2027 New Zealand FINN Class National Championships

Naval Point Club Lyttelton

4th February 2027 – 6th February 2027

The **Organising Authority** is
Naval Point Club Lyttelton
16 Marina Access Way Lyttelton

In association with the New Zealand Finn Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*

1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations, 2025 – 2028, Part One, shall apply.

1.3 The International Finn Class Rules apply.

1.4 Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 hours on 3 February 2027 at Click Here

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at Click Here

3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Finn Class that holds a valid measuring certificate.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter online at Click Here

4.3 Entries close on Monday 25th January 2027 at 1700 hours. Late entries will be accepted up until 6th February 2027, however, will incur a late entry fee of $50

4.4 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognized by the competitor's national authority. Proof of affiliated club

membership to be presented at registration.

4.5 Each competitor shall be a financial member of their national Finn Class Association.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows: Entry Fee: $250 per sailor

Late entry fee including late payment fee: $300 per sailor

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
3/02/2027	1200hrs	1700hrs
4/02/2027	0900hrs	1000hrs

7.2 Equipment inspection and event measurement: Wednesday 3rd February 2027 from 1200hrs to 1700hrs

7.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Finn
4/02/2027	Racing
5/02/2027	Racing
6/02/2027	Racing

7.4 Number of races:

Total Number Scheduled	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per day maximum	Target time Minutes
9	3	4	45

7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal each day is 1155hrs.

7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUES

9.1 Notice of Race Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

9.2 Notice of Race Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

10 COURSES

10.1 The course will be a windward/leeward race with an offset mark at the top and a gate at the bottom with a downwind finish. The detailed course, including the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left will be advised in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For the Finn Class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

12.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 (a) When fewer than Six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from Six to Nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 Support boats shall be registered with the Race Committee.

13.2 Support person vessels shall be marked with the Sail number(s) of the competitor(s).

13.3 All support person vessels shall always have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

14 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

14.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

15 DATA PROTECTION

15.1 I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I understand that yacht racing has inherent risks and dangers that are beyond the control of the organizing authority. I understand that neither the organising authority and its officers, members and servants nor other persons assisting with the conduct of the regatta accept any responsibility in respect of any injury or loss to person or property that may be sustained by reason of participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the regatta.

I agree to the use of my photograph(s) and other relevant information in any event publicity and in the ongoing promotion of New Zealand yachting. I agree to the Organising Authority and Yachting New Zealand holding the above information for the general administration and well-being of the sport, and for them to retain, use and disclose the information to affiliated organisations and any other persons or organisations that Yachting New Zealand believes will further the interests and objectives of Yachting New Zealand. I acknowledge my right to access to and correction of this information. The consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 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.**

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Certificate of insurance is to be presented at registration.

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

18.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsor(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue for the event, until their final departure, without compensation.

18.2 Drones / RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft System) under the control of the organising authority may be used during the event. Participation in the event will be taken as agreement and consent to be overflown by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

19 PRIZES

19.1 National Champions will be recognised in accordance with Yachting New Zealand regulation 4.5.4.

19.2 Prizes will be given as follows:

1st Place	New Zealand National Finn Class Championships
2nd Place	New Zealand National Finn Class Championships
3rd Place	New Zealand National Finn Class Championships
1st	Master
1st	Grand Master
1st	Great Grand Master
1st	Legend
1st	Junior
	Handicap Trophy

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please contact:

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Addendum A

Venue Location

Naval Point Club Lyttelton

Erskine Point,



Addendum B

Racing Area

The racing area will be Lyttelton Harbour, in an area approximately described as stretching from the reef to Camp Bay.

