

1 Organizing Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The 2016 Finn Gold Cup will be held from 5 May to 13 May, 2016 in Gaeta, Italy.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Yacht Club Gaeta, E.V.S. in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the Italian 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 Major Championship Rules. These may be changed, where permitted, by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 ISAF Addendum Q will apply to Medal Races. The version to be used will be available on the ISAF website on the first day of the event unless included in the sailing instructions.
- 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. This change the RSS Part 4 preamble.
- 2.7 Boats will be required to display their national flag on their sail in accordance with the Class Rules.
- 2.8 Coach boat restrictions may be applied. These will be published in or with the Sailing Instructions.

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 at the venue prior to Friday, 7 May, 2016, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
- 3.2 The entry quota of part D "Entry System for IFA Official Championships" of the Finn Class Rules will apply.
- 3.3 Entries shall be submitted online prior to 6th April 2016 unless extended by the Organizing Authority. The entry form is available at www.finngoldcup.org/2016
- 3.4 The entry fee is Euro 200 and shall be paid in full by 6th April 2016 as detailed on the entry form.
- 3.5 An entry is not completed until an entry fee has been paid, the entry has been accepted by the Organizing Authority and the International Finn Class Association and registration has been completed.
- 3.6 Valid measurement certificates shall be presented or their existence verified at on-site registration in accordance with RRS 78.2.
- 3.7 Coach and support boats will be required to register and pay a fee of EUR 75, be insured 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 by 6th April 2016.

4 Competition Format

- 4.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled, comprising a fleet series and Medal Race or Final Race.
- 4.2 The top ten ranked highest in the fleet series will be assigned to compete in the Medal Race, the remaining boats will be assigned to sail in the Final Race.
- 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.

Thur, 5 May	Measurement/Registration	0800 - 2000 hrs	Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SPA
Fri, 6 May	Measurement/Registration	0800 - 2000 hrs	Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SPA
	Opening Ceremony	1800 hrs	Yacht Club Gaeta, E.V.S.
Sat, 7 May	Measurement/Registration	0800 - 2000 hrs	Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SPA
	Competitors meeting	1000 hrs	
	Practice Race	1300 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
	IFA AGM	1700 hrs	
Sun, 8 May	Racing (2 races scheduled)	1200 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
Mon, 9 May	Racing (2 races scheduled)	1200 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
Tues, 10 May	Racing (2 races scheduled)	1200 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
Wed,11 May	Racing (2 races scheduled)	1200 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
Thur, 12 May	Racing (2 races scheduled)	1200 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
Fri, 13 May	Medal Race and Final Race	1100 hrs	Gulf of Gaeta
	Closing Ceremony/Prize Giving	After Racing	Yacht Club Gaeta, E.V.S.

6 Schedule of Races and Attendance at Ceremonies

- 6.1 Two races per day are scheduled for each racing day, except for the final day when the Medal Race and Final Race are scheduled. 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.
- 6.2 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 1530 hours on Friday 13 May, 2016.
- 6.4 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 the Finn Class Rules (including item 9 of "Finn Class Major Championship Rules") 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 Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.

8 Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at on-site registration. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website prior to this date.

9 Racing Area

9.1 The intended race-course area will be in the Gulf of Gaeta. (See Attachment A)

10 Courses

10.1 The courses will be as per the current IFA Championship Rules.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 Four (4) races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 11.2 Five (5) races shall be completed to constitute the fleet series before a medal race or final race are scheduled.
- 11.3 The Low Point Scoring system will be amended in the SI to account for the medal race.
- 11.4 Scoring may be changed to fit with changes to NoR 5 and 6 permitted by the IFA.

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 Finn Gold Cup.

13.2 The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top ten (10) boats and the top five (5) juniors.

14 Support Boats

- 14.1 Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall confirm their registration at the Regatta Office before the first racing day.
- 14.2 Support boats shall fly a flag with their three national letters clearly displayed or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their three national letters on each side of the boat.
- 14.3 All support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with all local legislation, the sailing Instructions and any event support boat regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse registration and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

15 Launching

15.1 All competing boats and support boats must launch and retrieve from Base Nautica Flavio Gioia SPA.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2,000,000 Euro per event or equivalent thereof in any currency for any one incident. By entering the event each competitor declares that they hold such insurance.
- 16.2 Insurance may be obtained through website.

17 Media Consent: Rights to use Names & Likenesses

17.1 Competitors and / or their 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.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or properties occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the Yacht Club premises. The Organizing Authority and the International Finn Association, and their respective members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

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Attachment A

Location of the Yacht Club Gaeta, race area and boat park

The Italian Sailing Federation prescribes: "Current FIV regulations are to be followed when accepting entries; the competitors must hold a valid and current FIV Membership and the owners of boats of recognized classes, offshore, must also hold a valid and current FIV Membership, even if they are not sailing the race."