



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

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Organizing Authority and Venue**

- 1.1 The 2023 Finn European Masters will be held from September 3 to September 8, 2023 in Campione del Garda, Italy
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is Univela Sailing in conjunction with the Italian Finn Association and in association with the International Finn Masters Committee (IFMC).
- 1.3 The venue is Univela Sailing at Campione del Garda, Italy.

**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] All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow current government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. Breaches of these and any event Covid protocols (issued as an attachment to the NoR or SI) may be misconduct and subject to RRS 69. These will not be subject to protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 2.8 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 2.11 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 only online at <https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/>

**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 according to the Event Schedule, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to Finn Class sailors born in 1983 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 European Master (the overall winner)
  - b Master (40-49 years old)
  - c Grand Master (50-59 years old)
  - d Grand Grand Master (60-69 years old)
  - e Legend (70+ years old)

- 4.4 Entries shall be submitted online at (<https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/> ) prior to 2 August, 2023, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. Entries received after this deadline will only be accepted with the Organizing Committee authorization. In any circumstance, entries received after 3 September, 2023, 12:00 hrs local time will not be accepted.
- 4.5 The Entry Fee is €220,00 and shall be paid in full by credit card while completing the online registration. This includes a non-refundable fee of €40,00, which the Organizing Authority shall forward to the Finn Masters Account. Entries received after 2 August, 2023 will be accepted with a 100€ surcharge (€320,00). **Payments shall be made with credit card** using the online entry form payment page. Competitors that cannot pay with a credit card can pay using a bank transfer asking the bank details via email to the OA ([club@campioneunivela.it](mailto:club@campioneunivela.it))
- 4.6 **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 4.7. 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.**
- 4.7 Cancellation Policy  
Entries may be reimbursed according to the following penalty options:  
- Cancellation request received before 27 July, 2023: 100% reimbursement less €40 Masters Fee  
- Cancellation request received between 27 July, 2023 and 17, August 2023: 50% reimbursement  
- Cancellation request received after 18 August, 2023: 0% reimbursement
- 4.8 In case the event is cancelled by the Organizing Authority: 100% of entry-fees will be refunded, except for the €40.00 fee, which will be forwarded to the International Finn Masters Account.
- 4.9 An entry is not complete until the entry fee has been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and registration has been completed.
- 4.10 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.
- 4.10 Support vessels will be required to register, 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 (<https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/> ). Payment of the fee of €75,00 is required via credit card using the registration form payment system before the start of the Event. Registered boats will have the possibility to use the crane according to the harbor timetable, an assigned mooring, 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
Sun, 3 Sept	Equipment Inspection Registration	09:00-18:00 09:00-18:00	Inspection Area Race Office
Mon, 4 Sept	Equipment Inspection Registration Opening Ceremony	09:00-18:00 09:00-18:00 19:00	Inspection Area Race Office
Tues, 5 Sept	Equipment Inspection/Registration Competitor's Meeting Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	09:00-11:00 11:00  13:00	Inspection Area
Weds 6 Sept	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	 13:00	
Thurs 7 Sept	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	 13:00	
Fri, 8 Sept	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal Closing Ceremony/prizegiving	 13:00 18:00	

## 7. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 7.1 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 17:00 hours on Friday, 8 September, 2023.
- 7.4 All competitors are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. **[DP]**
- 7.5 Out of respect for the Organizing 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 Organizing 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 Masters Rules, unless otherwise decided by the Technical Committee. Inspections will take place according to the Event Schedule. 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 and two (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.
- 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), centerboard 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) will be available on the event website at the time for registration. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.
- 9.2 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.

## **10. Racing Area**

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

## **11. Courses**

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

## **12. Scoring**

- 12.1 Eight races are scheduled.
- 12.2 Four races shall be completed for the series to constitute a valid Championship.
- 12.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 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 Organizing Authority will award prizes to the top 10 overall and the top 3 in each Category.
- 14.3 The IMFC will award medals to the top three in each category.

## **15. Insurance**

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 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 4.8) 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 display the 3 letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority in a contrasting colour to the background at all times 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 77 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 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.
- 17.2. 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

**The Venue** is: Univela Sailing, Società Sportiva Dilettantistica a R.L. Via R. Cozzaglio 1, 25010 Campione del Garda, (Brescia), Italy, - [www.campioneunivela.it](http://www.campioneunivela.it)

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

Mail:	<a href="mailto:club@campioneunivela.it">club@campioneunivela.it</a>
Finn Masters website:	<a href="http://www.finnworldmasters.com">www.finnworldmasters.com</a>
Event website:	<a href="https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/">https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/</a>
Official race website:	<a href="https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/">https://www.campioneunivela.it/en/regattas/2023/finn-master-europeans/</a>
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## **ATTACHMENT A**

Racing area (shows the venue and the course area)

