



THUNERSEE-YACHTCLUB



Finnflotte Thunersee

Sailing Instructions

International Finn Class Championship of Switzerland



Thun

23rd – 27th June 2010



1. Organizing Authority

Thunersee Yachtclub, Sonnmatweg 19, Postfach 4729, CH-3604 Thun, in collaboration with the Finnflotte Thunersee.

2. Racing Area

- 2.1 The races will be sailed in the lower (northern) part of Lake Thun.
- 2.2 Considering special weather conditions the race committee may decide to expand the area.

3. Rules

- 3.1 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) with additional rules of Swiss Sailing
- 3.2 The "Regulations for Swiss Championships" of Swiss Sailing will apply (RSC)
- 3.3 Federal rules for inland water navigation as well as rules of local authorities will apply
- 3.4 Sailing instructions of the "Thuner- und Brienersee-Seglerverbandes" (TBSV)
- 3.5 Class rules of the Finn Class
- 3.6 R-O with freedom to pump above 12 kts of wind, according RRS Appendix P
- 3.7 These sailing instructions (in case of doubt, the German version prevails)

4. Notices to competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board (black board) close to the race secretary.

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08.30 on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2 Any change to the schedule of races however will be posted before 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole of the start and finish vessel, moored in the harbour, accompanied with appropriate sounds.
- 6.2 Signals:
 - L** A notice to competitors has been posted has been posted at the official notice board.
 - AP** Following races are postponed. A warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removal.
 - B** Beginning (hoisting) and end (lowering) of protest time.
 - D** Do not leave the harbour, following races are postponed. A warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removal.
 - AP over A** No more races today.
 - Y** In addition to rule 40 competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.



7. Schedule of races

7.1 Programme

Wednesday, June 23 rd	14.00 - 18.00	Check-in at the race office, delivery of sailing instructions, measurement.
	18.30	Training race <i>Rabbit-Cup IV</i>
Thursday, June 24 th	08.00 - 11.00	Check-in at the race office, delivery of sailing instructions, measurement
	12.00	Opening ceremony, Skipper-Meeting, competitors at disposal of the RC
	14.00	First possible warning signal
	19.00 - 20.00	General Assembly of the Swiss Finn Sailor Association (Schweizer Finnsegler Vereinigung SFV)
Friday, June 25 th through Sunday, June 27 th		At disposal of the RC according to instructions on the official notice board
Sonntag, June 27 th		Last possible warning signal 13.55h Prize giving according to announcement

Changes will be announced at the official notice board. The RC gives a daily orientation at a briefing before going afloat.

7.2 Scheduled races

The championship will be sailed with **9 valid races**.

Validity of the Swiss Championship

To constitute a championship, at least **4 valid races** must be sailed during the scheduled time (RSC 3.2.2.d).

Number of races per day

On 3 days a maximum of 3 valid races is possible. Only at one day 4.

8. Class flag

8.1 The class flag will be the symbol of the class on a white flag.

9. Courses and marks

9.1 The diagrams in attachment 1 show the courses. The courses are signalled on the committee vessel with black letters A, B or C on white boards.

9.2 For each course will be fixed:

- Minimal length of **4 km**. The course length is calculated through addition of the direct distances between the course marks.

- The minimum time for the first boat is **45 minutes**.

9.3 The courses may be shortened after the second beat to windward, with respect of the conditions mentioned under 9.2.

9.4 The marks will be orange cylindrical buoys without numbers.



10. Start and finish

- 10.1 The start is according to RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between two course marks carrying a red marking.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing (This changes rule A5).
- 10.4 The finishing line will be between a Mark and a staff on a committee boat with the blue race signal.

11. Changing or shortening the course

- 11.1 A course change is signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, also if at this time the new mark is not yet set (RRS33).

12. Penalty system

- 12.1 Two-Turns-Penalty, rule 44 will apply.
- 12.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within protest time or as soon as possible (Addition to rule 44).
- 12.3 Appendix P will apply. Instant penalties for infringements of RRS 42.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 The Low Point System RRS, appendix A, will apply.
- 13.2 After 4 or more valid races have been sailed, the worst score will be excluded.
- 13.3 Time limit: Boats failing to finish within **30 minutes** after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing (This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5).

14. Protests and requests for redress

- 14.1 Boats intending to protest must inform the race committee following their finishing, or as soon as possible after retiring, and specify the protest opponent (Addition to rule 61).
- 14.2 Protests shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit on the official protest forms, available there (Addition to rule 61.2).
- 14.3 The protest time is **60 minutes** after the starting vessel has arrived in her mooring.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted on the notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1.b.
- 14.5 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit. The parties and the witnesses have to be ready for the hearing at the posted time near the protest room.
- 14.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on that day (This changes rule 66).
- 14.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after a decision or information was posted (This changes rule 62.2).



15. Safety regulations

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or the race office as soon as possible.
- 15.2 The official safety distance of 50 m from public ships shall be observed.
- 15.3 When arriving at the starting area, each boat shall pass the stern of the starting vessel and register. In case of non respecting this rule, the boat will be scored as not having started (DNC).
- 15.4 After hoisting of flag **Y** on shore or on the starting vessel or after starting of the storm warning lights along the lake (90 flashes per minute), competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. Failure to comply will lead to disqualification without a hearing **DSQ**.

16. Replacement of equipment

- 16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, which must be measured, will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee.

17. Equipment and measurement checks

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the race committee, the jury or a measurer for compliance with the rules.

18. Official boats

- 18.1 The boats from the race committee will be marked with orange flags.
- 18.2 The boats for the Jury will be marked with **JURY** on yellow flags.

19. Support boats

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or the race has been abandoned. The distance to boats racing shall not be less than 200m.
- 19.2 Support boats are included into the safety deployment of the event.

20. Disclaimer of liability

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 20.2 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.

21. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance of at least 1'500'000 CHF, including racing.



Appendix 1

Courses

General

The start marks are floating buoys.
The finish mark can be a floating buoy or a course mark.

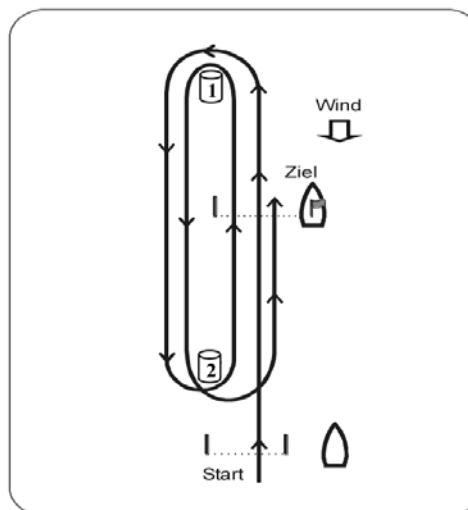
Course A

Up & Down

Full course: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – finish

Short course: Start – 1 – 2 – finish

The finish can be situated between the buoys 1 and 2 or with buoy 1.



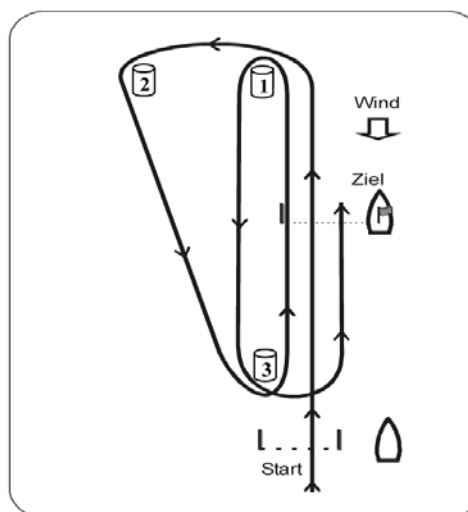
Course B

Up & Down with

Full course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – finish

Short course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – finish

The finish can be situated between the buoys 1 and 3 or with buoy 1.



Course C

Olympic triangle

Full course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – finish

Short course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – finish

The finish can be situated between the buoys 1 and 3 or with buoy 1.

