



Formula 18 Americas Championship 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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2025 F18 AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, USA
AUGUST 26-29





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. This changes RRS 60.1a.

[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 Sail Newport on behalf of the US Formula 18 Class Association (USF18).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions, if any, will be posted at the official notice board.
- 1.3 Chartered boats shall carry the national letters of the team.
- 1.4 Arbitration as described in RRS appendix T will be used as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be made available on the event website ([Clubspot](#)) by August 22nd.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the event website ([Clubspot](#)). Notices may also be posted the Sail Newport main office building.
- 3.2 All boats are strongly encouraged to have a hand-held VHF radio on board to receive communication from the race committee and to communicate in emergency situations. There will be communication over the VHF radio from the RC to the fleets before and during racing.
- 3.3 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.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 A boat shall enter the regatta via the entry form on the event website ([Clubspot](#)) and pay the appropriate entry fee. The entry must be filled in completely. No other forms will be accepted.
- 4.2 Entries will be official only after the Organizing Authority has confirmed that it has received payment of the appropriate entry fee.
- 4.3 The following documents shall be provided by competitors prior to or at the time of registration:
 - 4.3.1 a copy of valid (measurement) Certificate(s) or boat hull serial numbers to access the International F18 Certificate Database
 - 4.3.2 proof of class membership
 - 4.3.3 proof of age for Junior and Master Competitors as per NoR 16.2.
 - 4.3.4 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 ([Clubspot](#)).
- 3.3.5 A copy of valid insurance certificate (see NoR 17).



5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entries with confirmed payment:

Fee Type	Start Date	End Date	Fee
Early Entry	Feb 10, 2025	Mar 31, 2025	\$ 445
Regular Entry	Apr 1, 2025	Jun 30, 2025	\$ 495
Late Entry	Jul 1, 2025	Aug 25, 2025	\$ 550
Young Team (1)	Jan 1, 2025	Aug 25, 2025	Deduct \$100

(1) Young Team defined as both helm and crew under 25 years of age (U25) as of Jan 1, 2025 (born after December 31, 2000)

5.2 The entry fee must be paid via the online entry form on the event website. The Organizing Authority is authorized to collect the entry fee electronically.

5.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through May 31, 2025	100% less \$50 Administrative Fee
June 1 – July 31, 2025	100% less \$100 Administrative Fee
After August 1, 2025	No refund

5.4 Two Social Passes will be included with each entry.

5.5 Social Passes for competitor guest’s dinners will be available for purchase at registration.

6 ADVERTISING

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

6.2 Competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day, may be required to respectively wear yellow, blue and red pinnies while racing. The Organizing Authority will provide the pinnies.

7 COMPETITION FORMAT

7.1 With less than 80 entries the competitors will race all together in one fleet and there will be no qualifying series.



8 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Programme
Fri, Aug 22	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration & equipment inspection by appointment
Sat, Aug 23		New England 100 Regatta. (SEPARATE EVENT)
Sun, Aug 24		New England 100 Regatta. (SEPARATE EVENT)
Mon, Aug 25	9:00 am – 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Registration & equipment inspection by appointment Opening Ceremony
Tue, Aug 26	11:00 am After races	1 st warning signal of the day – 4 races scheduled Regatta Dinner
Wed, Aug 27	11:00 am After races	1 st warning signal of the day – 4 races scheduled F18 Class Meeting
Thu, Aug 28	11:00 am After races	1 st warning signal of the day – 4 races scheduled Off Site Social Event to be Announced
Fri, Aug 29	11:00 am 3:00 pm After races	1 st warning signal of the day – 3 races scheduled No races start after this time Prize giving ceremony and reception

- 8.1 Fifteen races are scheduled.
- 8.2 There will be a maximum of four (4) races per day and maximum of three (3) races on the final day.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 3:00 pm except as a consequence of a general recall.

9 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 All boats and crews will be weighted as part of the check-in by appointment. Appointments will become available in early August using a process announced on The Club Spot event website.
- 9.2 Measurement checks may be conducted anytime during the regatta as directed by the Organizing Authority or Chief Measurer.
- 9.3 No primary measurements will be made at the event unless it is agreed between a competitor and an official F18 Class Measurer.
- 9.4 A list of official F18 Class Measurers is available on-line at:
<http://certificate.f18-international.org/measurers>
- 9.5 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.



10 VENUE

10.1 The regatta will be held at the Sail Newport Sailing Center in Fort Adams State Park, Newport Rhode Island. The races courses will be in Narragansett Bay, North of the Newport to Jamestown (Pell Bridge) and / or on the ocean at Rhode Island Sound.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. Windward /leeward or trapezoid courses may be used. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

12 SCORING

12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

12.2 When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 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 excludable score.

12.4 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 excludable scores.

13 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

13.1 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.

13.2 Support boats will **not** have a registration fee but will be required to pay dockage ([Dockwa](#)) . Social Tickets for coaches/ support personnel may be purchased online at: ([Clubspot](#))

13.3 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.

13.4 Support boats and their crew shall stay at least 150 meters away from all boats racing and must stay outside the lay lines for both upwind and downwind legs.

13.5 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.

14 BERTHING [DP][NP]

14.1 F18's and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places while they are parked on the grass triangle. Coach boats shall park where designated by the OA

14.2 Boats and trailers shall be allowed to arrive beginning on August 18, 2025 unless previously arranged with the OA.



15 PRIZES

15.1 The regatta winners will obtain the title “2025 Formula 18 Americas Champions”.

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

- ✓ Overall
- ✓ Mixed Team (Male and Female crew)
- ✓ Female Helm (Sandra Tartaglino Perpetual Trophy)
- ✓ Master – both crew shall be over 55 years of age (born before 1st January 1970) or one person (either helm or crew) is 65 years or older (born before 1st January 1960)
- ✓ Youth – both crew shall be under 25 years of age (born after 31st December 2000)
- ✓ Family (father/son, mother/daughter, brothers, sisters, excludes mixed teams)
- ✓ Steve Piche Perseverance Trophy

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident, or the equivalent thereof.

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 photos, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed video 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 Please contact:

Regatta Chair: Marina Barzaghi 401-484-2990 mkbarzaghi@gmail.com

Sail Newport: Regatta Director 401-846-1983 regattas@sailnewport.org

20 EVENT WEBSITE

Please visit sailnewport.org



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VENUE ADDRESS

Sail Newport
72 Fort Adams Dr
Newport, RI 02840

+1-401-846-1983
Sailnewport.org

CHARTER BOATS

The following are points of contact for charter boats:

- Jill Nickerson (Red Gear Racing) funinthesunweb@gmail.com +1 (727) 793-8743

PRE-EVENT TRAINING CLINIC

Red Gear Racing (<https://www.redgearracing.com>) is offering a clinic for sailors interested in improving their racing skills from August 20-22, 2025 at Sail Newport.

Please contact Jill Nickerson at funinthesunweb@gmail.com or (727) 793-8743 for more information and to make reservations.

ARRIVAL

Prior to August 18th, please contact nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org to arrange storage contract.

HOUSING

Some housing will be available with a priority given to youth and international teams. Please contact Marina Barzaghi at mkbarzaghi@gmail.com for more information.

LODGING

www.discovernewport.org

RV PARKING

<https://www.discovernewport.org/places-to-stay/campgrounds>

NEAREST AIRPORT

Rhode Island TF Green International Airport: <https://flyri.com>

CHANDLERIES

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