



2017 Formula 18 Americas Championship



Hosted by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC), Long Beach CA

September 5-9, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority will be the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA. and USF18.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply except the prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 67 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress – US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
 - 1.2.2. RRS 67 – Damages – 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 Appeals 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.
 - 1.2.3. RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors – 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 the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Regatta is open to all boats of the Formula 18 Catamaran Association. All competitors shall be current members of their respective National Formula 18 Catamaran Associations or members of the International Formula 18 Class Association when there is no National Association in their country.
- 3.2. Competitors must be members of their respective National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations.
- 3.3. Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall complete a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration which can be downloaded from the event



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site. Declaration forms, which must be signed by a Parent/ Guardian, can be handed in at registration.

- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at Regattanetwork.com and paying the required fee as detailed in NOR 4.
- 3.5. Entries are limited to 120 boats. If required, a waiting list will be established.
- 3.6. The following documents shall be provided at the time of on-site check-in:
 - 3.6.1. A copy of a valid measurement certificate.
 - 3.6.2. A copy of the current insurance certificate including the terms of insurance.
 - 3.6.3. Proof of class membership as per NOR 3.2.
 - 3.6.4. Proof of age for Masters or Junior competition as per NOR 14.
 - 3.6.5. Parent/Guardian Declarations if required per NOR 3.3
- 3.7. A 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. The tracking system to be utilized will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. Competitors shall have a water proof pouch for storing their smart phone in their life jacket. [DP]

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be \$350 USD per boat prior to May 6, 2017
- 4.2. The entry fee shall be \$375 USD per boat from May 6, 2017 to August 6, 2017
- 4.3. The entry fee shall be \$400 per boat from August 7 to September 6, 2017
- 4.4. The entry fee shall be paid by credit card online at the time of registration. Online registration is available at regatta network.
- 4.5. Cancellation & refunds:
 - 4.5.1. On or Before July 1st – 80% reimbursement
 - 4.5.2. After July 1st – No reimbursement
- 4.6. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed on-line, all fees paid and all appropriate documents having been accepted by the host club prior to the event.
- 4.7. A \$15 administration fee shall be payable to USF18 for any entrants who have not completed class membership by August 25, 2017.

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. With 80 or fewer boats registered, the regatta will consist of a single fleet and race a championship series.
- 5.2. With more than 80 boats registered the regatta will consist of a qualifying races and a championship series with a gold and silver fleet.
 - 5.2.1. For the qualifying races the competitors will be divided in four fleets that will race each other an equal number of times.
 - 5.2.2. For the qualification races, competitors will be seeded into groups based on results in previous North American Championships and other relevant regatta results.
 - 5.2.3. A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute the qualification races.
 - 5.2.4. After the qualification races is completed, competitors will be divided into two parts, the first half entering the Gold fleet and the second half entering the Silver fleet. In case of odd entry numbers, Gold fleet will gather one more competitor than Silver fleet.
 - 5.2.5. Scores from the qualification races roll over to the Gold and Silver fleet races.
 - 5.2.6. In awarding trophies, Gold fleet competitors will be placed above Silver fleet competitors.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration/Competitor Check in



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- 6.1.1. Monday September 4, 2017 from 10:00 to 15:00
- 6.1.2. Tuesday September 5, 2017 from 10:00 to 15:00
- 6.2. Boat and crew weight inspection
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 - 6.2.2. Tuesday September 5, 2017 from 10:00 to 15:00
- 6.3. Racing
 - 6.3.1. Practice races - Competitors may participate by entering the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Labor Day Regatta on September 2-3, 2017. NOR and on-line registration will be available at www.abyc.org. Typically 4 races will be held on Saturday and 3 races on Sunday. Competitors meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday and first race starts at noon both days.
 - 6.3.2. Competitors meeting Wednesday September 6, 2016 at 10:00 am
 - 6.3.3. Racing
 - 6.3.3.1. Wednesday, September 6th warning signal first race of Day 1, 12:00pm
 - 6.3.3.2. Thursday, September 7th warning signal first race of Day 2, 12:00pm
 - 6.3.3.3. Friday, September 8th warning signal first race of Day 3, 12:00pm
 - 6.3.3.4. Saturday, September 9th warning signal first race of Day 4, 12:00pm
 - 6.3.3.5. Saturday, September 9th no warning signal shall be made after 4:00 pm, except as a consequence of a General Recall.
 - 6.3.3.6. A maximum of twenty (20) races are scheduled
 - 6.3.3.7. A maximum of five (5) races per day are scheduled.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Equipment inspection and boat weighing will be held at the event location.
- 7.2. Each boat shall present valid measurement certificates at time of Registration.
- 7.3. No fundamental measurement will be done on regatta site during registration days.
- 7.4. Sailors who need fundamental measurement must make their own arrangements prior to the Championship.
- 7.5. Boats may be subject to further inspections at any time during the regatta.
- 7.6. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and the Technical Committee.
- 7.7. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with Class Rules and crew subject to weighing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

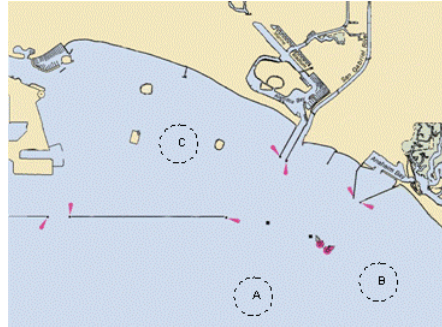
- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available online at ABYC.org and at on-site at check in.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The regatta office and launch facility will be located at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and the adjacent beach to the west on the bay side. ABYC street address is 7201 East Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, California 90803, USA.
- 9.2. The regatta will be sailed in San Pedro Bay and adjacent waters. There are three options for sailing areas approximately as shown:



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Alpha Course - Open Ocean outside and south of the Long Beach Breakwater

Bravo Course - Open Ocean off Seal Beach

Charlie Course - Inside the Long Beach Breakwater between the two oil islands

- 9.3. The Race Committee will select the course to utilize based on the forecast wind conditions. The intent is to sail two days inside the breakwater (Charlie course) and two days in the open ocean (either Alpha or Bravo course).

10. BOAT AND TRAILER BERTHING

- 10.1. Empty boat trailers shall be parked in the assigned area of the City of Long Beach parking lot.
- 10.2. Boats must park in the allowed area on the beach during the event
- 10.3. Boats are encouraged to fly their state flag for US competitors or country flag for international competitors when stored on the beach. A raffle prize will be conducted amongst all the boats flying their country or state flag.
- 10.4. Boats must be removed from ABYC and the beach area by Sunday evening, September 10, 2017 unless special arrangements are made in advance with the Regatta Chairperson.

11. COURSE

- 11.1. A windward-leeward course will be utilized. At the discretion of the organizing authority, a distance race maybe included in the series and scoring.

12. PENALTY SYSTEMS

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

13. SCORING

- 13.1. If a qualifying race than One (1) championship race is required to be completed to constitute a series, otherwise Three (3) championship races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. If a qualification race is held, a boat's final score will be the sum of her score in the qualification races and the championship series.
- 13.3. When fewer than five (5) races per boat (either qualifying or championship) have been completed, a boat's championship series and qualifying races score will be the total of her championship race scores.
- 13.4. When five (5) to ten (10) races per boat have been completed, a boat's championship series score will be the total of her championship and qualifying race scores excluding her worst score from either the championship series or qualifying races.
- 13.5. When more than ten (10) races per boat have been completed, a boat's championship series score will be the total of her championship and qualifying race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores from either the championship series or qualifying races.
- 13.6. During the qualification series, rules 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that a boat's score is based on the combined number of boats in the two largest groups.



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13.7. During the championship series, rules 30.2, 44.3(c), and A4.2 are changed so that a boat's score is based on the number of boats in her fleet.

14. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

14.1. While practicing for or racing in competition, each boat must carry for each competitor aboard, either a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFD) while on the water except for brief periods while changing or removing clothing. The PFD shall be the appropriate size for the sailor. [DP]

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1. 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. [DP]

15.2. The Race Committee will make use of VHF radios to keep sailors informed of Start Times, On Course Side (OCS), Postponements and other information regarding the racing.

16. PRIZES

16.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

16.1.1. The 2017 Formula 18 Americas Champion title will be awarded to the top finishing entry.

16.1.2. The 2017 Americas Formula 18 Masters Champion title will be awarded to the top finishing entry where one crew member is greater than 60 and the sum of the crew ages shall be greater than 100 on the first day of competition.

16.1.3. The 2017 Americas Formula 18 Youth Champion title will be awarded to the top finishing entry where both crew members are age 23 or younger on the first day of competition.

16.1.4. The 2017 Americas Formula 18 Mixed Champion title will be awarded to the top finishing entry consisting of one male and one female crew.

16.1.5. The 2017 Americas Formula 18 Women's Champion title will be awarded to the top finishing entry consisting of both female helm and crew.

16.1.6. The 2017 Americas Formula 18 Top Rookie prize goes to the highest placed team where neither crew member has previously participated in a US Nationals, North American Championship or World Championship, and neither crew is a professional sailor, and has not received any other of the above prizes.

16.1.7. The 2017 Americas Formula 18 Most Improved Team prize goes to the team that has not received any other of the above prizes and who has the most improved score when comparing the first three races versus the final three races in either the qualifying or championship series. The regatta must have consisted of a minimum of six races (qualifying and championship) and the team must have competed in each of the six races. No throw-outs will be computed for the purpose of this prize.

16.1.8. Overall number of prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

17.1. By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, 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.



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18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, including coverage when racing at the venue of the Championship, with minimum coverage of US\$100,000 liability or the equivalent. This document shall be in the English language.

20. CONTAINERS AND SHIPPED BOATS

- 20.1. Containers or truck shipments may be schedule to arrive at ABYC, coordinate with the regatta chairperson.
- 20.2. All containers or truck shipments must depart the ABYC venue no later than Tuesday, September 12 unless prior arrangements have been made with the Regatta Chairperson.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Coach or support boats must register with ABYC and pay a fee of \$25.
- 21.2. Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.3. During the starting sequence, support boats shall stay at least 50 yards below the starting line and its extensions.

22. CHARTER BOATS

- 22.1. If you desire a Goodall C2 charter boat contact: Jill Nickerson funinthesunweb@gmail.com
- 22.2. If you desire a Nacra Infusion charter boat contact: Todd Ricardi Todd@Nacrasailing.com
- 22.3. If you are interested in a local private boat charter contact: steve.stroebel@cox.net or 619-987-4630 prior to May 15, 2017.

23. PARKING AND CAMPING

- 23.1. Parking is limited at ABYC so please plan to limit vehicles parked in the ABYC area.
- 23.2. Free parking passes will be provided by ABYC for the City of Long Beach parking lot across from ABYC.
- 23.3. The City of Long Beach parking area is closed at night and no vehicles may be parked over night.
- 23.4. No camping or RV's are permitted on the beach or the adjacent area. Limited RV's may be permitted in the ABYC parking lot over night.

24. HOUSING/CAMPING

- 24.1. Limited local housing may be available through the Regatta Chairperson
- 24.2. There are many hotel/motel options within a short driving distance of ABYC. Search your travel reservation sites (Expedia.com, Bookings.com, Trivago, etc) for "Long Beach, CA". A list of local hotels is available at ABYC.org
- 24.3. There may be vacation rentals or rooms available within walking/biking distance of ABYC. Search the web (Airbnb.com, etc) looking for "Long Beach Belmont Shore, CA".
- 24.4. The closest camping/RV facility is at Bolsa Chica State Park or Downtown Long Beach CA

25. AIRPORTS

- 25.1. Long Beach Airport (LGB) – Closest airport to venue site; 8 miles away; about 15- 20 minutes by car
- 25.2. John Wayne Orange County Airport (SNA) – 20 miles away; about 30-40 min by car



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25.3. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) – 26 miles away; about 30 – 45 min by car

26. CREW ASSISTANCE

26.1. If you would like assistance in finding a local crew or skipper to Sail the Championships and/or the Labor Day Regatta contact: Steve.Stroebe@cox.net

27. FURTHER INFORMATION

27.1. For further information please contact: Regatta Chairperson: Eileen Haubl, 949-309-7013; ehaubl@aol.com

We wish you a great 2017 Americas F18 Championship!

Thank you to our Sponsors,

