



2022 F18 Worlds Winter Racing Series

January, February, March, April 2022

Clearwater Beach, Florida, USA

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NOTICE OF RACE

NOR Date: January 02, 2022



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

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[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 Red Gear Racing (RGR).

COVID-19 NOTICE: The Organizing Authority is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in these events. The regatta will occur as scheduled, though COVID-19 may require format changes. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers’ meetings or awards parties may be held virtually or in new locations, specific launching and docking instructions may be issued, and similar adaptations may be made in full communication with the competitors. The Organizing Authority will follow all applicable government regulations and prudent best practices to mitigate any possible health risks; and we ask you to do the same for yourself and your fellow competitors.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing Prescriptions RRS 60.3 (Right to Request Redress), 61.4 (Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress), 67 (Damages), 70.5 (a) (No Appeal), and 76.1 (Exclusion of Competitors) will apply. No other US Prescriptions will apply. US Prescriptions are viewable at:
- 1.3 <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf> Chartered boats shall carry the national letters of the crew.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final, as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.6 Arbitration, as described in RRS appendix T, will be used as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

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



3 ENTRY

- 3.1 A boat shall enter the regatta by contacting RGR. The entry form must be filled in completely. No other forms will be accepted.
- 3.2 Entries will be official only after the Organizing Authority has confirmed that it has received payment of the appropriate entry fee.
- 3.3 The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 3.3.1 a copy of a valid measurement Certificate
 - 3.3.1.1 Valid measurement Certificates should be uploaded to the registration site where indicated.
 - 3.3.2 Proof of class membership
 - 3.3.3 Proof of age for Junior and Master Competitors as per NoR 15.1.
 - 3.3.4 For competitors under 18 years of age, a completed and signed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form.
 - 3.3.4.1 Completed consent forms should be mailed to RGR.
 - 3.3.5 A Copy of valid insurance certificate.
 - 3.3.5.1 Insurance certificate should be uploaded to the registration site where indicated.

4 ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entries with confirmed payment:
 - 4.1.1 Series entry, including storage, no later than January 18, 2022, will pay an entry fee of \$1850.00 USD.
 - 4.1.2 Individual series entry no later than January 18, 2022 for the January 28th event, and no later than the last race day of the preceding event for the next dated event.
 - 4.1.3 Youth Sailors born prior to 1999, will receive a \$100.00 USD entry discount for the complete series, or \$25 per weekend.
- 4.2 The entry fee has to be paid to RGR.

5 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Program
Fridays	11:00 – 16:00	Red Gear Racing Clinic
Saturday, Sunday	11:00 – 16:00	Racing



- 5.1 For specific racing weekend dates, please refer to:
<https://www.f18world2022.org/2022worldswinterracing>.
- 5.2 RGR reserves the right to change series racing dates.
- 5.3 Six races are scheduled per weekend.
- 5.4 There will be a maximum of four (3) races per day.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30, except as a consequence of a general recall.

6 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 6.1 Measurement checks may be conducted anytime during the regatta as directed by the Organizing Authority or Chief Measurer.
- 6.2 No primary measurements will be made at the event unless it is agreed between a competitor and an official F18 Class Measurer. The Organizing Authority is not part of the agreement and cannot be held responsible for anything regarding this agreement.
- 6.3 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. There will be an additional charge of 20% to USF18 for any primary measurements conducted at the event.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be made available at registration and online.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta will be held at the venue of the Organizing Authority, Clearwater Community Sailing Beach Park. The courses will be placed in the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach FL USA, or in the Bay, weather dependent.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Trapezoid courses or windward /leeward courses may be used.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to constitute a weekend series event.
- 10.2 Your best four of the six final finishing positions from the each of the weekend series will be counted.



11 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 11.1** All support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and shall be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations at its sole discretion.
- 11.2** Support boat will be required to pay an entry fee that will cover their social pass as well as boat berth.
- 11.3** Support boats shall be required to monitor the safety VHF 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.
- 11.4** Support boats and their crew shall stay at least 150 meters away from all boats racing and must stay outside the lay lines.
- 11.5** On the water, all support crew 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 kill cord.
- 11.6** Support boats 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 boat.

12 BERTHING [DP]

- 12.1** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.
- 12.2** Boats shall be allowed on the beach beginning on January 24, 2022 unless previously arranged with the OA.
- 12.3** Trailers and containers will be positioned as space allows for the duration of their stay.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 13.1** 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.
- 13.2** 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.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1** The overall winner of the overall series will be awarded an entry into the F18 World Championships.
- 14.2** The winner each series race wins a free Clinic day at one of the series clinics.



15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 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.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each boat and each support boat shall be insured for third-party.

17 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRIC EQUIPEMENT

17.1 By participating in the event each competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, 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.

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

17.3 Cameras, if fitted, must be located underneath the bowsprit and 60 cm back from the bowsprit end cap.

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

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

18 Parking

18.1 RV PARKING: No overnight parking will be available at the race site. There are several RV parks listed in the Clearwater area or in Pinellas County.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 Please contact:

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20 EVENT WEBSITE

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