5 boats per day may begin as early as the weekend prior to the Nationals and there will be a

cost involved. More information will be provided soon. If you are interested in reserving space/time for this you must contact Guy Brierre at [guy.brierre@capitalonebank](mailto:guy.brierre@capitalonebank) or 504-533-5384.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available after 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2009 at Southern Yacht Club.

## **8 VENUE**

**8.1** Regatta headquarters will be located at Southern Yacht Club, 105 N. Roadway Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124.

**8.2** Racing will be conducted on Lake Pontchartrain north of Southern Yacht Club.

## **9 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward, trapezoid and triangle.

## **10 SCORING**

Low point scoring shall be utilized in accordance with racing rules of sailing as contained in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing.

**10.1** 8 races are scheduled.

**10.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

**10.3** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **11 HOUSING**

It is the intention to house all sailors therefore, those sailors and significant others that contact the Regatta Chair by September 15, 2009 will be allocated the available housing. Those contacting the Regatta Chair after September 15, 2009 may be relegated to camping out in their automobiles. In the event other commercial housing is preferred, please consult [www.southernyachtclub.org](http://www.southernyachtclub.org) for available lodging.

## **12 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat storage area.

## **13 ATTIRE**

Shoes, shirts (no tank tops) are required inside the clubhouse.

## **14 PETS**

No pets with four legs are allowed on Club Grounds.

**15 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

**16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Daily Races 1,2,3

Overall 1,2,3,4,5

Masters overall 1,2,3

**17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Neither the Organizing Authority nor Host Club will accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. See Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 4.

**18 RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS**

By entering the regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and Host Club and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her taken during the period of the competition without compensation.

**19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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