



2022 Immunolin F18 World Championship

October 10-16, 2022

Clearwater Beach, Florida, USA

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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

[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) on behalf of the International Formula 18 Class Association.

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 International Jury 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.

2.2 Competitors may be required to wear rashguards provided by the Regatta.



3 ENTRY

- 3.1 A boat shall enter the regatta via the entry form on the event website <https://f18world2022.org> and pay the appropriate entry fee. 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. The form can be downloaded from the event website <https://f18world2022.org/forms> as well as the registration site.
 - 3.3.4.1 Completed consent forms should be uploaded to the registration site where indicated.
 - 3.3.5 A Copy of valid insurance certificate.
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4 ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entries with confirmed payment:
 - 4.1.1 No later than March 31, 2022, will pay an early entry fee of \$375.00 USD.
 - 4.1.2 From April 1, 2022, and no later than August 31, 2022 will pay an entry fee of \$425.00 USD.
 - 4.1.3 From September 1, 2022, registration will be subject to OA approval and will pay a late entry fee of \$500.00 USD.
 - 4.1.4 Youth Sailors born prior to 1999, will receive a \$100.00 USD entry discount.
- 4.2 The entry fee has to be paid via the online entry form on the event website. The Organizing Authority will be authorized to collect the entry fee electronically.
- 4.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through July 1, 2022	100% less \$50 Administrative Fee
July 1 – August 15, 2022	100% less \$100 Administrative Fee
After August 15, 2022	No refund



- 4.4 Social passes for competitor guest's dinners will be available for purchase at registration.

5 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 5.1 With less than 80 entries, the competitors will race all together in one fleet. There will not be a qualifying series.
- 5.2 With 80 or more entries, the competitors may be divided into two fleets. In that case the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 5.2.1 To sail the qualifying series, competitors will be initially seeded into two fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. A seeding committee established by the IF18CA will seed the competitors based on the NCA rankings. Boats will be reassigned to new fleets after each day of racing, provided that the fleets have completed the same number and at least the first two (2) races of the qualifying series.
- 5.2.2 The qualifying series will continue until the end of the day in which the sixth qualifying race is completed and will include all races sailed until the end of that day.
- 5.2.3 After the qualifying series have been completed, competitors will be divided into two fleets with the best ranking half entering the Gold Fleet and the other half entering the Silver Fleet. In case of an odd number of entries, the Gold Fleet will have one more competitor than the Silver Fleet.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Fifteen races are scheduled, excluding the practice race.
- 6.2 There will be a maximum of four (4) races per day.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30, except as a consequence of a general recall.
- 6.5 The Regatta schedule is maintained online at <https://www.f18world2022.org/schedule>.

7 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 All boats and crews will be weighed as part of the check-in.
- 7.2 Measurement checks may be conducted anytime during the regatta as directed by the Organizing Authority or Chief Measurer.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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



9 VENUE

- 9.1** The regatta will be held at the venue of the Organizing Authority, Sheraton Sand Key Resort. The courses will be placed in the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach, FL USA.

10 THE COURSES

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

11 SCORING

- 11.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.2** In case of no qualifying series:
- 11.2.1 When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
 - 11.2.2 When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.3** In case of qualifying series
- 11.3.1 A qualifying series race will not count until both qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
 - 11.3.2 When six (6) or more races of the qualifying series have been completed, a boat's qualifying series score will be the total of her qualifying series race scores, excluding her worst score.
 - 11.3.3 When fewer than six (6) races of the final series have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her final series race scores.
 - 11.3.4 When six (6) or more races of the final series have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her final series race scores, excluding her worst score.
 - 11.3.5 To establish the final results, the boat's qualifying series score (as per NoR 11.3.2) will be added to the boat's final series score (as per NoR 11.3.3 or 11.3.4). Gold Fleet will be scored higher than Silver Fleet.



12 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Support boat will be required to pay an entry fee that will cover their social pass as well as boat berth.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Support boats and their crew shall stay at least 150 meters away from all boats racing and must stay outside the lay lines.
- 12.5 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.
- 12.6 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.

13 BERTHING [DP]

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.
- 13.2 Boats shall be allowed on the beach beginning on October 6, 2022 unless previously arranged with the OA.
- 13.3 Trailers and containers will be positioned in the parking lot for the duration of their stay.
- 13.4 Competitors will be required to comply with the Beach Captain and only allowed on beach when the Delta Flag is flying. There will be a Delta Flag posted in the Beach tent when boats are allowed on the beach.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.



15 PRIZES

15.1 The regatta winners will obtain the title “2022 Formula 18 World Champions” and will be awarded the International Formula 18 World Champions Perpetual Trophy.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories, subject to entry numbers:

- Overall
- Female team – both crew shall be female
- Mixed team
- Master – both crew shall be over 49 years of age (born before 1st January 1972)
- Youth – both crew shall be under 23 years of age (born after 31st December 1999)
- Family (father or mother & son or daughter)
- Silver fleet.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 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.

17 INSURANCE

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

18 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRIC EQUIPEMENT

18.1 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.

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

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

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

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



19 ACCOMODATION INFO

19.1 The regatta host hotel is a four start Beach Resort. A block of rooms have been set aside for our event at a discounted rate of \$199 + taxes. You can arrive as early October 6th, 2022 or stay after the regatta as this rate as well. This room block has limited availability and rooms will be reserved on a first come first served basis for the event so we encourage booking as soon as possible.

19.2 Please contact the hotel for any special requests otherwise use the Booking Links below:
Sheraton Sand Key Resort.
1160 Gulf Boulevard
Clearwater Beach, FL USA
727-595-1611

NOTE: HOTEL DISCOUNT WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 30, 2022. YOU MUST RESERVE A ROOM BY THEN IN ORDER TO GET THE GROUP DISCOUNT OF \$199.00 + taxes. DISCOUNTED ROOMS ARE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

BOOKING LINK: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1632164461199&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for F18 World Championship](#)

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

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Please contact:

REGATTA CHAIR

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CONCIERGE SERVICES

Assistance with ground transport, customized tourism trips to Tampa, Orlando and more!

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21 EVENT WEBSITE

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