



FINN GOLD CUP 2023
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
24 January 2023 to 31 January 2023

Organizing Authority:
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the USA Finn Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
POSTED 24 January, 2023

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 The International Finn Class Event Manual will apply, unless changed by the Notice of Race or by the sailing instructions, with the approval of the IFA.
- 1.3 In all rules governing this regatta:
 - (a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury; and
 - (b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a); and
 - (c) [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict in languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.8 Class Rule C6.2 [Equipment Limitation] shall apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The event official notice board will be online at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=15268. A courtesy notice board will be located at CGSC on the first floor deck.
- 3.2 The event website can be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15268>.

- 3.3 A daily competitors meeting will be held at 1000 every race day. Attendance is not mandatory.
- 3.4 Links will be provided for the following:
 - 3.2.1 Messaging competitors via WhatsApp
 - 3.2.2 Results
- 3.5 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CGSC flag pole.
- 3.6 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 3.7 [DP] [NP] Flag D displayed ashore means 'Boats may launch.'

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 4.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

5 EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time	Location
24 January 2023	Equipment Inspection/Registration	1000 -1700	CGSC
25 January 2023	Equipment Inspection/Registration	1000 -1700	CGSC
26 January 2023	Equipment Inspection /Registration Practice Race Competitor's Meeting Opening Ceremony	1000-1400 1400 1700 1830	CGSC Biscayne Bay - Race Area CGSC lawn CGSC lawn
27 January 2023	Daily Competitor Meeting Initial Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)	1000 1200	CGSC lawn Biscayne Bay - Race Area
28 January 2023	Daily Competitors Meeting Initial Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)	1000 1200	CGSC lawn Biscayne Bay - Race Area
29 January 2023	Daily Competitors Meeting Initial Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)	1000 1200	CGSC lawn Biscayne Bay - Race Area
30 January 2023	Daily Competitors Meeting Initial Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)	1000 1200	CGSC lawn Biscayne Bay - Race Area
31 January 2023	Daily Competitors Meeting First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	1000 1200	CGSC lawn Biscayne Bay - Race Area
		After racing	CGSC

6 EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 Two (2) races are scheduled for each day of racing.
- 6.2 Racing will be carried out in a single fleet series.
- 6.3 An additional race may be scheduled on any day to enable the full number of scheduled races to be sailed. A maximum of three races per day will be sailed. This schedule may be changed to fit with any changes to NOR 8 permitted by the IFA.
- 6.4 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Tuesday 31 January.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flag will be a blue Finn Class insignia on a white background.

8 COURSES AND RACE AREA

- 8.1 The course areas are shown in sailing instruction **Addendum A**. The intended race-course area will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker “1” (FIG. 5 sec. 8ft).
- 8.2 Boats shall not sail into any prohibited area shown in SI Addendum A. Middle Ground, a shallow area in the Bay, will be marked by a **white buoy**. (Is shown as a red buoy in Addendum A for visual purposes only.)
- 8.3 The diagrams in sailing instruction **Addendum B** show the courses, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation, the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.
- 8.5 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a (offset mark), 2 and 4, or associated gate marks, will be as follows:

Mark 1	Mark 1a	Marks 2 and 4S/4P	Change Marks	Port End Starting Mark	Finishing Mark
Orange Cylinder - 1.6 meters	Orange Cylinder - 1.2 meters	White Cylinders - 1.6 meters	Yellow Cylinders - 1.6/1.2 meters	Pin boat	Finish boat or Green tetrahedron - 1.5 meters

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 10.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

11 COURSE CHANGES

- 11.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (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 an original mark. After Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a will be reset. This changes RRS 33(c).

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and either a staff displaying a blue flag on the nearby race committee vessel OR a green tetrahedron.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.

13.2 [DP] After each day's racing, a 360/720 Penalty Acknowledgement form will be available in the Race Office/Jury Office, located on the second floor, in the main meeting room at CGSC, for competitors, who have done penalty turns, to sign.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1

	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
1 or 2 races per day	120	40	20	75
3 races per day	120	40	20	60

14.2 Boats that are still racing but do not finish within the Finish Window, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). The TLE score will be equal to the number of boats to finish plus 2 points. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

14.3 If no boat rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

14.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The following forms will be available in the Race Office/Jury Office: Scoring Inquiry, Hearing Request, and the 360/720 Penalty Acknowledgement. Completed forms shall be delivered to the Jury Office within the appropriate time limit(s).

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes from the time the signal boat docks.

15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the CGSC meeting room beginning at the time posted which may be before the end of the protest time limit if all parties are available.

15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

15.5 For breaches of a rule marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty [DP] may be applied by the International Jury with a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the official notice board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

16 SCORING

16.1 The regatta is scheduled to consist of a 10 race series.

16.2 It is the intention of the race committee to run two (2) races per day, but no more than three (3) races shall be sailed on any day.

16.3 Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on a following day.

16.4 If the weather forecast suggests it is unlikely that racing will be possible on an upcoming day (too much or too little wind) the schedule may be changed to sail more races in a day. The number of races sailed will not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.

16.5 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.6 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 16.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start). This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 16.8 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.9 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office/Jury Office.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 17.2 [SP] Check-out and check-in:
 - 17.2.1 Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, each competitor shall personally sign out on the required form located on the ground floor deck at CGSC, near the courtesy notice board.
 - 17.2.2 Within the protest time limit after returning ashore, each competitor shall personally sign in on the required form located on the ground floor deck at CGSC, near the courtesy notice board .
- 17.3 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 17.4 On arrival at the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee vessel, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 17.5 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]

- 18.1 Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by the technical committee, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 18.3 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported promptly to the technical committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.4 All boats selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing on a form available from the Race Office.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	Blue or Yellow RC flags
Jury/Judges	Code flag “J”
Technical Committee	Pink Flag
First Aid/Medical	White with Red Cross
Spectators	Blue or Yellow Numbered Flag
Media	Red Numbered Flag

21 SUPPORT TEAMS AND VESSELS [DP]

- 21.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a support vessel includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person defined in the RRS as a support person.
- 21.2 Support vessels shall display their national flag or national (NOC Code) letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 21.3 Support vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4 Support vessels shall not be positioned:
 - 21.4.1 Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing.
 - 21.4.2 Within 100 meters below the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 21.4.3 No coach or support boats may be on either end of the start line extensions from the time the preparatory signal is made, until after the start.
 - 21.4.4 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 21.4.5 Within 100 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 21.4.6 Within 50 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 21.5 In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.
- 21.6 Support vessels shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official. Registered support vessels shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the race committee displays flag V (see RRS 37) all support vessels shall monitor VHF channel 73 and comply with requests from the race committee and any published Safety Procedures.

22 IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 22.1 When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
 - 22.1.1 Yellow, blue or red bibs.
 - 22.1.2 Yellow, blue or red dots on the mainsail.
 - 22.1.3 Bow numbers.
 - 22.1.4 Event sponsor advertising.
- 22.2 When provided by the organizing authority, boats shall carry the following electronic equipment as instructed:
 - 22.2.1 Cameras,
 - 22.2.2 Competitors shall make a genuine effort to comply with the instructions for operating the equipment as provided by the organizing authority.
 - 22.2.3 While competitors should take every care of the equipment, the organizing authority alone is liable for loss or damage to the cameras and any equipment used for installing the cameras on the boats.
 - 22.2.4 For the purposes of RRS Part 2 and the related Definitions, cameras and camera installation equipment are not considered to be part of the boat on which they are installed.
 - 22.2.5 Boats shall avoid contact with cameras and camera installation equipment on other boats; however, a breach of this sailing instruction shall not be subject to any penalty.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Trash shall not be discarded into the Bay and trash on land should be disposed of in trash cans.

24 BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]

24.1 When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places at CGSC boat park.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 PRIZES

26.1 The Finn Gold Cup will be awarded to the overall winner.

26.2 The IFA will award medals to the top three (3) overall.

26.3 The organizing authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top U23 competitor.

26.4 Prizes will be awarded to the competitors finishing first in each race.

26.5 The prize giving ceremony will take place after racing on Tuesday, 31 January at CGSC.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority, the IFA nor World Sailing will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28 INSURANCE

28.1 By entering the event each competitor declares that they hold liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident and a proof of it shall be sent by email at CGSCRace@gmail.com prior to 24 January 2023.

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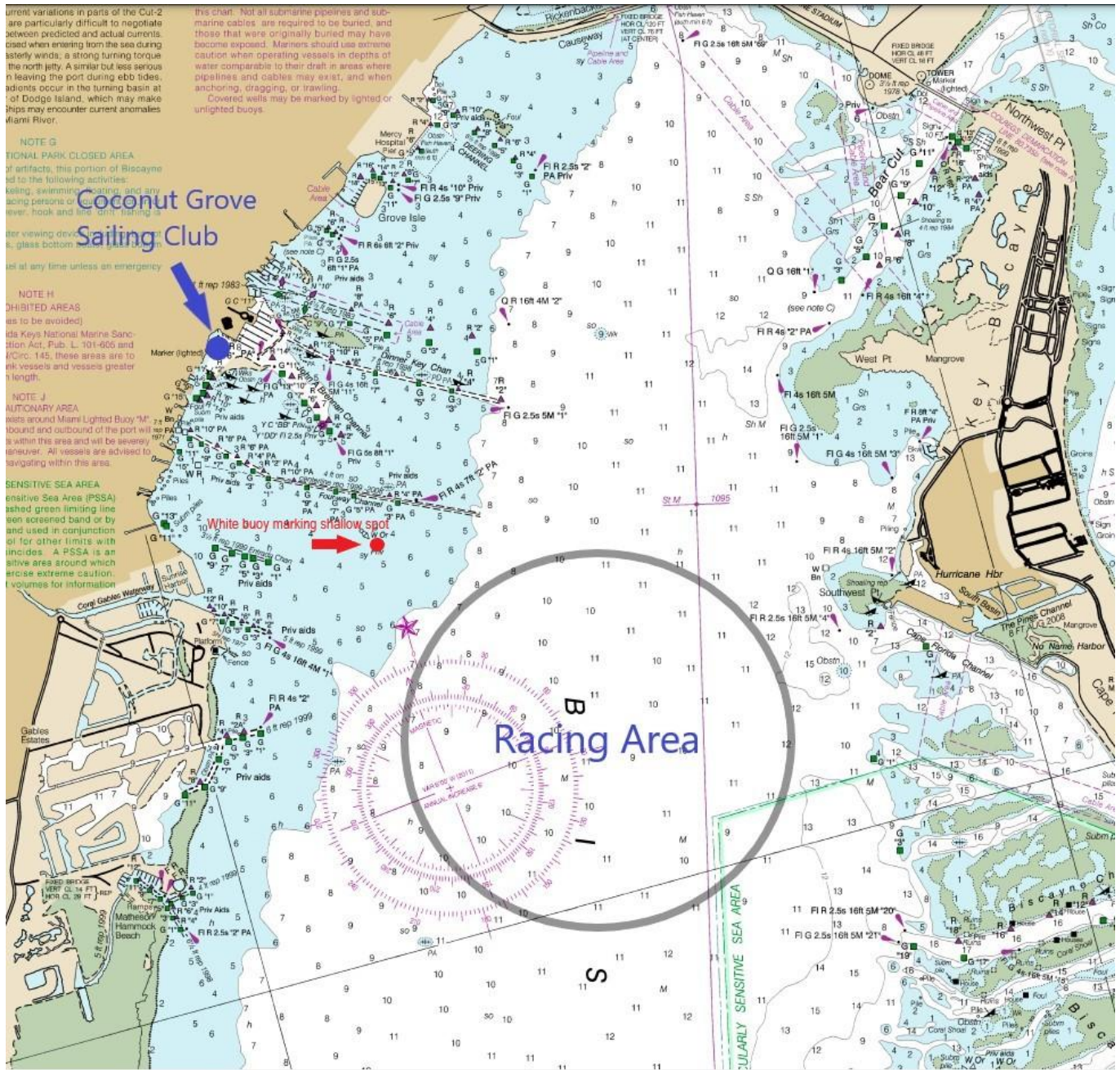
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ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREAS - Location and any Prohibited Areas



**PROHIBITED AREA will be marked with a WHITE BUOY.
(Shown as red for visual purposes on the map.)**

ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS and MARK ROUNDING ORDER

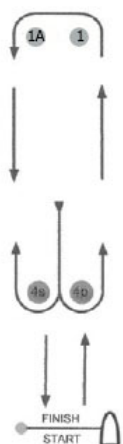
COURSES

LA2 Start - 1 - 1A - 4S/4P - 1 - 1A - Finish

LAR2 Start - 1 - 1A - 4S/4P - 1 - 1A - 4P - Finish

TA2 Start - 1 - 1A - 4S/4P - 1 - 2 - Finish

LA2



LAR2



TA2

