



2021 F18 AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP



September 8-12, 2021
Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the Formula 18 Americas Championship Regatta is the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club 7201 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA 90803 on behalf of the United States Formula 18 Class Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions that apply are stated in English NoR Addendum A.
- 1.3. Under rule 86, Changes to The Racing Rules the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rules 35, A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
 - Rule 60.1(a) will be changed to state, that a competitor cannot protest another boat or competitor for breaches for some specific parts of the Sailing Instructions.
 - Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state, that a boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on Sept 1, 2021 and posted in the ABYC website.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at Regatta Network.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the F18 catamaran class conforming to the International Formula 18 Class Rules.
- 4.2. Crew and skipper may be citizens of any country and must be current members of their national F18 Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.regattanetwork.com> and paying the required fee by September 8 at 12:00PM.
- 4.4. In person registrants are still required to register through the online Regatta Network portal.
- 4.5. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.



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5. FEES

5.1. Registration fees are:

Early Registration	\$325	Before 12:00AM PDT April 30, 2021.
Regular Registration	\$375	May 1 – 11:59PM PDT July 31, 2021
Late Registration	\$425	August 1, 2021 and after
Young Team Regular Reg	\$200	Before 11:59PM PDT July 31, 2021
Young Team Late Reg	\$250	August 1, 2021 and after

5.2. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation date	Entry fee refund
Through July 1, 2021	100% less \$50 Administrative fee
July 1- July 31, 2021	100% less \$100 Administrative fee
After July 31, 2021	0%

5.3. If the event is cancelled by the OA, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation date	Entry fee refund
Through July 1, 2021	Full refund
After July 1, 2021	Refund less credit card fees and portion of incurred expenditures (e.g. shirts, trophies, etc.)

5.4. Entry fee includes refreshments after racing each race day, a regatta dinner and a regatta shirt.

5.5. Specify your shirt sizes when registering in regatta Network. Competitors registering after July 31, 2021 may not receive a regatta shirt. For youth registration both helm and crew must be 25 years old or under as of September 8, 2021.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.



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7. BOAT TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY

7.1. Due to the generous support of our sponsors and to encourage people to attend who must travel greater distances this regatta will subsidize competitor's transportation cost as follows:

7.1.1. Greater than 1,250 miles (1,600 km) \$100/boat

7.1.2. Greater than 2,500 miles (3,200 km) \$200/boat

Total transportation subsidy is capped at the lesser of 20% (twenty percent) of gross regatta entry fees or \$2,500.

7.2. Payment will be made after September 8, 2021 based on the following conditions:

7.2.1. If transportation subsidy cap is reached, priority for transportation payment will be based on date of registration payment in full.

7.2.1.1. Boat is physically at venue site and races at least half the days

7.2.1.2. Distance based on google maps calculation between boat owner's permanent residence and the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

7.2.1.3. Paid in U.S. Dollars

8 SCHEDULE

8.1

Container Arrival		
Container arrival prior to	Sept. 2, 2021	Contact event organizer
Thursday	Sept. 2, 2021 or later	Preferred arrival for containers
Registration		
Tuesday	Sept. 7, 2021	From 0900 To 1700
Wednesday	Sept. 8, 2021	From 0900 To 1200

8.2

Measurement and Inspection		
Tuesday	Sept. 7, 2021	From 0900 To 1700 by appointment
Wednesday	Sept. 8, 2021	From 0900 To 1200 by appointment



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8.3

Thursday	Sept. 9, 2021	0930	Competitors Meeting
			Coaches Meeting – Immediately following Competitors Meeting

8.4

Dates of Racing			
Wednesday	September 8, 2021	11:00 13:55	Practice race competitors briefing Distance Practice race first warning
Thursday	September 9, 2021	11:55 18:00	Racing first warning, 4 races scheduled U.S. F18 Class Meeting
Friday	September 10, 2021	11:55	Racing first warning, 4 races scheduled
Saturday	September 11, 2021	11:55 18:00	Racing first warning, 4 races scheduled Regatta Dinner at ABYC
Sunday	September 12, 2021	11:55 15:00 After Racing	Racing first warning, 3 races scheduled No Warning Signal after 1500 Awards Presentation

8.5 A maximum of 15 races are scheduled.

8.6 Additional social events may be added at OA’s discretion.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Boats and crews will be weighed as part of the check-in. If a boat has been weighed at a Worlds or Continental Championship since January 1, 2018 weighing the boat is optional for this event. We will utilize the documented weight from the previous event however the boat will still be subject to equipment and sail inspection which may be done with the mast up.

9.2 All boats shall comply with current F18 Class Rules and Specifications.

9.3 Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

9.4 No primary measurements will be made at the event unless previously arranged with an official F18 Class Measurer. If primary measurement assistance is needed, please contact Trey Sutherland for information regarding measurement for this event at tsunderland1@gmail.com or 704-402-7180 at least one month before the regatta.

9.5 Following each day’s racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with class rules.



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10 VENUE

- 10.1 Races will be held in either; 1) the waters of San Pedro Bay outside the Long Beach Breakwater, or 2) inside the Long Beach Breakwater in the vicinity of the Belmont Pier.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 Windward/leeward with a short reach after the weather mark and a reach from the leeward gate to the finish line or a windward/leeward with a short reach after the weather mark with a downwind finish.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.
- When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT/COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS

- 13.1 Support /spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the registration period.
- 13.2 The fee for support boat registration shall be US\$50 which includes launching, mooring, refreshments after racing each race day and one regatta dinner for one person.
- 13.3 A unique registration number will be assigned to each support boat. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.
- 13.4 Support boats shall display their national letters on a flag or outboard covers.
- 13.5 Supporters are required to monitor the course channel on their VHF radios and be available to assist with safety when requested. Coaches are expected to attend the coaches meeting each morning.
- 13.6 Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.

14 BERTHING

- 14.1 [DP]Boats shall be stored overnight on the public beach in Alamitos Bay adjacent to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Due to power line hazards in and around the Beach Gate area with access to Ocean Blvd, Alamitos Bay Yacht Club will permit access to this area for launching and extracting participant boats at competitor's risk. Signage will be posted in and around this area and also at the check in site. Each boat must have its own trolley.





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14.2 [DP]After each day of racing, all personal belongings shall either be secured within a boat or removed from the beach area; security patrols will not be provided for the beach area and the OA assumes no responsibility for any lost or missing items.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat may be stored overnight on the grounds of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club or anywhere else except the public beach, without prior permission of the Regatta Chair.

16 PARKING AND STORAGE

16.1 [DP]Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on Alamitos Bay Yacht Club grounds is restricted. Off-street parking is available across the street in municipal pay lots.

17.3 [DP]The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the weekend prior to the event until the Wednesday following the event. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is closed on Monday and Tuesday. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10 US per day paid in advance.]

17.4 [DP]Any boat or trailer found on Alamitos Bay Yacht Club property without prior written authorization from Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is subject to impound and associated fees.

18 ELECTRONICS/GPS DEVICES

GPS tracking devices or other electronic instruments that utilize data to determine position, speed or distance to start line are not permitted. This includes wrist watches with GPS capability.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.3 It is recommended (but not required) that all boats have a hand-held VHF radio on board to receive communication from the race committee and to communicate in emergency situations. There will be communications from the RC to the fleets before and during racing over the VHF radio.

19.4 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.

20 SMART PHONE RACE TRACKING

The RaceQs Smart phone tracking system may be utilized for this event which shall be for the sole purpose of entertainment for after race replay and analysis and is optional for competitors. Instructions will be available at registration. It is recommended that competitors have a waterproof pouch for storing their smart phone on their boat. A Smart phone may be on board for race tracking but may not be viewed while racing.



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20. PRIZES

20.1 Prizes for the 2021 F18 Americas Championship

- 20.2.1 The top placing team shall be named the 2021 F18 Americas Champion.
- 20.2.2 Prizes will be award for the top competitors at a ratio of one award per five competitors.
- 20.2.3 The Sandra Tartaglino Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top placing female helmsperson, and if none, to the top placing female crew.
- 20.2.4 A Masters prize will be awarded to the top placing team with one member at least 60 years old and combined ages at least 110 years as of September 8, 2021.
- 20.2.5 A Mixed Team prize will be awarded to the top placing team with one male and one female competitor.
- 20.2.6 A Young Team prize will be awarded to the top placing team with both helm and crew younger than 25 years old as of September 8, 2021.
- 20.2.7 A Classic F18 prize will be awarded to the top placing team racing a F18 without a Decksweeper mainsail with a hull ID number ending in "09" (built in 2009) or earlier. This would include Hobie Tigers, Nacra Infusion MK1, Capricorn and other F18's more than ten years old.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$300,000 USD. Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

23 COVID 19 PANDEMIC

OA reserves the right given guidance from the City of Long Beach Public Health Dept., County of Los Angeles or State of California to cancel the event at any time. All efforts will be made to determine whether cancellation is required by June 30, 2021. Competitors will be required to follow club guidelines regarding masks, being in good health and competing at their own risk

24 BOATS AND CHARTERS

- 24.1 This event is a Bring-Your-Own Boat regatta to be sailed on Formula 18 catamarans.
- 24.2 The OA will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats. It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all charter boat costs, insurance and logistics.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.



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Event Chair: Eileen Haubl ehaubl@aol.com 949-309-7013

PRO: To be determined by OA

Chief Judge: Kim Kymlicka

26 Sponsors

26.1 The regatta would not be possible without the support of all our sponsors.



Mission Bay Yacht Club
Multihull Fleet



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NoR Addendum A

Rule 60.3 After rule 60.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:
(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;

Rule 61 Add at the end of rule 61

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress
US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:
(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 88.2 After rule 88.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, rule 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.

Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests

Replace World Sailing Appendix R with Appendix R