

Finn European Masters 2023 Univela Sailing, Campione del Garda September 3-8, 2023

Organizing Authority:

Univela Sailing in conjunction with the Italian Finn Association and in association with the International Finn Masters Committee (IFMC) and the International Finn Association (IFA).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Finn World Masters Rules and Event Manual.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply, but is changed as follows; P2.3 is deleted and P2.2 will apply to a third and subsequent penalties.
- 1.6 In accordance with Class Rule A.6.2, the recommended wind speed for Class Rule C1.1 (2) is 12 knots.
- 1.7 In all rules governing this regatta;
 - 1.7.1. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.7.2. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing (this changes RRS A5);
- 1.8 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, but shall then take it as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.

2 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 2.1 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.2 On arrival at the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee vessel, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 2.3 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.4 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds or broadcasts 'Code Flag Victor' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and support vessels shall monitor VHF Channel 72 for search, rescue and other instructions.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

- 3.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

4 RACING SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule will be as published in the Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Two races are scheduled for each day of racing, unless extended to three races with the approval of the FWM President. No more than two races may be sailed on Friday, 8 September, 2023 unless in order to complete a valid championship.
- 4.3 No warning signal will be made after 17:00 hours on Friday, 8 September, 2023.

5 COURSES AND COURSE AREAS

- 5.1 The course areas are shown in SI Addendum A.
- 5.2 All courses will be windward/leeward.
- 5.3 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 5.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 5.5 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

6 FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 Racing will be carried out in a single fleet.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks will be the race committee starting and finishing line vessels and the following buoys:

Marks 1, 1a	Mark 2s , 2p	Replacement Mark	Port End Starting Mark	Finishing Outer Distance Mark
Red Triangular	Red Triangular	Red Triangular	Yellow Triangular	Yellow Triangular

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The Class flag will be Class insignia on a white background.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either:
 - 9.1.1 The course side of the port-end starting mark, or
 - 9.1.2 A staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and either:
 - 10.1.1 The course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark, or
 - 10.1.2 A staff displaying a blue flag on the nearby race committee vessel.

11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

11.1

	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
1 or 2 races per day	120	40	20	75
3 races per day	120	40	20	60

- 11.2 Boats that are still racing but do not finish within the Finish Window, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.3 If no boat rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.
- 11.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 No race will be started in less than 5 or more than 20 knots measured on the Committee vessel at deck level. The final decision will be taken by the RO and it will not be grounds for redress.

12 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 12.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board that will be online at the following url <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7016/event?name=finn-masters-europeans> .
racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7016/event and this changes NoR 3.1
- 12.2. Online services may be available for:
- 12.3.1 Hearing requests
 - 12.3.2 Scoring Enquiries
 - 12.3.4 Hearing schedules and decisions
 - 12.3.5 Messaging competitors
- Details for accessing these systems will be posted on the official notice board.
- 12.3 Signals ashore will be displayed at the Univela Club flag pole.
- 12.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' and this changes Race Signals AP.
- 12.5 [SP] [NP] Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour or shore. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

13 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1 hour before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect.

14 COURSE CHANGES

- 14.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 14.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. After mark 1 has been replaced, mark 1a will not be reset. (This changes RRS 33(c)).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 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 later.
- 15.2 Requests for a hearing may be lodged electronically via the form available online at the following URL https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=7016 . Alternatively, Hearing Request Forms will be available in the Race Office and may be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.3 Notices will be published no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin before the end of protest time. Hearings will be held beginning at the time and location published on the official notice board.
- 15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 15.5 Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6 For breaches of a rule marked [SP], the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury with a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The championship is scheduled to consist of an eight race series.
- 16.2 Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on a following day.
- 16.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 16.5 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 16.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available online at the following url
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/7016/event?name=finn-masters-europeans .

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP] [NP]

- 17.1 Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by the technical committee, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 17.3 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported promptly to the technical committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4 All boats selected for equipment inspection shall be presented for inspection with the full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP] [NP]

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing on a form available from the race office.

19 OFFICIAL VESSELS

19.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	RC
Jury/Judges	J
Technical Committee	M
Organising Authority	S
Rescue or Marshalls	S
VIP	S
Media	Press

20 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

- 20.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a support vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person is defined in the RRS as a support person.
- 21.2 Support vessels shall display their national flag or national (NOC Code) letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 21.3 Support vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4 Support vessels shall not be positioned:
- 21.4.1 Closer than 50 metres from any boat racing.
 - 21.4.2 Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 21.4.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 21.4.4 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 21.4.5 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 21.5 In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- 21.6 Support vessels shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

22 IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 22.1 When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed.
- 22.1.1 Bow Numbers
 - 22.1.2 Event sponsor advertising.

23 BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]

- 23.1 When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park available at the following url
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7016/event?name=finn-masters-europeans>

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 24.1 Boats shall neither make nor receive voice transmissions, radio or data communications, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

25 PRIZES

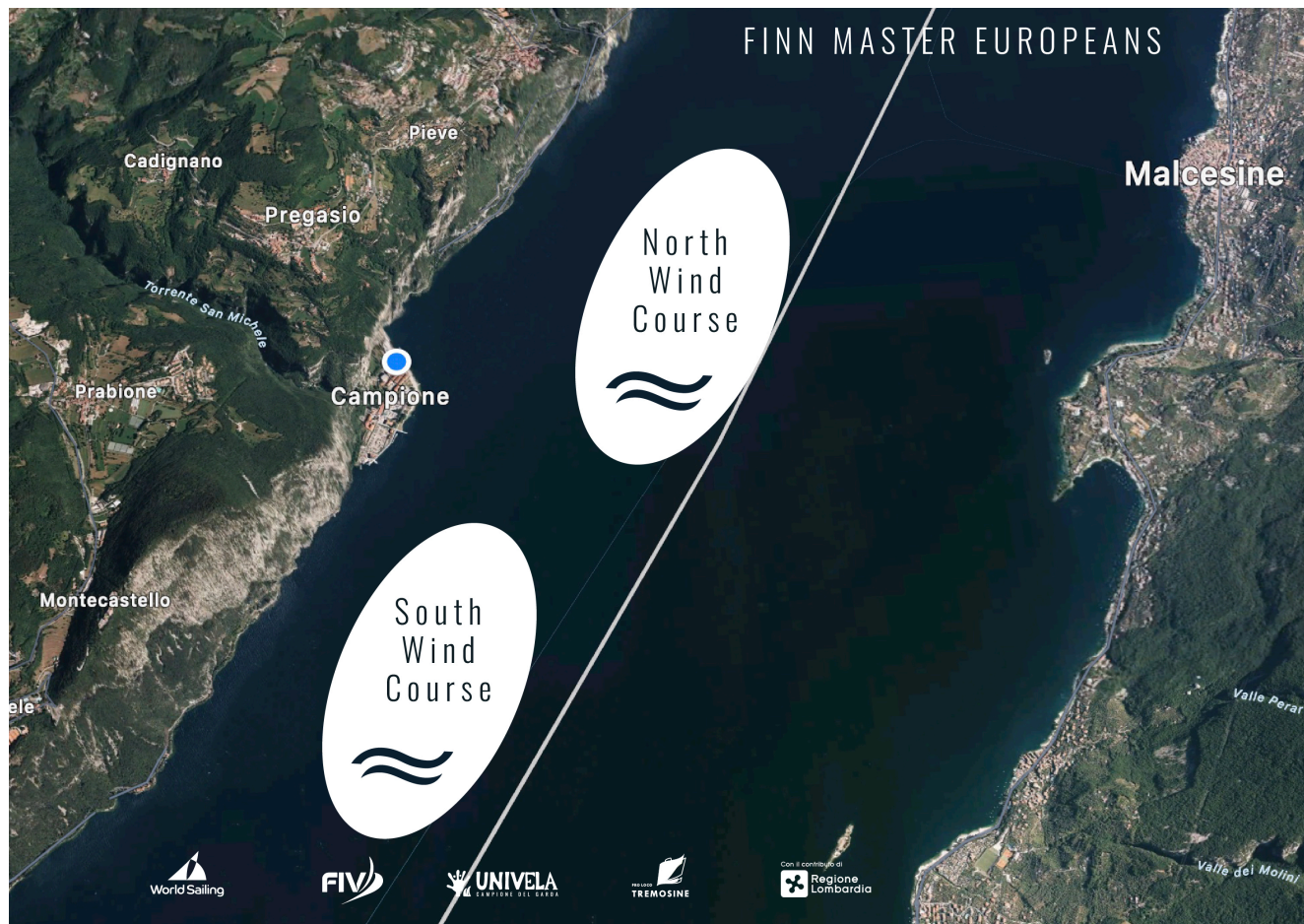
- 25.1 Prizes will be awarded as described in NoR 14 as a minimum.
- 25.2 The organizing authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top 3 in each category.
- 25.3 The prizegiving ceremony will take place after racing on Friday, 8 September, 2023 at Univela Sailing.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority, IFA nor World Sailing will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

===== ADDENDA =====

ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREAS



ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS and MARK ROUNDING ORDER

WL1: Start - 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - 1 - 1A - Finish.

WL2: Start - 1 - 1A - 2S/2P - 1 - 1A - 2P - Finish.

