

# THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.

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## THAMES RIVER FINN CHAMPIONSHIP

October 5, 2024

### Notice of Race

1. SCHEDULE – Racing will be held on Saturday, October 5, and there will be a casual awards ceremony after racing is completed.
2. 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.
3. 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. However, please understand that this is a casual, recreational, regatta in the Corinthian spirit of sportsmanship where protests will not be encouraged.
4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY – This regatta is open to all Finn sailboats. While this regatta is primarily for Classic Finns, modern Finns are invited to participate and will be scored separately from the Classic Finns. Entries will be accepted until 10:00 am on Saturday, October 5.
5. FEES – There are no entry fees for this regatta.
6. SCHEDULE – There will be a skippers' meeting at 10:00 am at Thames Yacht Club on Saturday, October 5. The first warning will be at 10:55 am. No race will be started after 4:00 pm.
7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the skipper's meeting.
8. 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 six 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 at least six short races on Saturday depending on the conditions.

9. COURSES – The courses will be determined by the Race Committee and will be explained at the skipper’s meeting. The courses will be simple, short courses out of the commercial shipping channel in the Thames River. Courses will start and finish at the TYC Queen Merry. There will be mostly short races with a few longer races included depending on conditions.
10. 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.
11. PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded after the final race at the TYC clubhouse. It is anticipated that there will be one prize for the first place in the Classic Finn Fleet.
12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY –19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY 19.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Thames Yacht Club, Race Committee, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.