



**Corpus Christi Yacht Club**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas, USA**  
**Organizing Authority**  
**and**  
**the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association**

**2014 US F18 National Championship Regatta**

**19-24 October 2014**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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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 Formula 18 Catamaran Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs on the Lanai at Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC), 98 Coopers Alley, Corpus Christi, TX, 78401.
- 2.2 The race office is located upstairs on the Lanai at CCYC.
- 2.3 The race office is open from 0900 to 1800 or 30 minutes after the protest time limit, unless extended at the discretion of the Jury.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before the protest time limit or 2000, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE and COURSE AREA**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at CCYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals, AP.

**5 REGISTRATION/MEASUREMENT/INSPECTION**

- 5.1 Competitors shall register at the race office and complete all required registration, measurement, and inspection formalities before racing.
- 5.2 Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment to be used in the championship, rigged and with the sail de-rigged, ready for the inspection.
- 5.3 Registration will take place at CCYC on the Lanai at the following times:
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| Friday   | 17 Oct 1000 to 1800 |
| Saturday | 18 Oct 0900 to 1800 |
| Sunday   | 19 Oct 0900 to 1500 |
- 5.4 Measurement/Inspection will take place at Emerald Beach Hotel at the following times:
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| Friday   | 17 Oct 1000 to 1800 |
| Saturday | 18 Oct 0900 to 1800 |
| Sunday   | 19 Oct 0900 to 1500 |
- 5.5 Measurement/Inspection at other times will be possible only at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of \$50.
- 5.6 Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, Race Committee (RC) or Jury.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

## 6.1 Dates and times of Racing

Dates of Racing			
19 October	Sunday	1355	Warning signal Practice starts and race
20 October	Monday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 1, more races to follow.
21 October	Tuesday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 2, more races to follow.
22 October	Wednesday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 3, more races to follow.
23 October	Thursday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 4, more races to follow.
24 October	Friday	1055	Warning signal first race of Day 5, more races to follow.

- 6.2 All times are shown as Central Standard Time.
- 6.3 A maximum of 18 races are scheduled.
- 6.4 A maximum of four (4) races per day.
- 6.5 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.6 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on the last day of the regatta.

**7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be approximately 1 mile East of McGee Beach in Corpus Christi Bay.

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to mark A.
- 8.3 The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark or a gate only if at least 2 full legs have been sailed. This changes rule 32.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2<sub>s</sub> and 2<sub>p</sub> will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Mark 1A will be an orange inflatable sphere.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be race committee boats displaying orange line flags.

**10 THE START**

- 10.1 The class flag will be pink F18 insignia with a white background.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start 'DNS' without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

**11 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**12 ABANDONING A RACE**

Under rule 32.1, the RC may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots as measured by the RC. A boat shall not request redress because of an action or lack of action by the RC under this SI. This changes rule 60.1(b).

**13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat, except when rule 32.2 (shortened course) applies.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM****14.1 Penalties at the time of the incident**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing."

**14.2 Penalties taken after a race**

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the Jury in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

The Post-Race Penalty shall be:

- (a) 20% if taken before the protest time limit, or
- (b) 30% if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

**15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 Time limits are as follows:

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
120 minutes	30 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS NOT YET REVIEWED;**

16.1 Forms for filing protests, redress requests and scoring inquiries are available at the race office.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC finish boat docks. This time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 Protest, redress requests and requests to reopen hearings shall be in writing and delivered to the race office within the appropriate time limit.

16.4 Notices of protests by the RC or Jury will be posted before the end of the protest time limit to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located upstairs in the CCYC Library, beginning at the time posted.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for a reopening of a hearing shall be delivered:

- within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- If no racing has taken place on that day, no later than 30 minutes after 'AP over A' is displayed ashore.

This changes rule 66.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16.8 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 19, 20, 23, 25, or 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.9 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the race office.

16.10 Measurement protests will only be accepted from either the RC or Jury. This changes rule 60.1(a).

16.11 For any measurement protest, the Jury may apply an alternative penalty in lieu of disqualification.

16.12 The Jury will not consider claims for damages arising from incidents involving boats bound by the rules.

**17 ARBITRATION PROCEDURE – SEE ATTACHMENT B****18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When from five (5) to ten 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 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.
- 18.5 This changes Appendix A Scoring.

**19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear, while racing (other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing), a properly fastened non-inflatable US Coast Guard approved (or approved by the equivalent authority of the competitor's home country) PFD. This changes the US Sailing Prescription to rule 40.
- 19.2 Check-in Procedures: Before the warning signal for her first race each day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack, hail her sail number and obtain the acknowledgment of the RC.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area or, if that is not practicable, notify a regatta official at the race office immediately upon arriving ashore.

**20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Jury.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Jury at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.3 Competitors shall use only equipment that was identified during measurement/inspection.
- 20.4 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta measurer. If the damage occurs less than 2 hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional oral permission shall be obtained from the regatta measurer or the Jury and the written permission of the regatta measurer shall be applied for before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day on which the substitution takes place.

**21 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA.

**22 EQUIPMENT OR MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**23 EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 23.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the class rules.
- 23.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

**24 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

RC Boats	Blue flag marked with white 'RC' and red anchor
Support Boats	Yellow or Blue flag marked with 'RC' and red anchor
Judges Boat	White flag marked with letter "J"

**25 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 25.1 Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the race office during the registration period and submit the names and sail numbers of the competitors they are supporting.
- 25.2 The fee for support boat registration is US\$50, which includes mooring.
- 25.3 Each support/coach/spectator boat shall be clearly identified with a numbered sticker issued by the OA. No other individual support boats shall be used. The registration number shall be visible at all times while on the water.
- 25.4 It is required that each support/coach/spectator boat carries a VHF radio and shall monitor the designated RC VHF channel and a mobile phone. Traffic permitting, the RC intends to use VHF channel 72 and this will be confirmed at the competitors meeting.
- 25.5 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents, spectators and other support personnel (support/coach/spectator boats) shall stay more than 150 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and completely outside the area bounded by marks A, 1A, 2<sub>s</sub>, 2<sub>p</sub> and the start and finish lines from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment. When boats are finishing, support/coach/spectator boats shall stay more than 100 meters outside and to windward of the starboard end of the finish line until all boats have finished.
- Note: To be certain of not breaking this instruction, support/coach/spectator boats are advised to anchor at least 150 meters outside the starboard end and below the extension of the start line.
- 25.6 If a support/coach/spectator boat does not comply with instruction 26.3 or 26.5, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Jury to some or all associated competitors. Such penalty may include restrictions on the location and movement of their coach/support boat.

**26 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 26.1 Trash may be placed aboard any support or official boats.
- 26.2 The penalty for breaking rule 55 may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

**27 BERTHING**

Boats shall be stored overnight on McGee Beach or the Emerald Beach Hotel grounds. Security will be provided during the regatta. No boat may be stored overnight outside of McGee Beach or the Emerald Beach Hotel grounds without prior permission of the regatta chair.

**28 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 any electronic device.

**29 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 29.1 The 2014 US F18 National Champion will be awarded to the top finishing US entry.
- 29.2 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.
- 29.3 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
- 29.4 Overall Prizes will be awarded subject to the number of entries.
- 29.5 Other prizes may be awarded by the OA.

**30 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

**31 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.

**32 INSURANCE**

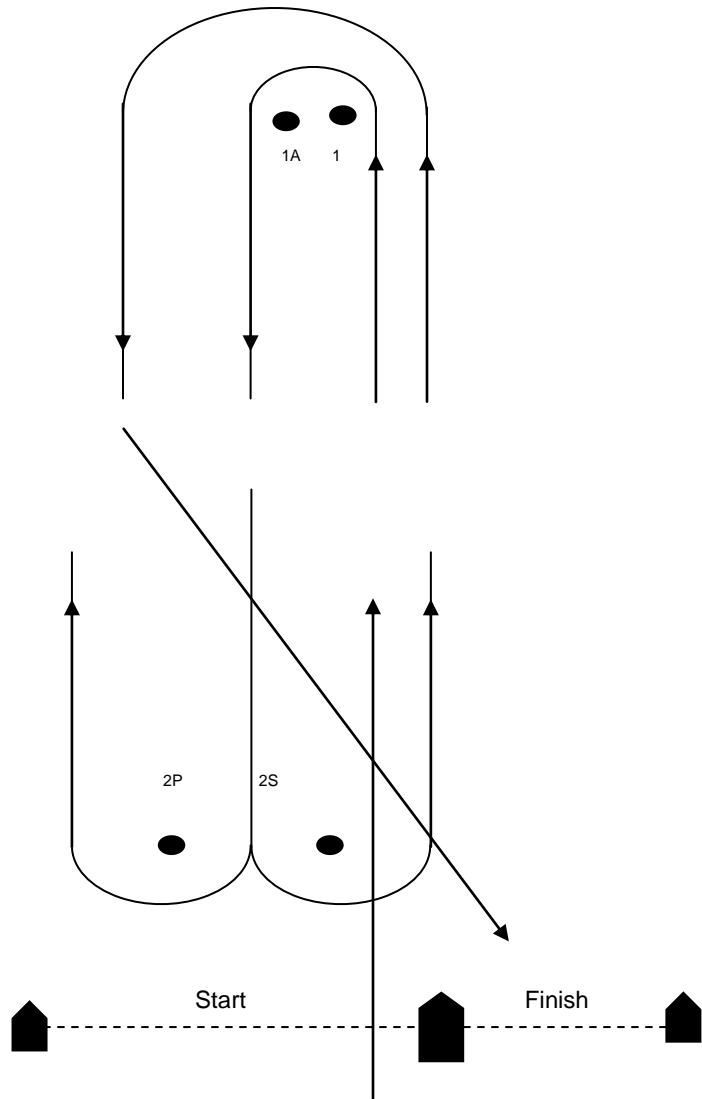
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$100,000.00 per event or the equivalent. Each boat shall have proof of insurance coverage and present it at time of registration.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Course**

**Windward-Leeward Course**

Start – 1-1A – 2S/2P – 1-1A – Finish





## ATTACHMENT B

### Arbitration

#### B1: PROTEST ARBITRATION

- a) An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- b) Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the Jury is likely to decide:
  - (1) the protest is invalid,
  - (2) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule,
  - (3) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- c) A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty as provided above. However, the 20% penalty is available only until the protest time limit or the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During the meeting, a boat may take a 30% penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
- d) If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the Jury in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.