



**Corpus Christi Texas, USA
Organizing Authority
and
the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association
present
2014 International Formula 18 National Championship Regatta
19-24 October 2014**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The International Formula 18 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 USCG-approved personal flotation device at all times while on the water except while changing clothes.

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 of the Formula 18 Catamaran Association.
- 3.2. Each competitor shall be member of 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 the online entry form at <http://www.regattanetwork.com> and paying the required fee by October 3, 2014.
- 3.5. Late entries will be accepted if accompanied by the late entry fee until October 15, 2014. Thereafter entries may only be made in person during on-site registration (see NOR 5.2).
- 3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 3.6.1. A copy of a valid measurement certificate.
 - 3.6.2. Copy of the insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.
 - 3.6.3. Proof of membership as per NOR 3.2.

- 3.6.4. Proof of age for Master Competitors (see NOR 15.3).
 3.6.5. Proof of age for Junior Competitors (see NOR 15.4).
 3.6.6. Proof of Insurance as per NOR 17.
- 3.7. Boats may be required to carry a tracking device with tracking enabled at all times during the race, which shall be used for the sole purpose of entertainment for after-race replay and analysis. Tracking devices shall be supplied via the Organizing Authority.
- 3.8. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be US\$300.00 per boat.
 4.2. Late entries received after October 3, 2014 will be charged US\$400 per boat.
 4.3. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation date	Entry fee refund
Until October 3, 2014	100% less US\$10
From October 3 to October 15th	50% less US\$10
After October 15th	0%

4.4. Registration

Registration		
17 October	Friday	From 1000 To 1800
18 October	Saturday	From 0900 To 1800
19 October	Sunday	From 0900 To 1500

4.5. Measurement and Inspection

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17 October	Friday	From 1000 To 1800
18 October	Saturday	From 0900 To 1800
19 October	Sunday	From 0900 To 1500

4.6. Social Schedule

Preliminary Social Schedule			
19 October	Sunday	1800	Opening ceremony and competitors' meeting-CCYC
20 October	Monday		tbd
21 October	Tuesday		tbd
22 October	Wednesday		CCYC
23 October	Thursday		tbd
24 October	Friday	1900	Closing ceremony and prize giving dinner

4.7. Dates of Racing

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19 October	Sunday	1355	Practice Races
20 October	Monday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 1
21 October	Tuesday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 2
22 October	Wednesday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 3
23 October	Thursday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 4
24 October	Friday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 5

- 4.7.1. A maximum of 15 races are scheduled.
 4.7.2. A maximum of four (4) races per day.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and present it at time of Registration.
- 5.2. A limited number of fundamental measurements may be available on an appointment basis only.
- 5.3. Sails shall have the full sail number and national letters in accordance with the Class Rules and Appendix G.
- 5.4. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 5.5. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with class rules.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Final Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.
- 6.2. Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on the Corpus Christi Yacht Club website: www.ccy.com and the United States Formula 18 Association website: www.usf18.com on or before 15 September 2014.

7. VENUE

Races will be held in the waters of Corpus Christi Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. A windward-leeward course will be used.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

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 score.

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. Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be stored overnight on McGee Beach. Security will be provided during the regatta. No boat may be stored overnight outside of the grounds of McGee Beach 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 2014 US F18 Nationals Champion will be awarded to the top finishing US entry.
- 14.2. The 2014 Masters 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 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 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. Other spot prizes may be awarded by the Organizing Authority.

15. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the 2014 F18 Nationals, 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 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Helpful links:

Corpus Christi Yacht Club: www.ccy.com

United States Formula 18 Association: www.usf18.com

Emerald Beach Hotel: www.hotelemeraldbeacyh.com