



TBYC BRITISH FINN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

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10th/11th May 2025

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. Racing will be under the burgee of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the British Finn Class Association

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions issued for this event and the Finn Class Rules. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence
- 2.2. The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.
- 2.3. RRS 40.1 applies: Competitors will be required to wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.4. Outside Assistance - Assistance in getting back aboard the boat is added as RRS 41(e) to the assistance permitted under RRS 41. This changes RRS 41.
- 2.5. Towline: Boats shall carry a floating towline of at least 8 millimetres in diameter and 10 metres in length. This line must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all Finn class dinghies. Finn Class Rules for membership to be eligible to compete in the event shall apply.
- 3.2. Competitors automatically grant TBYC & the Finn Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion picture, still and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fees are £45.00 per boat rising to £50.00 from midnight 9th May. This includes a 2-course meal for dinner on the Saturday. A barrel of beer has been sponsored for the sailors on the Saturday after sailing. There will be catering available for breakfasts and dinners as well as a full bar service. Additional tickets can be purchased as extra on the entry form.

5. Registration

- 5.1. Registration will be held in the TBYC Clubhouse between 08:30 – 09:30 hrs on Saturday 10th May.

6. Event Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Event Sailing Instructions will be issued to each competitor upon registration and on event website.

7. Courses

- 7.1. Courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward and described fully in the SI's.



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8. Race Schedule

- 8.1. Details of the course and starting sequence will be in the event sailing instructions.
- 8.2. There are 6 races scheduled over 2 days. The racing will take place as follows:

Saturday 10 th May HW 12:17	First Start no earlier than: Second Start Third Start	10:30 hours ASAP after R1 ASAP after R2
Sunday 11 th May HW 12:52	First Start no earlier than: Second Start Third Start	11:30 hours ASAP after R4 ASAP after R5

- 8.3. There will be 0 discards if less than 4 races are sailed and 1 discard if 4 or more races are sailed. A minimum of 3 races will constitute a series.
- 8.4. All races will be held in the Thames Estuary, the racing area being defined between the Mulberry Harbour (Phoenix Wreck) to the east and Southend Pier to the west. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the committee boat starting the race.
- 8.5. Each day's races are scheduled to be sailed back to back.
- 8.6. A briefing will be held at 09:30 on Saturday 10th May in the TBYC main bar area.

9. Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk

- 9.1. Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their boat's own safety and the safety of its crew, whether the boat is afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 9.2. It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat and its crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which it might find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms the boat is fit for those conditions and that the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 9.3. Each owner/competitor is responsible for ensuring the boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather and that the crew has sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather. Personal Buoyancy will be worn at all times while afloat.

10. Liability

- 10.1. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. 'The Organisers' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and includes the Organising Authority, The Class Association, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats and beach masters.
- 10.2. The provision of support boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

11. Scoring

The series will be scored as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28, the low points scoring system will be used as amended by NoR 7.3



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12. Prizes

- 12.1. Race Winners may be awarded relevant Perpetual Trophies
- 12.2. A prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Age Category in the Overall Results as follows: U29, Senior, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master, Legend & Super Legend
- 12.3. Other prizes and Trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organisers.

13. Conditions of Entry

- 13.1. All boats shall have adequate Third Party Insurance cover to a minimum of £3,000,000.00 (three million pounds sterling). You may be required to show proof of insurance.

15. Boat and Car Parking

- 15.1. All competitors will be required to park their boats and road trailers in accordance with directions given by the TBYC Duty person. Any stickers issued at registration shall be displayed as directed at all times.
- 15.2. Further advice will be published as soon as possible and guidance will be available on arrival at the club.

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