



**Finn World Masters
Championship 2017
Barbados Yacht Club
Friday 2 June 2017
to
Friday 9 June 2017
NOTICE OF RACE**



1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1. The 2017 Finn World Masters Championship will be held from 2 June to 9 June, 2017 in Barbados.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority is the International Finn Association, in conjunction with the International Finn Masters Committee, with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the Barbados Sailing Association (BSA).
- 1.3. The event will be hosted by the Barbados Yacht Club (BYC) and the Barbados Cruising Club (BCC)

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 World Masters Championship Rules. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions with the approval of the IFMC.
- 2.2. In accordance with Class Rule A7.2 the recommended wind speed for Class Rule C1.1(2) is 12 knots.
- 2.3. The maximum recommended wind speed across the racing area is 20 knots and the minimum is 5 knots. The decision to start a race or abandon a race rests with the Race Committee.
- 2.4. World Sailing Addendum Q will apply to Medal Races. 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.
- 2.5. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 2.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.7. 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.
- 2.8. 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.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognized National Finn Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to 4 June 2017, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to Finn Class sailors born in 1977 or before.
- 3.3. Entries will be accepted in the following categories, with age determined as the age at the birthday of the year of the event:
 - (a) World Master (the overall winner)
 - (b) Master (winner 40-49 years old)
 - (c) Grand Master (winner 50-59)
 - (d) Grand Grand Master (winner 60-69)
 - (e) Legend (winner 70+)
 - (f) Ladies
 - (g) Classic Boat (Built prior to 1985)

- 3.4. Entries shall be submitted online prior to 15 January 2017. The entry form is available at www.finnworldmasters.com.
- 3.5. The Entry Fee is US \$ 250 (US dollars) NET IN BARBADOS and shall be paid in full by 15 January 2017 as detailed on the entry form. Entries received after 15 January 2017 and before 1 April 2017 may be accepted but the Entry Fee will be US \$375 (+50%).
- 3.6. In addition to the entry fee a €20 (Euro) levy per sailor shall be payable to the Finn World Masters at on-site registration. This shall be paid in cash (nearest equivalent to €20 in GBP, US\$, BD\$ will also be accepted.)
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. Valid measurement certificates shall be presented or their existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.

4. Competition Format

- 4.1. Eight races are scheduled, comprising a fleet series and a medal race or final race. The Race Committee in conjunction with the IFMC may decide to divide the fleet series into groups. The method of division will ensure groups of approximately equal size and ability, and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2. The ten boats ranked highest in the fleet series, plus boats tied with the same total score as 10th place, will be assigned to compete in the medal race, the remaining boats will be assigned to compete in the final race.
- 4.3. This format may be changed with the approval of the IFMC and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

5. Event Schedule

- 5.1. The event schedule may be changed with the approval of the IFMC and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions, however, the days allocated for racing will not be changed.
- 5.2. The event schedule is shown at Attachment C

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. One or two races are scheduled for each day of racing, except for the final day when the Medal Race & Final Race are scheduled. A maximum of two races per day will be sailed, unless extended to three races with the approval of the IFMC, and then only in order to complete a valid championship.
- 6.2. Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours on Friday, 9 June 2017.

7. Measurement and Equipment

- 7.1. All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class World Masters Rules unless otherwise decided by the event Equipment Inspection Committee. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 7.2. A maximum of 2 masts, and 2 sails shall be used during the Championship. Only certified sails shall be presented. There will be no provision for uncertified sails to be measured at the event.
- 7.3. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, 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 (s) will be offshore in the area of Carlisle Bay, Barbados, see Attachment A.

10. Courses

- 10.1. Courses will be either windward/leeward or trapezoid with a target time of 60 minutes and a time limit of 90 minutes.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. (a) Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
(b) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(c) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.2. Five races shall be completed in the fleet series before a medal race or final race are scheduled.
- 11.3. The Low Point Scoring system will be amended in the SI to account for medal races.
- 11.4. Scoring may be changed to fit with changes to NoR 4 and 5 permitted by the IFMC.
- 11.5. The positions of competitors in the Categories (NoR 3.3) will be based on their total score in the overall standing.

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. Perpetual prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and the winner of each Category.
- 13.2. Prizes will be awarded for the top 10 overall and the top 3 in each Category.
- 13.3. Legends will receive a participation prize from the Masters President.

14. Support Boats

- 14.1. After the Warning Signal and during the races, all support boats shall remain at least 200 meters clear from the race course.

15. Insurance

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance coverage, equivalent to a minimum of €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euro). By entering the event each competitor declares that they hold such insurance.
- 15.2. No insurance can be made on site.

16. Media Consent: Rights to use Names and Likenesses

- 16.1. Competitors 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.

17. Risk Statement

17.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the championship, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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 championship;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the championship and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or properties occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the Yacht Club premises. The Organizing Authority and the International Finn World Masters, and their respective members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

For further information please contact:

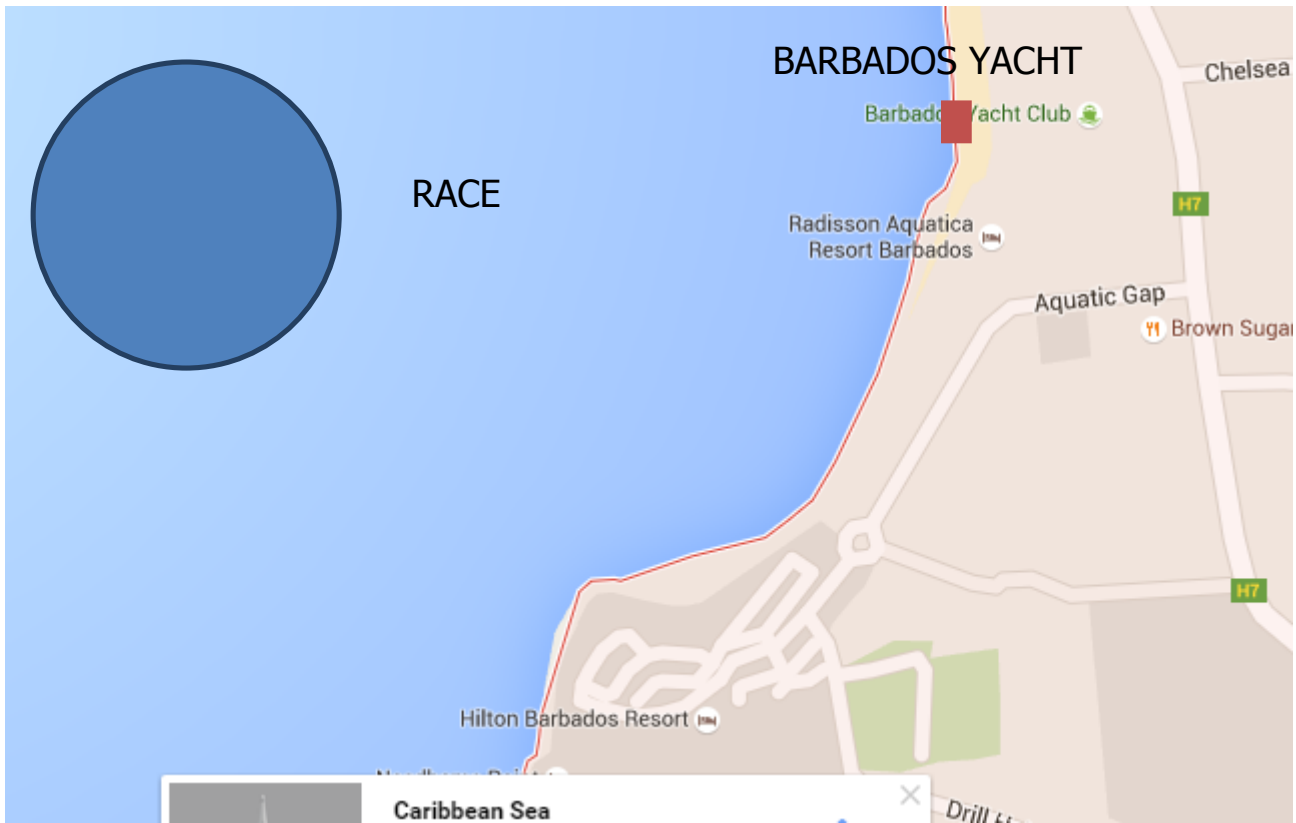
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ATTACHMENT A – Location of club and racing area



ATTACHMENT B – Financial Details for Payment of Entry Fees

Fees

- B-1. The required entry fees shall be paid in advance to the championship bank account in United States Dollars (\$US). The full entry fee is due "NET IN BARBADOS". Any deductions made by third parties shall be paid by the sailor to provide the full fee "NET in Barbados". This can be done at Registration with payment in \$US or \$Barbados (1\$US = 2\$Barbados).
- B-2. A fee will be charged for non-sailors attending the event to assist with planning and to ensure entry to the opening ceremony and the prize giving dinner and include an event souvenir.
- B-3. The fees will be as follows:

	Fee before 15 January 2017	Fee After 15 January 2017 and before 1 April 2017
Championships (per boat)	\$US 250 NET	\$US 375 NET
Social Adult	\$US 150 NET	\$US 150 NET
Social Junior (under 18)	\$US 75 NET	\$US 75 NET
Children (under 8)	Free	Free

- B-4. All fees shall be paid by electronic bank transfer.
- B-5. The **boat number and helm's surname** shall be clearly included in the reference for the payment (ie "J.SmithGBR12345) (one word). Please email details of payment to:- FINNBar2017@gmail.com and FINN.entries2017@gmail.com
- B-6. National Associations, clubs or groups of individuals may band together in group payments to reduce bank expenses, providing they supply the appropriate information. Please request a template from FINNBar2017@gmail.com for this.

Electronic Bank Transfers:

- B-7. Any and all bank charges are the entrant's responsibility. Be aware of how your bank dispatches funds, especially regarding the use of "intermediary" banks and their fees. Entrants should note there are alternatives in the money transfer industry.
- B-8. If there are issues with banking procedures and banking expenses please contact FINNBar2017@gmail.com to discuss the situation.
- B-9. Fees shall be paid by electronic funds transfer to the following Championship bank account:-

Bank Name:	Wells Fargo Bank NA
Bank Sort Code:	121 000 248
Bank Account Number:	14 88 42 46 70
Bank BIC:	WFBI US6S (letters WFBI US, number 6, letter S)
Bank Address:	501 East Bloomingdale Avenue BRANDON Florida 33511 USA
Account Name:	FinnBar17

Cancellation Penalties

- B-10. Competitors cancelling their entry to the event up to and including 15 January 2017 will be entitled to a full refund of all amounts paid, less an administration fee of \$US 50.
- B-11. Competitors cancelling after 15 January 2017 and before the closing date of midnight on 1 April 2017 (GMT) will be entitled to a refund of all amounts paid less \$US 100 to cover committed costs and an administration fee. No refunds will be made after the closing date.
- B-12. All notifications of change or cancellation shall be made to FINN.entries2017@gmail.com and FINNBar2017@gmail.com and before the date and time specified.

Transfer of Entry to another Competitor

- B-13. It is allowed to transfer an entry from one helm to another until 1 April 2017, provided this notification is received by FINN.entries2017@gmail.com and FINNBar2017@gmail.com. After this date transfers are not permitted, and the Cancellation Penalties above apply.

ATTACHMENT C – EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 2 June	Measurement/Registration	09:30-13:00 14:00-17:00	Barbados Yacht Club
Saturday 3 June	Measurement/Registration	09:30-13:00 14:00-17:00	Barbados Yacht Club
Sunday 4 June	Measurement Competitor's Briefing Practice Race Opening Ceremony	09:00-12:00 12:00 14:00 19:30	Barbados Yacht Club Barbados Yacht Club Carlisle Bay Barbados Yacht Club
Monday 5 June	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:30	Carlisle Bay
Tuesday 6 June	Racing (2 race scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:30	Carlisle Bay
Wednesday 7 June	Annual Masters Meeting Racing (1 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	10:00 13:30	Barbados Yacht Club Carlisle Bay
Thursday 8 June	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:30	Carlisle Bay
Friday 8 June	Racing (1 race scheduled) Medal Race and Final Race First Warning Signal Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving Dinner	12:30 19:30	Carlisle Bay Barbados Yacht Club