

# THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.

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## FINN AND FORCE 5 THAMES RIVER CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

### Notice of Race

1. SAFETY - It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to decide whether to start or continue a race. Competitors are encouraged to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while on the water. Each boat must carry safety equipment prescribed by her class rules and government regulations.
2. RULES – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the USA Finn Association and the Thames Yacht Club Force 5 Fleet.
3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY – This regatta is open to all Finn and Force 5 sailboats, which will compete in separate fleets. Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee until 10:30 am on the day of the regatta.
4. FEES – There are no entry fees for this regatta.
5. SCHEDULE – There will be a skipper’s meeting at 10:00 am at Thames Yacht Club on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The first warning will be at 10:55 am. No race will be started after 4:00 pm.
6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the skipper’s meeting.
7. RACE SCORING - One race constitutes a regatta. The Low-Point Scoring System (Appendix A of RRS) is used with one modification: one throw-out is allowed, only if five or more races are completed. Each boat finishing a race and not being disqualified will be scored within their fleet as follows: finishing in First Place scores 1 point, Second scores 2 points, and so on. Our goal is to complete five races.

8. COURSES – The courses will be determined by the Race Committee and will be explained at the skipper’s meeting. The courses will be simple courses out of the commercial shipping channel in the Thames River. Courses will start and finish at the TYC Queen Merry.
9. COMMUNICATIONS – Verbal communications will be made with the Race Committee on the Queen Merry and from the safety vessel which will be used to set marks and assist sailors in need.
10. PRIZES – Prizes maybe awarded after the final race at the TYC clubhouse. It is anticipated that there will be one prize for the first place in the Finn Fleet.
11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. 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. Competitors are strongly encouraged to comply with US Sailing’s Safety Equipment Requirements for “Nearshore” events.