



2020 FINN EUROPEAN MASTERS

30th August – 6th September 2020

Gdynia, Poland

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2020 Finn European Masters will be held from 30 August to 6 September in "Marina Gdynia", Gdynia, Poland.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Polish Yachting Association in conjunction with the International Finn Masters Committee (IFMC) and the Polish Finn Association.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Finn Masters Rules and Event Manual. These may be changed, where permitted, by the Sailing Instructions with the approval of the IFMC.
- 2.2. Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply. In accordance with Class Rule A7.2 the recommended wind speed for Class Rule C1.1(2) is 12 knots.
- 2.3. The maximum recommended wind speed across the racing area is 20 knots and the minimum is 5 knots. The decision to start a race or abandon a race rests with the Race Committee.
- 2.5 National authority prescriptions shall/shall not apply.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 All competitors will be required to wear an adequate personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.9 Coach and support boat restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.10 If there are less than 40 entries, the Organising authority reserves the right to combine the championship with the Open Europeans event. In this case the following will not apply: 2.2, 2.3, 6.1.1
- 2.11 The Organising Authority reserves the right to withdraw the European Masters title if, in its opinion, there are travel restrictions unduly affecting fairness and the ability of competitors to attend. In this case, an alternative prize will be presented.



3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to Finn Class sailors born in 1980 or before.
- 3.3. 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) Grand Grand Master (winner 60-69)
 - (e) Legend (winner 70+)
 - (f) Super Legend (80+)
 - (g) Ladies
 - (h) Classic Boat (Built prior to 1985).
- 3.4 Entries shall be submitted online at website prior to 30th July 2020, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form will be available at the website: <https://events.pya.org.pl/> from 30th June 2020. Entries received after between 30th July and 29th August will only be accepted with the Organizing Authority authorization. In any circumstance, entries received on-line after 29 August, 12.00 local time will not be accepted.
- 3.5 The Entry Fee is EUR 280 and shall be paid in full by 30 July 2020 as detailed on the entry form. This includes a fee of EUR 70, which the OA shall forward to the Finn Masters Account. Entries received between 30 July 2020 and 23:59 on August 29 will be accepted with a fee of EUR 400. Entries received on or after 29 August 2020 will be accepted only on-site, with a fee of EUR 450 and will require previous approval of Organizing Authority.
- 3.5.1 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 3.6. After completing and sending 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.
- 3.6 Cancellation Policy - entries may be reimbursed according to the following penalty options:
- cancellation request received before August 15 – 75% reimbursement,
 - cancellation request received after August 15 – no reimbursement.
- 3.7 An entry is not complete until any entry fees have been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and registration has been completed.
- 3.8 A valid measurement certificate for the boat entered shall be presented or its existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2. Certificates can be pre-registered prior to the measurement schedule.
- 3.9 Coach and support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of EUR 70, be insured as detailed in 14.1 and comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and berthing at the venue. Registration may be completed on-line through the event website. Payment is required at the registration. Registered boats shall comply with local regulations to be permitted to use launching and assigned berthing at the venue and 1-person dinner ticket.

4. Competition Format

- 4.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled. 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.
- 4.2 This format may be changed with the approval of the IFMC and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.



5. Event Schedule

- 5.1 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
Sunday 30th August 2020	Registration & Measurement	10:00-18:00	Event Village
Monday 31st August 2020	Registration & Measurement	10:00-18:00	Event Village
Tuesday 1st September 2020	Registration & Measurement Opening Ceremony	10:00-16:00 19:00	Event Village
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	11:00	Race Area
Thursday 3rd September 2020	Racing (2 races scheduled)	TBA	Race Area
Friday 4th September 2020	Racing (2 races scheduled) Official Dinner	TBA	Race Area
Saturday 5 September	Racing (2 races scheduled)	TBA	Race Area
Sunday 6 September	Racing (2 races scheduled) Closing Ceremony & Prize giving	ASAP	Event Village

6. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 6.1 Two races are scheduled for each day of racing.
- 6.1.1 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.
- 6.2. Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours on Sunday 6 September 2020.
- 6.4 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- 6.5 Out of respect for the organizing committee, 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 committee.

7. Measurement

- 7.1 All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class World Masters Rules, unless otherwise decided by the Equipment Inspection Committee. Inspections will take place according to the Event Schedule. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 7.2. A maximum of 1 mast and 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.
- 7.3. Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the International Jury.
- 7.4 Measurement 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.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at on-site registration. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.
- 8.2 In line with the IFA's environmental policy, FWMC and PYA would appreciate if the documents, including the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, could be read from electronic devices.



9. Racing Area

9.1 The intended race areas will be as shown in Attachment A.

10. Courses

10.1 Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

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- (a) Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- (b) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) 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.

11.2 The positions of competitors in the Categories (NoR 3.3) will be based on their total score in the overall standing.

12. International Jury

12.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.

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

13. Prizes

13.1. Perpetual prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and the winner of each Category.

13.2. Prizes will be awarded for the top 10 overall and the top 3 in each Category.

14. Insurance

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000 or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident. By entering the event each competitor declares holding such insurance.

14.2 Individual insurance may be obtained through the Race Office during registration provided previous request in writing not later than August 25. This insurance is only valid for this event.

15 Support Boats and Personnel

15.1 All support boats with support persons on board as defined by the RRS shall be registered (see 3.8) with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations or the Sailing Instructions. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

15.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3-letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority in contrasting color 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.

15.3 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need according to procedures that will be described in the Sailing Instructions. If the Race Committee displays flag V, all support boats shall monitor VHF channel as prescribed on the Sailing Instructions or the Official Notice Board and comply with requests from the Race Committee and any published Safety Procedures.

15.4 All support boat 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 either in the SIs or on the Official Notice Board.

16. Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

16.1 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.

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

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race: *The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone*. Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

17.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Rule 4 of the RRS states: *By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:*

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of the 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 provisions of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provisions of the patrol boats 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 inspection, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

18. Contact details:

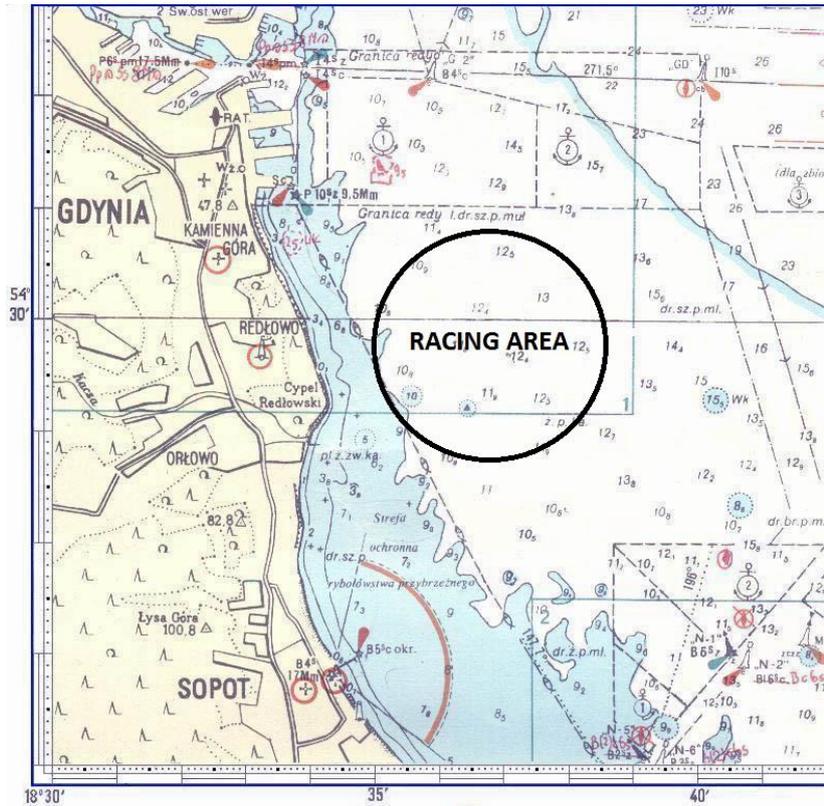
E-mail: a.kuder@pya.org.pl

Event website: www.finnworldmasters.com; events.pya.org.pl



ATTACHMENT A

Racing Area:



ATTACHMENT B

Venue Map:

