



**2017 Open Finn European Championship  
2017 U23 Open Finn European Championship  
Yachting Club Pointe Rouge, Marseille, France  
05 May 2017 to 13 May 2017**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Organizing Authority and Venue**

- 1.1 The 2017 Finn European Championships will be held from the 05 May to the 13 May 2017 in Marseille, France.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Yacht Club Pointe Rouge in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the French Finn Class Association.

**2. Rules**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Finn Class Event Manual. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 World Sailing Addendum Q will apply to Medal Races or any race requesting direct judging. The version to be used will be available on the World Sailing website on the first day of the event unless included in the sailing instructions.
- 2.3 The prescriptions of the Federation Française de Voile that apply are shown in full in Attachment B.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.6 All 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.
- 2.7 Boats will be required to display their national flag on their sail in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 2.8 Coach and support boat restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognised National Finn Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to 08 May 2017, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 3.2 The entry quota of Part C of the IFA Constitution "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" will apply.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the U23 European Championship competitors shall not have been born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993.
- 3.4 Entries shall be submitted online prior to 10 April 2017, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form is available at [2017.finneuropeans.org](http://2017.finneuropeans.org)
- 3.5 The Entry Fee is EUR200 (including €25 IFA media fee) and shall be paid in full by the 10 April 2017 as detailed on the entry form.
- 3.6 An entry is not complete until any entry fees have been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association, and registration has been completed.
- 3.7 A valid measurement certificate for the boat entered shall be presented or its existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.
- 3.8 Coach and support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of EUR 50, be insured and comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and berthing at the venue. Registration may be completed on line through the event website. Payment is required by 10 April 2017.

**4. Competition Format**

- 4.1 The format will be detailed in a separate document. The IFA will test a new format at the 2017 Finn European Championships, under the scrutiny of World Sailing. The proposed format will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. This may involve an opening series followed by a semi-final and final.

## 5. Event Schedule

- 5.1 The event schedule may be changed with the approval of the IFA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions, however, the days allocated for racing will not be changed.

Date	Event	Time	Location
05 – 07 May 2017	Measurement/Registration	09.30 – 18.00	Organisation tent
6 May 2017	Opening Ceremony	TBA	TBA
07 May 2017	Practice Race	15.30	
08 – 12 May	Racing First Warning Signal	11.00	
13 May 2017	Racing Last warning signal	11.00 17.00	
13, May 2017	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	19.00	Organisation tent

**Sailors party: you will be asked soon to choose between Saturday 6 or Saturday 13.**

## 6. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 6.1 Two races are scheduled for each day of racing, except for the final day. The final day's program and format will be part of a separate document and detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 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 4 and 5 permitted by the IFA.
- 6.3 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 17.00 on 13 May 2017.
- 6.5 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

## 7. Measurement

- 7.1 All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according the Finn Class Rules (Part F of the IFA Event Manual) unless otherwise decided by the IFA Chief Measurer. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 7.2 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the International Jury.

## 8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at on-site registration. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.

## 9. Racing Area

- 9.1 The intended race-course area will be located in front of the Pôle Nautique and described in Attachment A.

## 10. Courses

- 10.1 Courses will be as per the current IFA Event Manual.

## 11. Scoring

- 11.1 Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 11.2 Five races shall be completed in the fleet series before going to the final stage.
- 11.3 The Low Point Scoring system will be amended in the SI to account for Finals format.
- 11.4 Scoring may be changed to fit with changes to NOR 4 and 5 permitted by the IFA



## 12. International Jury

- 12.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.
- 12.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

## 13. Prizes

- 13.1 The class perpetual trophies will be awarded to the event winners. The top three Europeans in both categories will be awarded medals. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top 5 juniors.

## 14. Insurance

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident. By entering the event each competitor declares that they hold such insurance.
- 14.2 Insurance may be obtained upon confirmation of registration.

## 15. Support Boats and Personnel

- 15.1 All support boats (boats with support persons on board as defined by the RRS) shall be registered (see 3.8) with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations or sailing instructions. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 15.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority in contrasting colour to the background at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 15.3 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need. If the Race Committee displays flag V all support boats shall comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.

## 16. Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

- 16.1 Competitors and / or their Parents or Guardians automatically grant the Organizing Authority, the International Finn Association and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.
- 16.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 16.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 16.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

## 17. Risk Statement

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;



- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) The fact that Race Officials conduct inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

### Information

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**ATTACHMENT A**





## ATTACHMENT B

### **Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020**

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 64.3** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 67** (*Damages*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be dealt by the jury.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 70.5** (*Appeals and requests to a national authority*):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written authorization of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 78.1** (*Compliance with class rules; certificates*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 86.3** (*Changes to the racing rules*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 88** (*National prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (\*) shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website [www.ffvoile.fr](http://www.ffvoile.fr), shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(\* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(b)** (*Protest committee*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.