



# 2025 New Zealand Finn Class National Championships

1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Organising Authority

Waiuku Yacht Club, Sandspit Road Waiuku  
In association with the New Zealand Finn Class Association

## NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction.

### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part One shall apply.
- 1.3 The International Finn Class (IFA) event manual, available at <https://www.finnclass.org/technical/rules> shall apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

### 2.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the Waiuku Yacht Club.
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1700 hours on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at [www.wyc.org.nz](http://www.wyc.org.nz).

### 3.0 ADVERTISING

3.1 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEE

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Finn Class that hold a valid measuring certificate.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form below and submitting it, together with the required fee to [nzl527@gmail.com](mailto:nzl527@gmail.com). The required fee shall be paid to account number **02-0476-0017633-00** with the skippers name as the reference.

4.3 Entries close on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 1700 hours. Late entries will be accepted up until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 however will incur a late entry fee of \$50.

4.4 Entry fees are as follows;

Entry Fee \$200 per sailor (includes Regatta Tee Shirt).

Entry Fee (including Late Entry Fee) \$250 per sailor.

4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognized by the competitors national authority. Proof of affiliated club membership may be requested at registration.

4.6 Each competitor shall be a financial member of their national Finn Class association.

### 5.0 RACING SCHEDULE

| Date                              | Timing                   | Schedule   | Tide time and height |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>March | 1500 –<br>1800hrs        | Equipment inspection &<br>event measurement            |                      |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>March   | 0930 –<br>1030hrs        | Registration   |                      |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>March   | 1030hrs                  | Briefing   |                      |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>March   | First warning<br>1155hrs | 3 races, back-to-back                                  | 1348, 4.4m           |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>March   | First warning<br>1225hrs | 3 races, back-to-back.                                 | 1429, 4.3m           |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>March  | First warning<br>1255hrs | 3 races, back-to-back.<br>No races starting after 1630 | 1511, 4.2m           |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>March  | Prize giving             | ASAP after racing                                      |                      |

### 6.0 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

6.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

### 7.0 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area is the Waiuku estuary.

### 8.0 COURSES

8.1 The course will be a windward/leeward race with an offset mark at the top and a gate at the bottom with an upwind finish.

## **9.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 For the Finn Class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **10.0 SCORING**

- 10.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than Six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When from Six to Nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11.0 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 11.1 Support person vessels shall be marked with the Sail Number(s) of the competitor(s) they support.
- 11.2 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

## **12.0 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 12.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **13.0 RISK STATEMENT**

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **14.0 INSURANCE**

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **15.0 PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place New Zealand National Finn Class Championships
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place New Zealand National Finn Class Championships
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place New Zealand National Finn Class Championships
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Master
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Master
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Great Grand Master
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Legend
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Junior
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap

**16.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

16.1 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and, in all material, related to the said event without compensation.

**17.0 USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA**

17.1 All those who take part in the race as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

**18.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

18.1 For further information please contact Mark Perrow, Commodore, Waiuku Yacht Club.  
[nzl527@gmail.com](mailto:nzl527@gmail.com)  
021 163 7996

Entry Form  
**2025 New Zealand Finn Class National Championships**  
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Organising Authority:  
**Waiuku Yacht Club**  
 Sandspit Road Waiuku  
 Internet Banking 02 0476 0017633 00  
 Email entry form to [nzl527@gmail.com](mailto:nzl527@gmail.com)

| Class       | Sail Number |
|-------------|-------------|
| <b>FINN</b> |             |
|             |             |
| Hull Colour |             |
| Boat Name   |             |

| <b>Helmsperson</b> |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| First Name         |              |
| Surname            |              |
| Gender             |              |
| Date of Birth      |              |
| Yacht Club         |              |
| Address            |              |
| Email              |              |
| Tee Shirt Size     |              |
| Phone - Mobile     | Phone – Home |

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I understand that yacht racing has inherent risks and dangers that are beyond the control of the organizing authority. I understand that neither the organising authority and its officers, members and servants nor other persons assisting with the conduct of the regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta.

I agree to the use of my photograph(s) and other relevant information in any event publicity and in the ongoing promotion of New Zealand yachting. I agree to the Organising Authority and Yachting New Zealand holding the above information for the general administration and well-being of the sport, and for them to retain, use and disclose the information to affiliated organisations and any other persons or organisations that Yachting New Zealand believes will further the interests and objectives of Yachting New Zealand. I acknowledge my right to access to and correction of this information. The consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

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| <b>Helmsperson's Signature</b>                                    |
| Date  |
| <b>Parent/Guardian's Signature (if sailor under 18 years old)</b> |
| Date  |