



CAT FIGHT I Regatta

April 7 & 8, 2018

Hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club

1215 El Carmel Place, San Diego, CA 92109

NOTICE OF RACE

CLASSES: All catamarans between 16 and 22.5 feet in length are eligible. Boat classes including Nacra-20, Nacra-20Carbon, F18, F16, Nacra-15 and A-cat are anticipated. Other catamaran or trimaran classes are welcome. Each boat is required to meet the internationally recognized criteria for their particular class. The Nacra 20 class will also allow upgrades consistent with those allowed within the F18 class, including alternate brand sails, mid-pole spinnaker set-ups, etc.

ENTRIES: Entry forms must be completed and paid prior to 10:00 am April 7, 2018 through [RegattaNetwork](http://RegattaNetwork.com) or at the registration table inside the MBYC club house which opens at 8:30 on Saturday. Entry fee is \$40 for 2-crew boats and \$30 for single handed boats if registered on or prior to April 1st using RegattaNetwork.com. Entry fee increases by \$10 for late registrations after April 1st.

Payment through RegattaNetwork.com is by credit or debit card or PayPal; payment in person on Saturday is cash or checks only; no credit cards or club charge. Please make checks out to: "MBYC Multihull Fleet". An entry form is available at www.mbyc.org to be turned in at registration.

CHARTER BOATS: There are a number of F18's for sale in San Diego so the availability of a boat for charter is good. Contact SteveStroebel@cox.net or 619-987-4630 for assistance in finding a charter boat.

SCHEDULE: A competitor's meeting will be held Saturday 10:00 am on the lawn north of the clubhouse. As many races will be sailed as possible within the time limits stated in the sailing instructions. For Saturday this could be three to five races; on Sunday no more than three races. The first warning will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday and 12:00 noon on Sunday. Sailing time from MBYC to the race course is approximately 45-60 minutes. On Sunday, no race will start after 3:30 pm. The start of the second race will be as soon as possible after the completion of the first race and so forth. A minimum of two races shall constitute a regatta.

RULES: The organizing authority for this regatta is Mission Bay Yacht Club. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 as amended and adopted by USSA, except as amended by the MBYC Sailing Instructions. Changes in sailing instructions shall be made in writing before a race by posting in proper time on the official notice board. The official notice board is on the south side of the MBYC clubhouse. For classes (e.g. F-18) which have a minimum crew weight requirement, crew weight will be measured at registration. This is a category A event for advertising.

US F18 MEMBERSHIP: For Formula 18 catamarans the owner or skipper of the boat must be current 2018 members of the United States F18 class. Crew are not required to be members for this event. F18 sailors purchase (\$35) or renew (\$25) your membership at: <http://usf18.com/store/membership/>

COURSES & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The racing will be in the ocean off Mission Bay (weather permitting). The courses for these races will be prescribed in the sailing instructions but will likely include windward-leeward courses with options for multiple laps with either windward or downwind finishes. A long windward mark off-set mark and a leeward gate may be used. If a class with a minimum of five boats desires a separate start it will be provided. Otherwise boats will be divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker boat fleets. Based on anticipated participation we expect a F-18 fleet, A-Cat Fleet, and other spinnaker boat fleet (N-20, N-20C, F-16, Nacra-15). Scoring will be time handicapped using the current ISAF SCHRS handicaps across all the classes of boats. The Sailing Instructions for this regatta will be available at the MBYC regatta registration table.

LAUNCHING: Most boats will rig on the lawn to the north of the club house and launch on the adjoining beach. In addition, two hoists exist at MBYC and are also available for launching. Overnight trailer parking is provided at the club. Check in at the front desk at MBYC for any questions and trailer parking location.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Change to F18 Rule E.2 SAFETY EQUIPMENT: A paddle and magnetic compass will not be required. A towing line is required. Also it is recommended (but not required) that all boats have a hand-held VHF radio on board to communicate with the RC in emergency situations. There will be communications from the RC to the fleets over the VHF radio including calling boats over the line at the start. The channel to be used will be announced at the competitors meeting.

TROPHIES & SCORING: Trophies will depend on the number and type of entrants with one place awarded per three entries in each class. Prizes will be awarded between all classes based on handicap scoring and the determination of the Regatta Chairpersons based on entries:

- Overall Cat Fight 1 Champion (1st Place Only)
- Mix Team Champion (one woman, one man team)
- All Women's Team Champion
- Young Team Champion (both helm and crew under 30)
- Top Rookie Team (to be defined in the Sailing Instructions)
- Classic Boat Team (based on which boats enter)

When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. When six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all its race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

SMART PHONE RACE TRACKING: The RaceQs Smart phone tracking system will be utilized for this event, which shall be for the sole purpose of entertainment for after race replay and analysis. Instructions will be available at Registration. It is recommended that competitors have a waterproof pouch for storing their smart phone in their life jacket or on their boat.

MEAL INFORMATION: Breakfast and box lunches are available at the MBYC galley for a reasonable cost. There is a dinner for competitors and guests Saturday evening at 7:00 pm for \$20 per person (\$10 for kids 12 and under) that is ordered at time of RegattaNetwork entry. Guest and children meals are paid for at the registration table on Saturday even though ordered through RegattaNetwork. Meals ordered after April 1st will cost \$25 per person (\$12.50 for kids 12 and under). A very limited number of additional dinner tickets (less than 5) will be available to purchase at the registration table so please order dinners when you register through RegattaNetwork.

MBYC RESTRICTIONS: Motor homes or recreational vehicles are allowed inside the MBYC gate but no camping or overnight lodging is allowed within the club. No pets are allowed on the MBYC grounds. Empty boat trailers are to be parked along the west fence. Boats are welcome to arrive on Friday to set-up for the regatta.

BOAT STORAGE: Non-MBYC members may store free of charge their boats in the MBYC parking lot either one week prior to the event or one week after the event to facilitate travel, practice or competition the weekend before or after Cat Fight. The boat trailer must be registered at the MBYC office (hours 8:00 – 5:00) and hang the green registration tag from the trailer or boat.

REGATTA CHAIR: Wally Chapman and Patty Miller

INQUIRIES: Competitors and/or guests who have questions or requests should contact: Wally Chapman at wallyc227@yahoo.com or 619-977-8490 (cell).