Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINN CLASS

November 18th to 22nd, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

IATE CLUBE DO RIO DE JANEIRO

Confederação Brasileira de Vela (CBVela)

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
The notation [SP] means that a standard penalty for a breach may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1. RULES
1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028.
1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
1.3 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat
1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 11:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS
3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board in the WhatsApp group "**QA FINN SOUTH AMERICAN**".
3.2 **[DP]** Sailors and/or support personnel appointed by them must have a device with WhatsApp access, join the group, and have data capacity to monitor that group on event days from 07:00 to 23:00.
3.3 **[DP]** Except in an emergency, from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the end of the last race of that day, a boat shall neither make nor receive data or voice transmissions that are not available to all boats, including mobile phones.
3.4 The race office is located at Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro Sailing Room.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT
4.1 **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the online Official Notice Board in the WhatsApp group "**OA FINN SOUTH AMERICAN**".
5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES
6.1 Registration: 18 November 2026, 09:00–11:00.
6.2 Racing days and first warning signal:

Date	Time	Activity
18 Nov	13:00	Races
19 Nov	13:00	Races
20 Nov	13:00	Races
21 Nov	13:00	Races
22 Nov	13:00	Races

6.3 Number of races: 10 scheduled races. Target 2 races per day and maximum 3 races per day.
6.4 The scheduled time for the warning signal of the first race each day is 13:00.
6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing (22 November), no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
6.6 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.

7. CLASS FLAG
7.1 The class flag will be the white flag with the Finn logo.

8. RACING AREA
8.1 The racing area will be in Guanabara Bay, preferably in the areas comprising the Escola Naval and Praia do Flamengo courses.

9. THE COURSES
9.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward courses.
9.2 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
9.3 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.
9.4 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

10. MARKS
10.1 Marks will be as follows:
- Course marks: orange inflatable buoys (cylindrical).
- Starting marks: race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and an inflatable white buoy.
- Finishing marks: race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and an inflatable white buoy.
- New marks (for change of course): will be inflatable yellow buoy.

10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee vessel and the nearby mark as described above.

11. THE START
11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
11.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
11.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
12.2 When a leg is changed, the race committee will signal in accordance with RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH
13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM
14.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
15.1 Target time for a race is approximately 75 minutes.
15.2 Time limit for the first boat to finish: 120 minutes.
15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
15.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office.
16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee arrives ashore. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
16.3 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.
16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).
16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

17. SCORING

17.1 4 races are required to constitute the championship.
17.2 When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
17.3 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.
17.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
18.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices as required by SI 1.3 and class rules at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will only be allowed when approved by the Race Office. Requests for replacement of equipment shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity using the online form.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
20.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 09:00 on 18 November 2026.
20.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.
20.4 [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
20.5 In accordance with Finn Class Rule C.6.2, not more than 1 hull with 1 centreboard, 1 mast, 1 boom, 1 rudder and 2 sails may be used during the event (unless an item is lost or damaged beyond repair and approved by the technical committee).

21. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

21.1 [DP] A competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kg, as permitted by RRS 50.1(b) and Finn Class Rules.

22. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

22.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be registered at the form provided in the Notice of Race and identified with an identification number provided by the Organizing Authority, which shall be clearly displayed on the vessel throughout the event.
22.2 It is recommended that each support vessel be equipped with a VHF radio capable of operating on channel 74 to receive on-water communications from the Race Committee.
22.3 [DP] Support vessels shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. BERTHING

23.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the event venue at the location designated by the Organizing Authority.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to:

- 1st to 5th – Overall classification;
- 1st place for each age category: Master (40–49), Grand Master (50–59), Great Grand Master (60–69), Legend (70+).

24.2 The Prize Giving Ceremony will be on 22 November, soon after racing, at a location to be posted on the Official Notice Board.

25. RISK STATEMENT

25.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

25.2 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

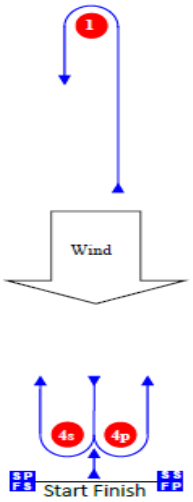
26. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

Windward-Leeward – Finish Leeward and Windward

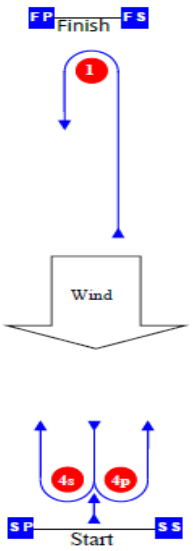
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

W



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish