



**2017 United States F16 North
American Championship Regatta**

and

F18 and N15 Invitational Regatta

November 2-6, 2017

Organizing Authority Clearwater Sailing Center

Hosted by Clearwater Sailing Center Clearwater Florida

Sponsored by Red Gear Racing



PROVISIONAL NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The International F16, F18 and N15 Catamaran Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. Competitors will be required to wear a properly fastened non-inflatable PFD acceptable by their country of residence at all times while on the water. Use of buoyancy aids will be at the sole risk of competitors; use will not be a protestable event.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats conforming to the F16, F18 and N15 Class Rules.
- 3.2. Each competitor shall be a member of their respective national or continental F16, F18 and N15 class association and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective national or continental class association.
- 3.3. All competitors shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19, which requires that all competitors (helm and crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and

membership details shall be stated on the entry form.

- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing and sending in the entry form at <https://www.regattanetwork.com> and paying the required fee by October 1, 2017.
- 3.5. Late entries will be accepted if accompanied by the late entry fee.
- 3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 3.6.1. Copy of the insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.
 - 3.6.2. Proof of class membership is required only for overseas competitors as per NOR 3.2.
 - 3.6.3. Proof of age for Master Competitors (see NOR 15.3).
 - 3.6.4. Proof of age for Junior Competitors (see NOR 15.4).
- 3.7. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
- 3.8. The entry fee shall be US \$275.00 for double-handed boat and \$225 for singlehanded boat
- 3.9. Late entries received after October 1, 2017 will be charged US \$375.00 and \$325.00 respectively per boat.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Clinic with Red Gear Racing

Registration		
30 October	Monday	From 1100 To 1800
31 October	Tuesday	From 1100 To 1800
1 November	Wednesday	From 1100 To 1800
2 November	Thursday	FREE STARTING CAMP

4.2 Regatta Registration

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2 November	Thursday	From 0800 To 1000

4.3. Social Schedule

Preliminary Social Schedule			
2 November	Thursday	1600	Opening ceremony and competitors' meeting
3 November	Friday	1600	Open night
4 November	Saturday	1700	Class Meeting and beach BBQ
5 November	Sunday	1800	Competitors Dinner

4.4. Dates of Racing

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2 November	Thursday	1300	Practice race
3 November	Friday	1230	Warning signal first race of Day 1
4 November	Saturday	1100	Warning signal first race of Day 2
5 November	Sunday	1100	Warning signal first race of Day 3
6 November	Monday	1030	Warning signal first race of Day 4

- 4.4.1. A maximum of 16 races are scheduled.
- 4.4.2. A maximum of four (4) races per day.
- 4.4.3. Boats can arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center beginning Saturday October 21 without any charge. Storage of boats are available at a charge upon request.

5. MEASUREMENT
 - 5.1. Sails shall have a full sail number and national letter in accordance with the RRS Class Rules and Appendix G.
 - 5.2. All boats must comply with class rules. The organizing authority may at its discretion require boats to be measured to confirm compliance before or during the regatta.
6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 6.1. Final Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.
 - 6.2. Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website on or before October 15, 2017.
7. VENUE
 - 7.1 Races will be held in the waters of Clearwater Bay and/or the Gulf of Mexico.
8. THE COURSES
 - 8.1. A windward-leeward course will be used.
9. PENALTY SYSTEM
 - 9.1. RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. 10.2. Failure of a boat to present a measurement certificate shall not be protestable by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
10. SCORING
 - 10.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 10.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 10.3. When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 10.4. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
11. SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS
 - 11.1. Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the registration period.
 - 11.2. The fee for support boat registration shall be US\$50 which includes mooring/dockage.
 - 11.3. A unique registration number will be assigned to each support boat. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.
 - 11.4. Support boats shall display their national letters on a flag or outboard covers.
 - 11.5. Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.
12. BERTHING

Boats shall be stored overnight on the grounds of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Security will be provided during the regatta. No boat may be stored overnight outside of the grounds of Clearwater Community Sailing Center without prior permission of the Regatta Chair.
13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 14.1. The 2017 Formula 16 National Champion will be awarded to the winner.
- 14.2. The 2017 Formula 16 National Master Champion will be awarded to an entry where the sum of the helm's age plus the crew's age shall be greater than or equal to 85 on the first day of the event.
- 14.3. The 2017 Formula 16 National Juniors Champion will be awarded to an entry with both helm and crew aged 23 or younger on the first day of the event
- 14.4. Overall Prizes will be awarded for each class subject to the number of entries; two divisions may be established (at the discretion of the Organizing Authority) if there are 80 or more entries, then prizes will be awarded in each division.
- 14.5. The 2017 Formula 16 Singlehanded National Championship will be awarded to the winner.
- 14.6. Other spot prizes may be awarded by the Organizing Authority.

15. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the 2017 Formula 16 National Championship AND F18 and N15 INVITATIONAL Regattas, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its 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 him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent. Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and present it at time of Registration.

18. ACCOMMODATIONS

RV's nor camping are allowed at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

HOTELS:

Special group rate will be posted on Clearwater Community Sailing Center Site

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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