

# ***2017 FINN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP***

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

**DECEMBER 8, 9, & 10, 2017**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 62.2 & 66 will be changed to shorten time limits for filing requests for redress based upon actions of the jury and requests to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing. Changes will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 Measurement will not be performed. Competitors may be asked to show compliance with all safety gear as required by USCG and Class rules. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee at any time during the event.
- 1.4 Racing rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Code Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.5 Rule 44.2 is changed to provide for a one-turn penalty except within the zone.
- 1.6 A competitor may use a hand-held VHF radio as essential safety equipment for the sole purpose of hearing hails from and communicating with the race committee on VHF Channel 69 while racing and any other channel during passage to and from the racing area. All support boats and coaches must be capable of communicating with the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69.
- 1.7 Appendix P5 will apply. Finn Class Rule C.1.1 (Flag O @ 10 kts+ to permit downwind pumping/rocking/ooching; flag R to restrict) will be in effect.
- 1.8 The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other racing rules.

### **2 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY**

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all members of the IFA. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.  
Competitors must arrange for the registered boat to be present at the event.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors may register on-line at [www.regatta\\_network.com](http://www.regatta_network.com).
- 2.3 Registration is not complete until all entry requirements are submitted and entry fees are paid.

### **3 FEES**

- 3.1 The entry fee for this event is \$175 US paid on or by November 19, 2017. Entry fee after November 19, 2017 is \$225 US. No entries will be accepted after 0930 on December 8, 2017.  
A \$25 processing fee will be assessed for entry cancellations after December 1, 2017.  
Paid entry on or before November 19, 2017 includes a commemorative regatta shirt.  
All paid entries include: Continental Breakfast, Racing, 3 Event Dinners w/beer & wine, Bottled water on the race course, and Awards.

#### **4 SCHEDULE**

Thursday, Dec 7	1300	Practice on your own
Friday, Dec 8	0800-1000	Continental Breakfast
	0800-0930	Competitor check-in & registration
	1000	Competitor's Meeting
	1200	First warning signal of day
	1500	No initial race warning signals after
	1800	BBQ Dinner
Saturday, Dec 9	0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
	1000	First warning signal of day
	1500	No initial race warning signal after
	1800	Cuban Dinner
Sunday, Dec 10	0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
	1000	First warning signal of day
	1300	No initial race warning signal after
	ASAP	Awards Party / Shrimp Boil

#### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Competitor check-in 0800-0930 on December 8, 2017.

#### **6 VENUE**

The primary racing venue is the Atlantic Ocean south of Lake Worth Inlet.

The secondary racing venue is Lake Worth, should weather conditions dictate.

#### **7 COURSES**

Race courses will be windward/leeward, triangles, and/or combinations thereof.

#### **8 SCORING**

8.1 The number of races completed to permit a throw-out shall be six. This changes RRS A2.

8.2 A maximum number of 9 races are planned.

8.3 One race shall constitute a regatta.

8.4 For the purpose of Masters scoring, deduct: 50-59 years old (1 pt/race), 60-69 (2 pts/race), 70 & over (3 pts/race) from overall score.

#### **9 AWARDS**

The Finn North American Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Place awards will be presented based on the number of registrants as of November 19.

A U23 award will be presented to best finisher who has not reached their 24<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dec.8.

A Masters award will be presented to best finisher who has reached their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dec. 8.

A Vintage Finn award will be presented to best finisher whose boat was built prior to 1997.

## **10 BOAT STORAGE**

All competitor boats shall be stored at Palm Beach Sailing Club between 0930 Dec. 8 & 1600 Dec. 10, or completion of competition, while ashore.

## **11 WAIVER, DISCLAIMER, RELEASE**

All competitors will be required to sign a waiver, disclaimer, release form , in compliance with the RRS and US Sailing Prescription, at competitor check-in. The text of this form will be available on-line Regatta Network commencing on September 1, 2017.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

### **GUEST DINNERS**

Guest 3 daily dinner packages are available for \$60

Individual dinners are \$25.

Guest dinners must be purchased by contacting the Club [office@pbsail.org](mailto:office@pbsail.org) or 561-881-0809

### **ACCOMODATIONS: TBA**

**ON-SITE CAMPING. No camping is permitted on the Palm Beach Sailing Club property.**

### **BOAT STORAGE**

Competitor boats may be stored at no charge in designated area at PBSC Dec.1 through Dec 11. Prior arrangement required.

### **BOAT TRANSPORTATION**

The club has a 3 tiered trailer which may be available for transport of boats from other local sailing venues, prior arrangement required. We recommend the Port of Palm Beach, 1 mile from club, as the port of destination for boats arriving from foreign origins.

### **HOST CLUB:**

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