



Finn World Masters 2024
Centro Velico Punta Ala asd
7 June 2024 to 14 June 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2024 Finn World Masters will be held from 7 June to 14 June 2024 in Punta Ala – Maremma, hosting venue PuntAla Camp, Italy.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority is the Centro Velico Punta Ala in conjunction with the Italian Finn Association, and in association with the International Finn Masters Committee (IFMC).
- 1.3 The venue is PuntAla Camp & Resort

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 Masters [Event Manual](#) will apply, unless changed by this Notice of Race, or by the Sailing Instructions, with the approval of the IFMC.
- 2.3 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply but is changed as follows; P2.3 will not apply and P2.2 applies to the second and subsequent penalties. In accordance with Class Rule A.6.2, the recommended wind speed for Class Rule C1.1 (2) is twelve (12) knots.
- 2.4 The maximum recommended wind speed across the racing area is 20 knots and the minimum is five (5) knots. The decision to start a race or abandon a race rests with the Race Committee.
- 2.5 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.7 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 2.8 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.9 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 2.10 Support person vessel restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.

3. Communications

- 3.1 The event official notice board will be online on 7 September 2023.
- 3.2 Communications to the competitors will be done by electronic means (e-mails – electronic notice board). **Competitors shall provide themselves with a device (Mobile Phone or NotePad or Laptop Computer) to obtain and read these communications.** Their private e-mail address, valid during the whole championship, has to be inserted during the registration procedure. Any difficulty in receiving communications will not be eligible for redress This changes RRS 62.1(a). [NP] No printed documents will be supplied. However, there will be a board where all communications will be displayed during the event.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognised National Finn Association in good standing, and current World Sailing advice will be followed. They shall



- complete on-site registration according to the Event Schedule, unless the Organising Authority extends this date.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to Finn Class sailors born in 1984 or before.
- 4.3 Entries will be accepted in the following categories, with age determined as the age at the birthday in 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 Great Grand Master (winner 60-69)
 - e Legend (winner 70-80)
 - f Super Legend (winner 80+)
 - g Ladies (40+)
 - h Vintage Boat (Built prior to 1985. Further categories may be awarded depending on number of vintage boats entered.)
- 4.4 Entries shall be submitted online at (<https://www.manage2sail.com/e/Finn2024>) prior to 30 April, 2024, unless extended by the Organising Authority.
- 4.5 The Entry Fee is EUR 350 and shall be paid in full by 29 February 2024, as detailed on the entry form. This includes a non-refundable fee of EUR 40.00, which the Organising Authority shall forward to the Finn Masters Account. Late entries received after 1 March 2024, may be accepted, but with a EUR 100 surcharge (EUR 450).
- 4.6 The following information shall be produced at registration:
- Proof of the boat's conformity with the class rules, i.e. Measurement Certificate.
 - Proof of membership of a member national authority of World Sailing (MNA) or an affiliated club or organization of a MNA.
- 4.7 **NOTE: Completing an entry or registration form will be considered a contractual obligation to the pay the entry fee, subject to reasonable cancellation or as detailed in 4.8. After completing the Entry Form the competitor agrees to pay the Entry Fee as defined in this Notice of Race. No shows without notification or late cancellation will be expected to pay before any entry will be accepted at International Masters Championships in future years. Reminders to pay may not be sent.**
- 4.8 Cancellation Policy
Entries may be reimbursed according to the following penalty options:
- Cancellation request received before 31 March 2024: 100% reimbursement.
 - Cancellation request received between 1 April and 15 May 2024: 50% reimbursement.
 - Cancellation request received after 15 May 2024 0% reimbursement
- 4.9 In case the event is cancelled by the Organising Authority: All entry-fees will be refunded, except for the €40.00 Masters Fee which will be forwarded to the International Finn Masters Account.
- 4.10 An entry is not complete until the entry fee has been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organising Authority and registration has been completed.
- 4.11 A valid measurement certificate for the boat entered shall be presented or its existence verified at onsite registration in accordance with RRS 78.2. Certificates can be pre-registered prior to the Equipment Inspection schedule. Details will be published in advance on the event website.
- 4.12 Support vessels will be required to register at the following address:
<https://www.manage2sail.com/fr-CH/event/FinnWC2024#!/classes> until 06.06.2024., be insured and comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and berthing at the venue.



Payment of the fee of EUR 100 is required at the Race Office before the start of the Event. Registered boats will have the possibility to be carried on shore with the tractor and its boat trailer, and 1-person dinner ticket.

5. Competition Format

- 5.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.2 This format may be changed with the approval of the IFMC and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Event Schedule

- 6.1 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.

Date	Event	Time	Location/remarks
Friday 7 June	Equipment Inspection Registration	09:00-18:00 09:00-18:00	Inspection Area Race Office
Saturday 8 June	Equipment Inspection Registration	09:00-18:00 09:00-18:00	Inspection Area Race Office
Sunday 9 June	Equipment Inspection/Registration Competitor's Meeting Practice Race (1 race scheduled) Opening Ceremony	09:00-16:00 14:00 19:00	Inspection Area In front of the registration area PuntAla Camp&Resort Beach Bar
Monday 10 June	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning signal	12:00	
Tuesday 11 June	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Wednesday 12 June	Annual Masters Meeting Racing (1 race scheduled) First Warning Signal Official Dinner	09:00 - 12:00 13:30 20:00	Event Village PuntAla Camp&Resort Restaurant Isolotto
Thursday 13 June	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	12:00	
Friday 14 June	Racing (1 race scheduled) Closing Ceremony & Prizегiving	12:00 ASAP	Event Village



7. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 7.1 One or two races are scheduled for each day of racing. 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.
- 7.2 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours on Friday, 14 June 2024.
- 7.4 All competitors are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organising Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. **[DP]**
- 7.5 Out of respect for the Organising Authority, the volunteers and the other competitors, prizes can only be collected in person. Prizes not collected in person will remain the property of the Organising Authority.

8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1 All boats shall undergo inspection of hulls, spars, and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class World master's Rules, unless otherwise decided by the Technical Committee. Inspection will take place according to the event schedule. You must book a time slot for your boat's inspection at the equipment inspection desk. All inspected equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 8.2 A maximum of two (2) masts, two (2) sails, one boom, one rudder and one centreboard 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.
- 8.3 Equipment inspection checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee, or the International Jury.
- 8.4 Equipment inspection will focus on safety issues. Checks will be performed on rudder safety clip (Class Rule, C.8.4.a.1), towing rope (C.5.2.a.1), centreboard elastic (C.8.3.a), mast retaining device (C.9.3.1). Competitors are requested to check safety equipment before travelling to the event.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) should be available on the event website before 7 June 2024.
- 9.2 In line with the IFA's environmental policy, no printed documents will be available (see NoR 3.2)

10. Racing Area

- 10.1 The intended racing areas are shown in Attachment A.

11. Courses

- 11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward loops or trapezoid courses depending on fleet sizes. Courses will be set to meet a target time of 75 minutes. The overall time limit is 120 minutes.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 Four races shall be completed for the series to constitute a valid Championship.
- 12.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 The positions of competitors in the Categories (NoR 4.3) will be based on their total score in the overall standing.



13. International Jury

- 13.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

14. Prizes

- 14.1 Perpetual prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and the winner of each Category.
- 14.2 The OA will award prizes to the top 10 overall and the top 3 in each Category.
- 14.3 The Finn Masters President will award a participation prize to all Legends and Super Legends

15. Insurance

- 15.1 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.

16. Support person vessels and personnel [DP]

- 16.1 All support person vessels (vessels with support persons on board as defined by the RRS) shall be registered (see 4.11) with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support vessel regulations or sailing instructions. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 16.2 All support vessels shall clearly always display the 3-letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority in contrasting colour to the background while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 16.3 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 72 and comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.
- 16.4 Support vessels may be required to clearly display a flag or stickers provided by the OA with unique identification for that boat.
- 16.5 All support boats shall be equipped with a VHF marine radio operative at the official radio channel that will be published in the Sailing Instructions, the appropriate safety individual buoyancy (lifejackets), and fitted with operative kill cords, which shall be used at all times when afloat. Radio communications procedures will be described in SI.

17. Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

- 17.1 Competitors automatically grant the Organising 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.
- 17.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. [DP]
- 17.3. The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day. [DP]
- 17.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta. [DP]

18. Risk Statement

- 18.1 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.

Further Information

Until the Race Office at the venue is opened, the Organising Committee can be reached as follows:

Mail: marialuca.cionini@campingpuntala.it

Finn Masters website: www.finnworldmaster.com

Event website: www.campingpuntala.it

Official race website: <https://finnworldmaster.com/events/puntala-2024>

Media: Robert Deaves, office@finnclass.org

ATTACHMENT A

It shows the regatta area in front of the Resort

