



F18 World Championship 2018

12th October to 19th October 2018

Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Sarasota, Florida
United States

NOTICE OF RACE

Version 1.0





The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The US Sailing Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply and will be posted on the event website [http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14553 US-prescriptions](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14553_US-prescriptions).

The prescriptions that may require advance preparation are stated in full:

- 1.1.1. US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area (Sarasota, Florida USA). On the F18 World Championship 2018 web site there is a file containing clarification of this requirement which is: [PFD-requirements.pdf](#).

The following rules will be changed in accordance with rule 86.1(b):

- 1.1.2. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.

The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

Subject to the approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the F18 World Championship 2018 may be declared at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.

Chartered boats have to have the WS National letters of the crew in the sail instead of the national letters as prescribed in the class rules, as permitted by RRS G3.

If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats and competitors shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

Competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day, may be required to wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing. The Organizing Authority will provide the bibs.



3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The event is open to eligible boats of the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association.

All competitors shall be members of their respective National Association or of the International F18 Class Association when there is no National Association in their country, and shall have their entry endorsed by the International F18 Class Association.

Online-entries via Internet (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14553>) shall be used. The official entry form must be used and filled in completely. The Organizing Authority shall be authorized to collect the Entry Fee electronically. No other forms will be accepted.

No later than October 15th 2018, a boat shall enter the regatta via Internet and pay the appropriate Entry Fee.

Entries will be official and confirmed once the Organizing Authority has received the payment.

The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:

- 3.1.1. A copy of a valid Measurement Certificate
- 3.1.2. Proof of Membership as per NoR 3.2
- 3.1.3. Proof of age for Junior and Master Competitors as per NoR 16.2
- 3.1.4. Proof of Insurance as per NoR 18

Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian (the term guardian is extended to include a coach or chaperone traveling with the competitor)) consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website.

4. FEES

Entries received until 1st June 2018 will qualify for the entry fee \$350 USD.

Entries received from 1st June and not later than 14th September will qualify for the entry fee \$400 USD.

Entries received from 14th September and not later than 15th October will qualify for the entry fee \$450 USD.

The Entry fee must be paid via the entry form online.

Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee of \$100 will be applied to all cancelations.



5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

With 80 or more boats, the competitors will be divided in four fleets. In this case, the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

With less than 80 boats, the competitors will sail together in one fleet. There will not be a qualifying series.

6. SCHEDULE

| Date | Time | Program |
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| Friday 12 th October | 0900 – 1700 | Registration and measurement. |
| Saturday 13 th October | 0900 – 1700 | Registration and measurement. |
| Sunday 14 th October | 0900 – 1700 1500 1930 | Registration and measurement. Warning signal for practice race. Opening Ceremony and reception. |
| Monday 15 th October | 1100 After races | 1 st warning signal of the day. Wet Bar |
| Tuesday 16 th October | 1100 After races | 1 st warning signal of the day. Wet Bar |
| Wednesday 17 th October | 1100 After races 1900 | 1 st warning signal of the day. Wet Bar Midweek party, dinner and music |
| Thursday 18 th October | 1100 After races | 1 st warning signal of the day. Wet Bar |
| Friday 19 th October | 1100 After races 1900 | 1 st warning signal of the day. Wet Bar Prize giving ceremony and reception |

Twenty races excluding the practice race are scheduled.

There will be a maximum of four (4) races per day.

When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, after the finish of the previous race.



On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs. except as a consequence of a General Recall.

7. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall present valid measurement certificates and present it at time of Registration.

No fundamental measurement will be done on regatta site during registration days, unless this is agreed between a competitor and a measurer. In this case the Organizing Authorities is not a part of the agreement and cannot be hold responsible for anything regarding this agreement.

Boats may be subject to further inspections at any time during the regattas. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the technical committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. VENUE

Racing mat take place in the northern part of Sarasota Bay or, weather permitting, racing may also take place in the Gulf of Mexico off Sarasota.

10. COURSES

The courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. A trapezoid course or a windward/leeward course may be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 is changed so that the One Turn Penalty replaces the Two- Turn Penalty.

Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

Arbitration as described in US Sailing RRS appendix T will be used.

12. SCORING

Six races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

In case of no qualifying series

12.1.1. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

12.1.2. When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



12.1.3. When thirteen or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

In case of a qualifying series: The scoring system will include both qualification and final series results.

For a qualifying series, competitors will be seeded into four groups. The competitors will be seeded by a seeding committee established by the International Class Association based on the NCA rankings.

A minimum of six races are required to be completed to constitute the qualification series. The final series starts the first day when six or more races have been completed before the first race of the day.

Qualification Throw outs

12.1.4. When fewer than six qualification races have been completed, a boat's qualification series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.1.5. When six or more qualification races have been completed, a boat's qualification series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

After the qualification series is completed, competitors will be assigned to a final series fleets, Gold or Silver, on the basis of their rank in the qualifying series. Competitors with the best qualifying series ranks will race all final series races in the Gold fleet. Competitors with the next best qualifying series ranks will race in the Silver fleet. In case of odd entry numbers, Gold fleet will gather one more competitor than Silver fleet.

Final Throw-outs

12.1.6. When fewer than six final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.1.7. When six or more final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

To establish the final results, the boat's qualification series score (as per NoR 12.6) will be added to the boat's final series score (as per NoR 12.8). Gold fleet will be scored higher than Silver fleet independent on the numbers of races in each fleet. In case of minimum six completed qualification races and no final series races, the final results will be based on the qualification series results alone.

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

All support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority.



Only support boats that have registered with the Organizing Authority and carry identification supplied by the Organizing Authority will be allowed in or near the racing area.

14. BERTHING [DP]

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

16. PRIZES

The regatta winners will be declared the “2018 Formula 18 World Champions” and will be awarded the International Formula 18 World Champions Perpetual Trophy.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories subject to entry numbers:

16.1.1. Overall

16.1.2. Female team – both helm and crew shall be female

16.1.3. Mixed team

16.1.4. Master – the helm and crew shall be aged 50 years or older (both crew members born before 1st January 1968)

16.1.5. Youth – both helm and crew shall be under 23 years of age (both crew members born from 1st January 1995 and beyond)

16.1.6. Winner of the silver fleet

16.1.7. Other prizes may be awarded

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.



19. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

By participating in the event automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, the IF18CA and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified and provided by the Organizing Authority.

Cameras, if fitted, must be underneath the spinnaker pole and 600mm back from the end of the smooth, round and blunt spinnaker cap pole fitting.

The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, go to the following web sites:

20.1.1. Regatta Network (Registration and Race Documents)

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14553>

20.1.2. F18 International Class

<http://www.f18-international.org/>

20.1.3. Venue site

<https://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/>

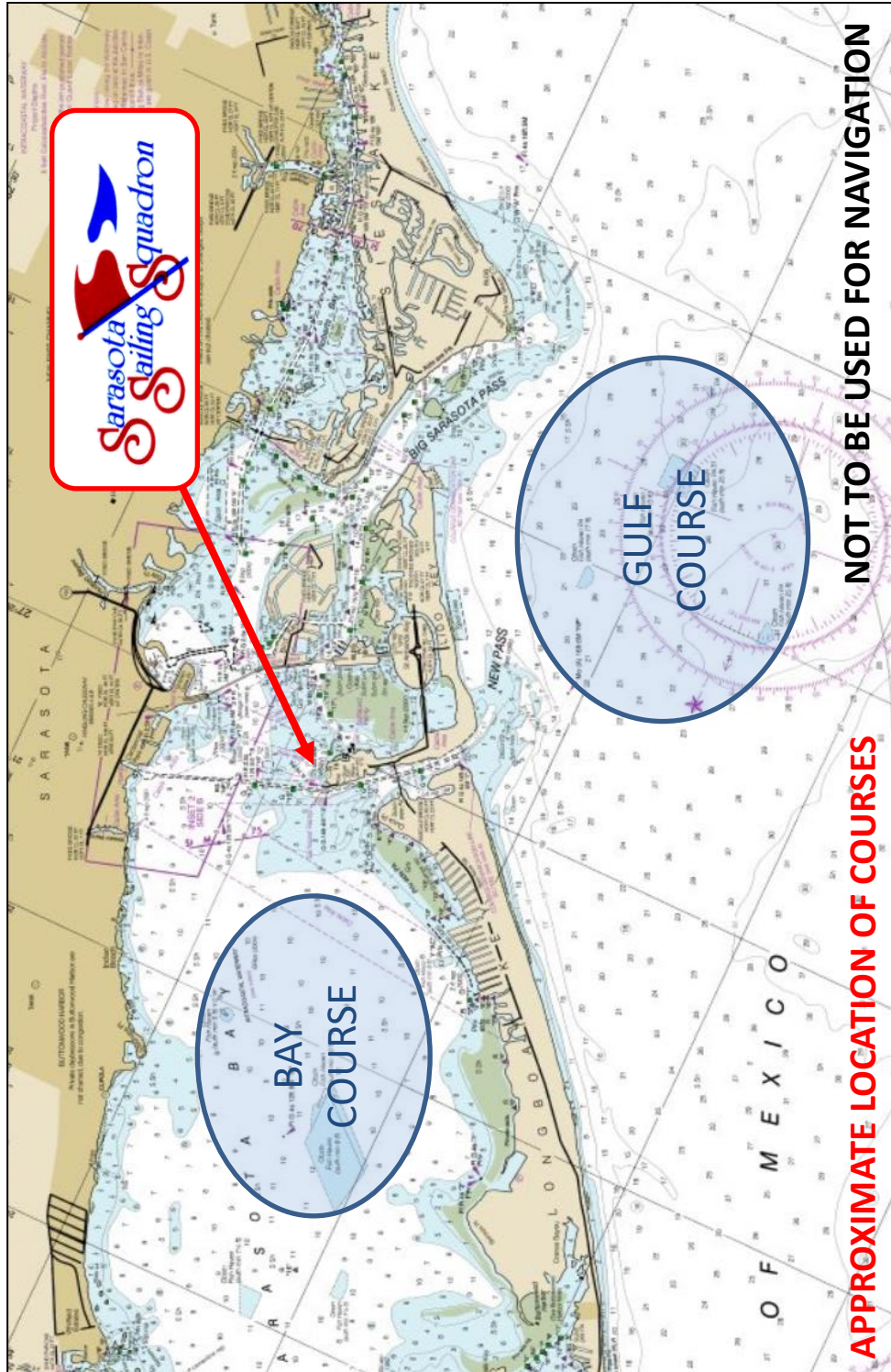
20.1.4. To contact the Organizing Authority

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE LOCATIONS (approximate)





ATTACHMENT B – COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS, & SPECTATOR BOATS

B.1. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- B.1.1. All coach and support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations.
- B.1.2. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- B.1.3. All coach and support boats shall be required to pay a **registration fee of \$50 USD**.
- B.1.4. Coach and support boats shall declare which boat or boats they are registered to.
- B.1.5. All support boats shall clearly display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the Organizing Authority.
- B.1.6. Support boats are required to monitor the safety VHF channel 72 radio frequency at all times and shall be required to undertake safety duties at the direction of the Race Committee.
- B.1.7. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF, mobile telephone communication, communication using internet, or any other electronic or visual means of communication is prohibited.
- B.1.8. All boats shall proceed to and from the race area under their **own power**.
- B.1.9. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment between F18's and their coach or support boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
- B.1.10. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside, or come in any physical contact with their F18's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
- B.1.11. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
- B.1.12. In the event of an emergency, when the competitor has requested outside assistance, B.1.6. through B.1.10. are suspended for a Coach and/or Support Boat rendering assistance. Rendering assistance shall be reported to the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.
- B.1.13. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official boat carrying out its duties shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the



discretion of the jury.

B.1.14. Any competitor may protest under the rules in this attachment.

B.1.15. On the water, all support persons shall bring personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by the national authority affiliated to World Sailing, or a standards organization, a certification authority, recognized for the purpose by its respective government.

B.1.16. If the Support Boat is equipped with a Kill Cord, the driver shall be connected to it at all times the boat is underway.

B.2. PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

B.2.1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.

B.2.2. Press and spectator boats shall display a flag or other identification symbol as may be required by the Organizing Authority.

B.2.3. The race organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

B.2.4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance of 150 meters outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.

B.2.5. On the water, all press and spectator boats shall bring personal flotation devices for each person aboard which are in good condition and are in accordance with US laws.