



Formula 18 Americas Championship 2024

September 23-27, 2024

Richmond Yacht Club
on San Francisco Bay, California

NOTICE OF RACE

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Abbreviations			
IF18CA	International Formula 18 Class Association	NoR	Notice of Race
NCA	National Class Association	RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Organizing Authority is Richmond Yacht Club on behalf of the US Formula 18 Class Association (USF18).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions, if any, will be posted at the official notice board.
- 1.3 Chartered boats shall carry the national letters of the chartering team.
- 1.4 If an International Jury is impaneled, decisions of the jury will be final, as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.5 Add new rule 41(e): help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member that has been separated from their boat, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be made available on the event website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27264>) by September 18th.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the event website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27264>). Notices may also be posted outside the RYC race office.
- 3.2 All boats are strongly encouraged to 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 over the VHF radio from the RC to the Fleet, before and during racing.
- 3.3 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 A boat shall enter the regatta via the entry form on the event website. (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27264>) and pay the appropriate entry fee. The entry form must be filled in completely. No other forms will be accepted.
- 4.2 Entries will be official only after the Organizing Authority has confirmed that it has received payment of the appropriate entry fee and all required documents.

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

- (a) a copy of valid Measurement Certificate(s) or World Sailing (ISAF) plaque number to access the International F18 Certificate Database
- (b) proof of class membership
- (c) proof of age for Junior and Master Competitors as per NoR 16.2.
- (d) for competitors under 18 years of age, a completed and signed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form. The form can be downloaded from the event website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27264>)
- (e) a copy of valid insurance certificate (see NoR 18)

5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entries with confirmed payment:

Fee Type	Start Date	End Date	Fee
Early Entry	Jan 1, 2024	Apr 30, 2024	\$ 375
Regular Entry	May 1, 2024	Jul 31, 2024	\$ 425
Late Entry	Aug 1, 2024	Sep 23, 2024	\$ 500
Young Team (1)	Jan 1, 2024	Sep 23, 2024	Deduct \$100

(1) Young Team defined as both helm and crew under 25 years of age as of Jan 1, 2024 (born after December 31, 1999)

5.2 The entry fee shall be paid via the online entry form on the event website. The Organizing Authority will be authorized to collect the entry fee electronically.

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

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through June 30, 2024	100% less \$50 Administrative Fee
July 1 – August 15, 2024	100% less \$100 Administrative Fee
After August 15, 2024	No refund

5.4 Two Social Passes will be included with each entry (see “Additional Information”).

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 [DP] Competing boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor as provided by the Organizing Authority. Boats may also be required to display identification numbers. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

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

7 COMPETITION FORMAT

Competitors will race together in one fleet and there will be no qualifying series.





8 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Program
Fri, Sep 20	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration & equipment inspection by appointment
Sat, Sep 21	All Day	RYC Multihull Invitational Regatta*
Sun, Sep 22	All Day	RYC Multihull Invitational Regatta*
	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration & equipment inspection by appointment
Mon, Sep 23	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration & equipment inspection by appointment
	6:00 pm	Opening Ceremony, Competitor’s Briefing, and BBQ
Tue, Sep 24	11:00 am	1 st warning signal of the day – 4 races scheduled
	After races	Post racing snacks
	5:00 pm	F18 Class Meeting
Wed, Sep 25	11:00 am	1 st warning signal of the day – 4 races scheduled
	After races	Post racing snacks
Thu, Sep 26	11:00 am	1 st warning signal of the day – 4 races scheduled
	6:00pm	Regatta Dinner
Fri, Sep 27	11:00 am	1 st warning signal of the day – 3 races scheduled
	3:00 pm	No warning signal after this time
	After races	Prize giving ceremony and reception

*RYC Multihull Invitational Regatta requires separate registration and entry fee. Visit <https://www.richmondyc.org/on-the-water/racing> to register.

- 8.1 Fifteen (15) races are scheduled, excluding any practice race.
- 8.2 There will be a maximum of four (4) races per day and maximum of three (3) races on the final day.





- 8.3** When more than one race is 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.
- 8.4** On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm, except as a consequence of a general recall.

9 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1** All boats and crews will be weighed as part of the check-in by appointment. Appointments may be scheduled beginning on September 10th using a process announced on the event website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27264>)
- 9.2** Measurement checks may be conducted anytime during the regatta as directed by the Organizing Authority or Chief Measurer.
- 9.3** No primary measurements will be made at the event unless it is agreed between a competitor and an official F18 Class Measurer.
- 9.4** A list of official F18 Class Measurers is available on-line at:
<http://certificate.f18-international.org/measurers>
- 9.5** If primary measurement assistance is needed contact Trey Sutherland, US Chief Measurer at tsunderland1@gmail.com or 704-402-7180 at least one month before the regatta.

10 VENUE

- 10.1** All shoreside activities will take place at Richmond Yacht Club.
- 10.2** Racing will occur on the Southampton Shoal, Olympic Circle, or Keller Cove.
(see NoR Addendum A)

11 COURSES

The courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Windward /leeward or trapezoid courses may be used. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 (a)** When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b)** When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst excludable score.
- (c)** When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst excludable scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]

- 13.1** All support person (see RRS Definition "Support Person") vessels shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and shall be required to comply with local legislation and event support person vessel regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations at its sole discretion.
- 13.2** Support person vessels will be required to pay an entry fee that will include one social pass, as well as their boat berth. The support boat entry fee is \$100.
- 13.3** Support person vessels monitor the VHF safety channel at all times and to undertake safety duties at the direction of the race committee. The safety VHF channel radio frequency will be made available at registration.





- 13.4** Support person vessels and their crew shall stay at least 150 meters away from all boats racing and must stay outside the lay lines for both upwind and downwind legs.
- 13.5** 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. The driver shall always use a engine cut off switch (kill cord).
- 13.6** Support person vessels shall clearly display the three (3) letter national code of the World Sailing Member National Authority or their national flag at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and the letters shall be visible from both sides of the vessel.

14 BOAT TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY

- 14.1** Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, and to encourage teams to travel greater distances to attend, this regatta will subsidize competitor's transportation cost as follows:
- Travel greater than 1,500 miles = \$100 • Travel greater than 2,000 miles = \$150
 - Travel greater than 2,500 miles = \$200
- 14.2** Payment will be distributed at the awards ceremony on September 27, 2024, based on the following conditions:
- Boat is physically at venue site, and races at least half the days.
 - Distance based on google maps calculation between boat owner's permanent residence and Richmond Yacht Club, California.
 - Paid in U.S. Dollars.
 - If the transportation subsidy cap of \$2,000 is reached, priority for transportation payment will be based on the date regatta entry fee is paid in full.

15 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 15.1** Boats, trailers, and gear shall be kept in their assigned places from the time of arrival at RYC until departure.
- 15.2** Boats and trailers may arrive at RYC beginning on September 16, 2024 unless previously arranged with the OA.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1** The regatta winners will be awarded the title "2024 Formula 18 Americas Champions".
- 16.2** Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
- Overall (subject to entry numbers)
 - Mixed Team (Male and Female crew)
 - Female Helm (Sandra Tartaglino Perpetual Trophy)
 - Master – both crew shall be over 49 years of age (born before 1st January 1975)
 - Youth – both crew shall be under 23 years of age (born after 31st December 2001)
 - Family (father/son, mother/daughter, brothers, sisters, excludes mixed teams)
 - Steve Piche Perseverance Trophy

17 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, prior to, during, or after this event.



18 INSURANCE

Each boat and each support person vessel shall be insured for third-party liability with a minimum coverage of \$300,00 per incident, or the equivalent thereof.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRIC EQUIPEMENT

19.1 By participating in the event each competitor automatically grants 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 and their equipment during the period of the competition, without compensation.

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

19.3 Cameras, if required by NoR 19.2, must be located no further forward than the end of the spinnaker pole.

19.4 The top three ranked competitors, as well as individual race winners, may be required to attend daily media press conferences.

19.5 Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the event.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Co-Chair: Gene Harris	510-612-2036	gene@pedrick.org
Event Co-Chair: Adam Corpuz-Lahne	808-349-2149	aclahne@gmail.com



ADDENDUM "A"



*****END NOTICE OF RACE*****



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CHARTER BOATS

The following are points of contact for charter boats:

Jill Nickerson (Red Gear Racing) funinthesunweb@gmail.com or (727)-793-8743

Peter Curran (Nor Cal Fleet Rep) pedromachine89@gmail.com

PRE-EVENT TRAINING CLINIC

Red Gear Racing (<https://www.redgearracing.com>) is offering a clinic for sailors interested in improving their racing skills. Sailors may choose to sail the full 3-day clinic (September 18-20) or sail one day only (September 20). Please make reservations by contacting Jill Nickerson at funinthesunweb@gmail.com or (727)-793-8743. See below for clinic fees.

Clinic Fees	Start Date	End Date	1-Day	3-Days
Early Registration	Jan 1, 2024	Apr 30, 2024	\$295	\$795
Regular Registration	May 1, 2024	July 31, 2024	\$325	\$875
Late Registration	Aug 1, 2024	Sept 18, 2024	\$395	\$1085
Youth Team	Jan 1, 2024	Sept 18, 2024	-\$25	-\$75

ARRIVAL

In order to ensure that everyone's visit to RYC is as seamless as possible, all sailors are requested to communicate with event co-chair Adam Corpuz-Lahne to coordinate their arrival to RYC and their planned departure. Boats arriving prior to September 16th **will be charged a storage fee of \$30/day, and must receive prior approval.**

LODGING

Hotel Mac 3 minute drive from RYC.

SureStay Plus 5 minute drive from RYC

Extended Stay America 12 minute drive to RYC (across I580 bridge)

There are many Airbnb and VRBO options available in Point Richmond.

Limited RV Parking may be available at RYC. Contact event co-chair Gene Harris for more info.

CHANDLERIES

Easom Rigging 2 minute walk from RYC

Svendsen's Marine and Industrial Supply 5 minute drive from RYC

KKMI 5 minute drive from RYC

Whale Point Marine and Hardware 5 minute drive from RYC

RYC BAR AND GALLEY

RYC is a cashless club. You may use a credit card or apple pay to purchase items from the bar and galley.

The bar will be open all days of the regatta, except September 24th, and closes around 9:00pm. The galley is open for dinner on Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun

SOCIAL PASSES

Each registered team will receive two social passes as part of their entry. These will be used for the Welcome BBQ, post racing snacks on Tuesday and Wednesday, Gala Dinner on Thursday, and post racing snacks on Friday. Additional social passes may be purchased on the event website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27264>).

