

OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

(Incorporating the U23 and Master European Championship)



NOTICE OF RACE



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1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2023 Open Finn European Championship will be held from 18 October to 25 October 2024 in Cannes, France.
- 1.2 As a prelude to the 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, the Cannes YC is offering competitors the chance to take part in the WARMUP REGATTA on 19 and 20 October 2023.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is the Yacht Club de Cannes 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).
- 2.2 The International Finn Class Event Manual will apply, unless changed by this Notice of Race, or by the Sailing Instructions, with the approval of the IFA.
- 2.4 The prescriptions of the French national authority that apply are shown in full in Attachment B.
- 2.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.6 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 2.7 For all rules that apply:
 - (a) The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The international jury may refuse to hold a hearing when a boat protest based on these rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.
 - (b) The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the international jury with a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 2.8 RRS 40.1 shall always apply while afloat.
- 2.9 Class Rule C6.2 [Equipment Limitation] shall apply.

3. Communications

- 3.1 The event official notice board will be online at 2024.finneuropeans.org
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication.
- 3.3 [DP] [SP] Class Rules are changed as follows: A VHF radio or a mobile phone may be carried on board by skippers over 65 years old and those receiving written permission from the Race Committee for specific health-related reasons in case of emergency only, these skippers may communicate with the Race Committee and the safety services at sea.

Telephone numbers related to safety at sea will be communicated in the Sailing Instructions.

The organiser reminds these skippers that the use of VHF is legally regulated.

It is the responsibility of these skippers to ensure the legality of the use of VHF on board their boat.

Any VHF radio or mobile phone carried must be sealed in an opaque bag and switched off from leaving the shore until returning to shore, except in an emergency.

Spot checks may be carried out to confirm compliance with this rule.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognized National Finn Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to 21 October 2024, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 4.2 The entry quota of Part C "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" of the IFA Constitution will not apply.
- 4.3 To be eligible for the U23 European Championship competitors shall not have had their 23rd birthday before the 1st of January of the year of the event.
- 4.4 To be eligible for the Master European Championship, competitors shall have their 40th birthday before the 31st of December of the year of the event.
- 4.5 Entries shall be submitted online prior to 16 September 2024, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form is available at 2024.finneuropeans.org
- 4.6 Documents required for registration.
- 4.6.1.a For each member of the crew in possession of a Club FFVoile License:
a valid Club FFVoile "competition" license attesting to the prior presentation of a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing.
Either the Club FFVoile license mention "membership" or "practitioner" accompanied by a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing dating less than one year.
- 4.6.1.b For each member of the crew not in possession of a Club FFVoile License, whether he is a foreigner or of French nationality:
- Declaration of membership of a club or other organization affiliated to a World Sailing member national authority member
- parental authorization for any minor member of the crew
- 4.6.2 For the boat:
- A valid measurement certificate.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is
- 5.1.a **the 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP :** **EUR 325.00**
and shall be paid in **full by 23 September 2024** as detailed on the entry form. This includes a **EUR 40.00 fee** which the OA shall transfer to IFA after the event.
A late entry fee of **EUR 100** will apply to all payments and entries after **23 September 2024**
- 5.1.b **WARM UP REGATTA:** **EUR 40.00**
and shall be paid in **full by 23 September 2024** as detailed on the entry form.
- 5.2 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, registration, and any required equipment inspection before the first race, has been completed.
- 5.3 Refunds will only be provided on receipt of a written request period to 23 September stating good reasons. Refunds after 23 September and before 7 October will be 50%.
No refunds will be given after 7 October. The EUR 40.00 IFA fee will not be refunded at any time.
- 5.4 Support vessels will be required to register and pay a fee of **EUR 150.00**, be insured, and comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and berthing at the venue. Registration may be completed online through the event website. Payment is required by 16 September.

5.5 Online Payment on the website: www.yachtclubdecannes.org or bank transfer:

BPMED CANNES CARNOT 00326
Association Yacht Club de Cannes
Port Palm Beach
Boulevard de la Croisette
IBAN: FRA76 1460 7003 2670 9131 5990 283 BIC: CCBPFRPPMAR

6. Advertising

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the Organizing Authority.

7. Competition Format

7.1 **The 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

7.1.a Ten races are scheduled.

7.1.b This format may be changed with the approval of the IFA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

7.1.c The Race Committee in conjunction with the IFA 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.

7.2 **WARM UP REGATTA**

Four races are scheduled.

8. Event Schedule

8.1 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.

8.2 Equipment Inspection, Registration,

8.2.a **WARM UP REGATTA**

- Friday, 18 October 9:00 – 18:00
- Saturday, 19 October 9:00 – 12:00
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8.2.b **the 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP :**

- Friday, 18 October 9:00 – 18:00
- Saturday, 19 October 9:00 – 18:00
- Sunday, 20 October 9:00 – 18:00

8.3 Racing

8.3.a **WARM UP REGATTA**

- Saturday, 19 October 1st Warning signal at 13:00 2 Races
- Sunday, 20 October 1st Warning signal at 11:00 2 Races

No warning signal will be made after **16:00 on Sunday, 20 October**

8.3.b **the 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP :**

- Monday, 21 October 1st Warning signal at 11:00 2 Races
- Tuesday, 22 October 1st Warning signal at 11:00 2 Races
- Wednesday, 23 October 1st Warning signal at 11:00 2 Races

- Thursday, 24 October 1st Warning signal at 11:00 2 Races
- Friday, 25 October 1st Warning signal at 13:00 2 Races

No warning signal will be made after **16:00 on Friday 25 October.**

- 8.4 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 5 permitted by the IFA.
- 8.5 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 8.6 Social events
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| Sunday, 20 October | Competitor's meeting | TBC |
| | WARMUP Prize opening ceremonies. | TBC |
| Friday, 25 October | Closing ceremony & Prizes Giving | TBC |
- All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

9. Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 The event is an international event for the purposes of RRS G1.1(b).
- 9.2 A Technical Committee shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.
- 9.3 Boats shall be available for inspection in accordance with Notice of Race schedule.
- 9.4 All boats shall undergo inspection of hulls, spars, and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class Rules (including Part F of "Finn Class Event Manual") unless otherwise decided by the IFA Chief Measurer. All inspected equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 9.5 Equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee

10. Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the event website at the time for registration. A hard copy will be available on request. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.
- 10.2 In line with the IFA's environmental policy, IFA and the OA would appreciate if the documents, including the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, could be read from electronic devices.

11. Venue

Appendix A show the location of the racing areas.

12. Courses

Courses will be as per the current IFA Event Manual, unless varied by the Sailing Instructions.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 **The 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**
- 13.1.a Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 13.1.b The Low Point Scoring System shall be used, modified so that one race shall be discarded only after five races have been completed.

13.1.c The U23 and Masters results will be extracted without point recalculation. this changes RRS A4 from the overall score."".

13.2 **WARM UP REGATTA**

One race shall be completed to constitute a valid regatta.

14. International Jury

14.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

14.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

15. Prizes

15.1 **The 2023 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

15.1.a The class perpetual trophies will be awarded:

(.) Rickard Sarby European Championship Trophy for the overall winner

(..) Nikos Kouklelis Trophy for leading U23 sailor

(...) Finn European Masters Trophy for the leading Master, plus trophies for Master (40-49), Grand Master (50-59), Great Grand Master (60-69), Legend (70+).

15.1.b The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall, the top 3 Under 23, the Masters Champion and the winner of each Masters category.

15.1.c IFA will award medals to the top three boats overall, the top three U23, and the top three Masters in each category.

15.1.d Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and the IFA

15.2 **WARM UP REGATTA**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three.

16. Insurance

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.

17. Support person vessels and personnel

17.1 Support person vessel restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.

17.2 All support vessels (boats with support persons on board as defined by the RRS) shall be registered (see 4.8) 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.

17.3 All support vessels shall clearly always display the 3 letters national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority in contrasting color to the background while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.

17.4 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 and comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.

17.5 Support vessels may be required to clearly display a flag or stickers provided by the OA with unique identification for that boat.

18. Berthing [SP]

When not racing, boats shall be kept in their assigned place in the designated boat park.

19. Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- 19.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 19.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

20. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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 and support person 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 the Race Committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

21. Accommodation

www.cannes-destination.fr

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22. Information

For further information please contact:

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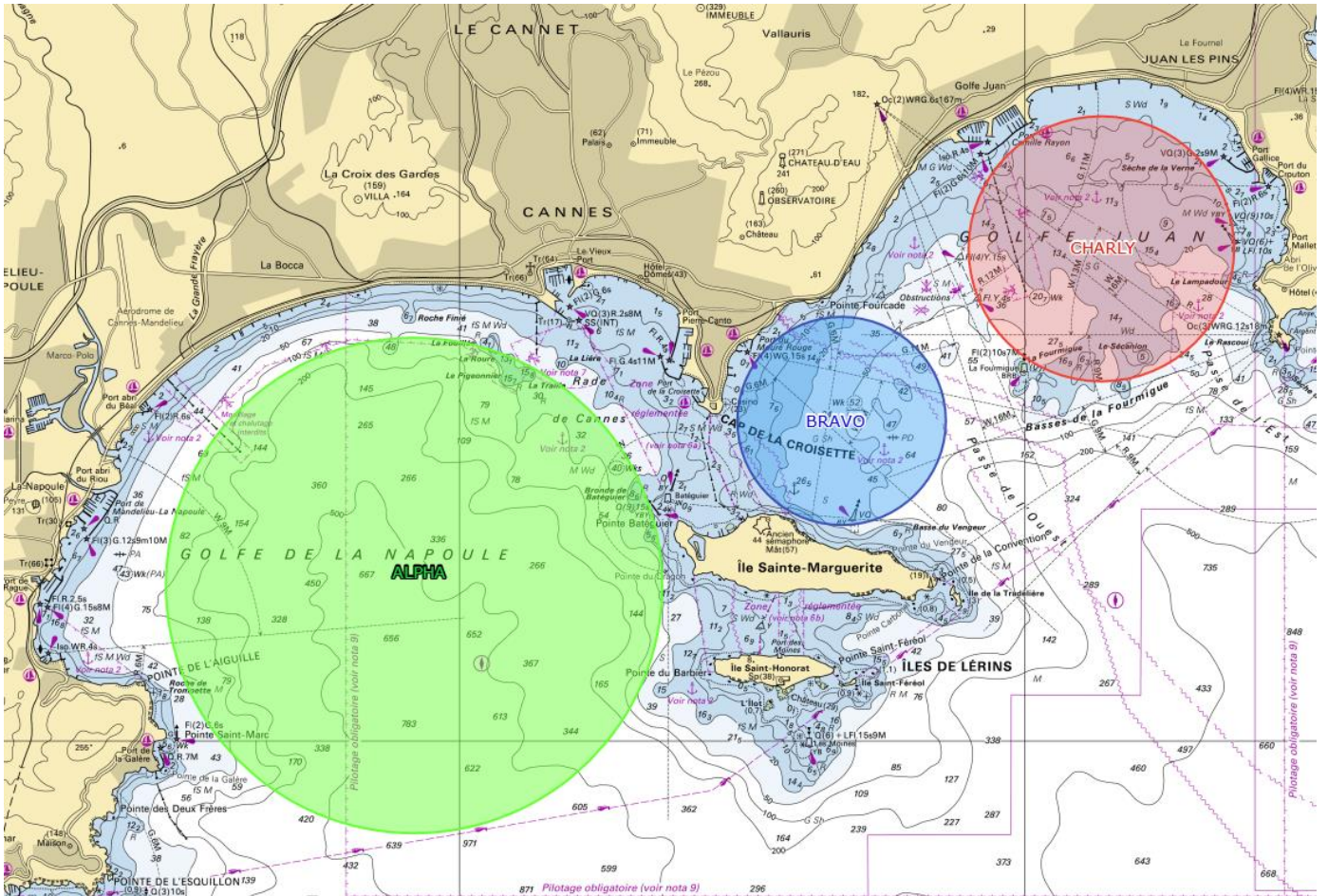
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IFA Contact: Robert Deaves, office@finnclass.org



ATTACHEMENT A - RACE AERAS



ATTACHEMENT B - PRESCRIPTIONS FFVOILE

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024

translated for non-francophone competitors.

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25.1** (*Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals*):

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 64.4** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The protest committee 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 or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee.

A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit liability for damages.

(* 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 approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 76.1** (*Exclusion of boats or competitors*)

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(* 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 approval 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 88.2** (*Changes to prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed 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 not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website 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 approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):



Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: <http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>

