

2026 Finn Class National Championship

Dates: 28 March 2026 to 31 March 2026

Venue: Pine Lake Marina on the Swartvlei

Organising Authority: Finn class Association in conjunction with the Knysna Yacht Club with the consent of SA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1 From the first day of registration notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the venue and on the event WhatsApp Group
- 1.2 The race office is located at Pine Lake Marina, telephone 0829004244 Secretary@knysnayachtclub.co.za
- 1.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Pine Lake Marina
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

The Finn Class flag will be used to start races

6 RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the Swartvlei

7 COURSES

The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8 MARKS

A description of all marks will be posted before the close of registration.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed
- 9.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position]

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the race committee may also signal a shortened course by displaying flag F with repeated sounds. On this signal boats shall round mark 3 or pass between marks 3a and 3b as required to sail the course and thereafter proceed directly to the finishing line. This signal shall be made before the first boat reaches mark 3 or marks 3a/3b, and shall continue to be made until all boats still racing have passed these marks. This changes RRS 32.2

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 2 (windward offset mark) is set, a boat shall take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 2".

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within this time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 However, if racing is postponed under Race Signal AP over H, then the protest time limit for races completed so far that day is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race completed, or the race committee signalled AP over H, whichever was the later.
- 15.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location decided by the chairman of the protest committee, such location will be in the vicinity of the race venue.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The low points scoring system will be used
- 16.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3
 - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device capable of always supporting a 5 kg steel weight while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee

- 18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.
- 19.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

[DP] Support person vessels shall stay outside of the course (as shown on the course diagram) and at least 50m from boats racing.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

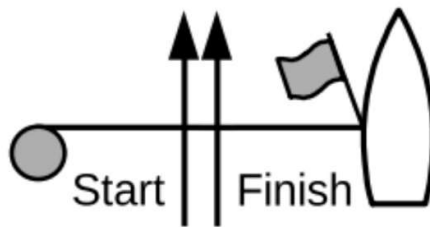
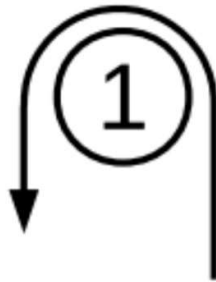
SI ADDENDUM – MARKS To be posted before close of registration.

1. Marks of the course will be triangular Yellow marks
 2. The starting and finishing marks will be the signal vessel and a white mark
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COURSES

COURSE 1 – Windward / Leeward

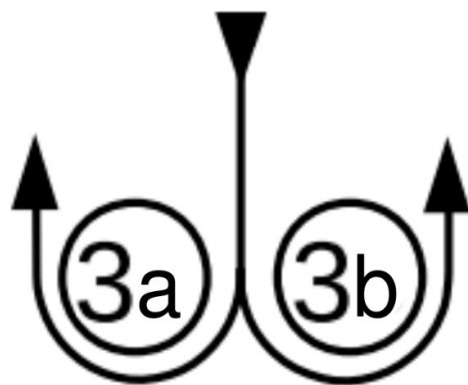
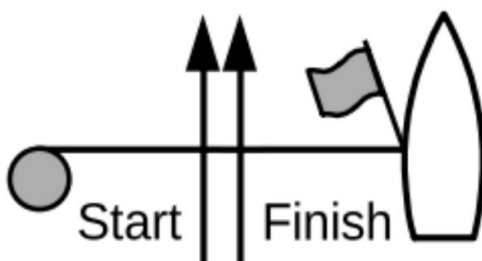
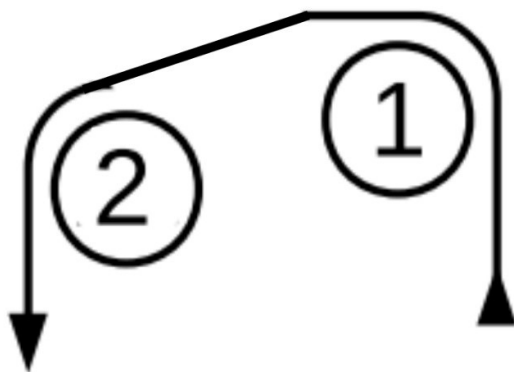
Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish



COURSE 2 – NUMERAL PENNANT 2 / NUMBER 2

A Windward-Leeward Course with an off set to windward and/or a gate to leeward

Start – 1 – 2 – 3(a)(b) – 1 – 2 – 3(a)(b) – Finish



COURSE 3 – NUMERAL PENNANT 3 / NUMBER 3

A Triangle-Windward-Leeward- Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3– Finish

