



# 2020 OPEN FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP U23 FINN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 30th August – 6th September 2020 Gdynia, Poland

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2020 Open Finn European Championship and U23 Finn European Championship will be held from 30 August to 06 September 2020, in Gdynia, Poland.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Polish Yachting Association in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the Polish Finn Class Association.

### 2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Finn Class Event Manual.
- 2.2 Spare
- 2.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 Boats will be required to display their national flag on their sail in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 2.8 Support boat restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.9 Class Rule C6.2 [Equipment Limitation] shall apply.
- 2.10 If there are less than 40 entries, the Organising authority reserves the right to combine the championship with the European Masters event. In this case the following will not apply: 2.7, 2.9, 3.2.
- 2.11 The Organising Authority reserves the right to withdraw the European Championship 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 entry quota of Part C "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" of the IFA Constitution will apply.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the U23 European Championship competitors shall not have had their 23rd birthday before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the event.
- 3.4 Entries shall be submitted online from 30 June 2020. The entry form will be available at <https://events.pya.org.pl/>
- 3.5 The Entry Fee is EUR 280 and shall be paid in full by 30 July 2020 as detailed on the entry form.
- 3.6 Between 30 July 2020 and 29 August, late entries may be accepted depending on quota available and after payment of a late entry fee of EUR 400.
- 3.7 On-line registration will not be possible after 29 August. On-site registration may be accepted depending on quota available and after payment of a late entry fee of EUR 450.
- 3.8 An entry is not complete until any entry fees have been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association, registration and any required equipment inspection before the first race, has been completed.
- 3.9 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.
- 3.10 Support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of EUR 70, be insured as per 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: <https://events.pya.org.pl/>. Payment is required during registration.

### 4. Competition Format

- 4.1 Ten races are scheduled.
- 4.2 Spare
- 4.3 This format may be changed with the approval of the IFA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

### 5. Event Schedule

- 5.1 The event schedule may be changed with the approval of the IFA and will be specified in the Sailing Instructions, however, the days allocated for racing will not be changed.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday 30th August 2020	Measurement/Registration	10:00-18:00	Event Village
Monday 31st August 2020	Measurement/Registration	10:00-18:00	Event Village
Tuesday 1st September 2020	Measurement/Registration Competitor's Meeting Practice Race	10:00-18:00	Event Village
Tuesday 1st September 2020	Opening Ceremony	19:00	Event Village
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Racing	9:30	Race Area
Thursday 3th September 2020	Racing	9:30	Race Area
Friday 4th September 2020	Racing	11:00	Race Area
Saturday 5th September 2020	Racing	11:00	Race Area
Sunday 6th September 2020	Racing Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	10:00 ASAP	Race Area Event Village



## 6. Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 6.1 Two races are scheduled for each day of racing.
- 6.2 An additional race may be scheduled on any day to enable the full number of scheduled races to be sailed. A maximum of three races per day will be sailed. This schedule may be changed to fit with any changes to NoR 4 and 5 permitted by the IFA.
- 6.3 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous races.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours on 6, September.
- 6.5 All participants are requested by the International Finn Class and the Organizing Authority to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

## 7. Measurement

- 7.1 All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class Rules (including Part F of "Finn Class Event Manual") unless otherwise decided by the IFA Chief Measurer. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 7.2 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the International Jury.

## 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-course area will be location. See Attachment A.

## 10. Courses

- 10.1 Courses will be as per the current IFA Event Manual.

## 11. Scoring

- 11.1 Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 11.2 Spare
- 11.3 The Low Point Scoring system will be used.

## 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 The class perpetual trophies will be awarded, including the winner of the European Championship and the U23 European Championship. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top 5 boats among the U23.
- 13.2 Daily prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing first in each race.

## 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 that they hold such insurance.
- 14.2 Insurance may be obtained through website.



## 15 Support Boats and Personnel

- 15.1 All support boats with support persons on board as defined by the RRS shall be registered (see 3.9) with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations or 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 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.
- 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 and / or their Parents or Guardians 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. Risk Statement

- 17.1 Rule 4 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.

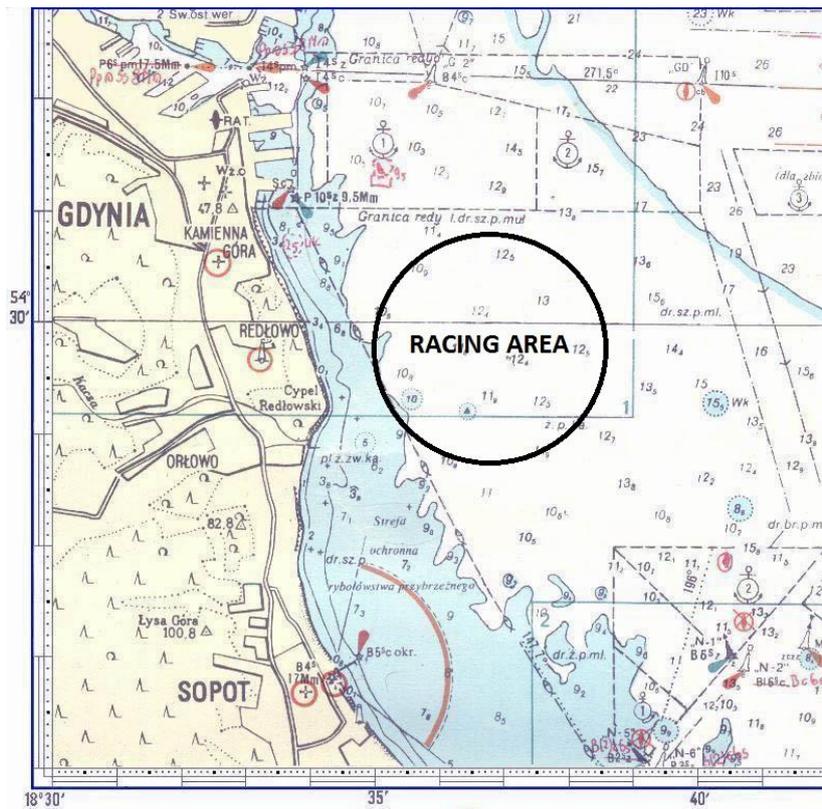
## 18. Contact details:

- Email:** [a.kuder@pya.org.pl](mailto:a.kuder@pya.org.pl)  
**Event website:** [2020.finneuropeans.org](https://2020.finneuropeans.org); [events.pya.org.pl](https://events.pya.org.pl)



# ATTACHMENT A

Racing Area:



Venue Map:

