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2020 Americas F18 Championship and U.S. Multihull Championship

Hosted by: Mission Bay and San Diego Yacht Clubs
San Diego, California
September 26 – October 2, 2020

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RULES

- 1.1 The organizing authority is San Diego Yacht Club in affiliation with the United States Formula 18 Class Association and US Sailing.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Formula 18 Class Association (IF18CA) rules, US Sailing's Championship Conditions, the U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions and the US Sailing Regulations.
- 1.3 This is an International Event, therefore pursuant to the US Sailing prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes to Prescriptions), the US Sailing prescription to RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) is deleted. Other than the prescription to RRS 40, all other US Sailing prescriptions will apply. The full text of the US Sailing prescriptions can be found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-2020-US-Prescriptions-final-10.4.2016.pdf>

2. ADVERTISING

Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 This event is open to all F18 catamarans conforming to the International Formula 18 Class Rules.
- 3.2 Crew and skipper may be citizens of any country and must be current members of their national F18 Class Association.
- 3.3 To compete for the US Multihull Championship (USMHC) both crew and skipper shall be current members of US Sailing or their Member National Authority for the duration of the event. Each competitor shall meet the eligibility requirements of the United States Multihull Championship Conditions. Foreign national teams who meet the eligibility requirements are

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welcome to participate; however, they will not be eligible to win the title or perpetual trophy. They will be eligible to receive event Medals for finishing first, second or third place. The title and perpetual trophy for the USMHC are reserved for a team comprised of those with US Citizenship and or legal US alien status.

4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1 Event documents, current entries and registration is available on-line at RegattaNetwork.com. Link is:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=19988
- 4.2 Registration fees are:
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| Early Registration: | \$325 up to March 31, 2020 |
| Regular Registration: | \$375 up to July 31, 2020 |
| Late Registration: | \$425 after July 31, 2020 |
| Youth Registration: | \$200 + \$50 late fee after July 31, 2020 |
- 4.3 Cancellation fee is \$50 before July 1st; \$100 thereafter. No cancellation/refund after August 31.
- 4.4 Specify your shirt sizes when registering in Regatta Network. Competitors registering after July 31, 2020 may not receive an event shirt.
- 4.5 For youth registration both helm and crew must be 21 years old or under as of September 28, 2020.
- 4.6 On-line registration closes at 7:00 am Friday, September 25, 2020.
- 4.7 In person registration closes at 16:00 (4:00 pm) on Sunday, September 27, 2020.

5. BOAT TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY

- 5.1 Due to the generous support of our sponsors and to encourage people to attend who must travel greater distances, this regatta will subsidize competitor's transportation costs as follows:
- Greater than 1,000 miles (1,600 km) - \$125 per boat
 - Greater than 2,000 miles (3,200 km) - \$250 per boat
- 5.2 Payment will be made after September 25 and before the completion of the regatta subject to the following conditions:
- Regatta entry fee is paid in full
 - Boat is physically at venue site and races at least half the days
 - Distance based on Google Maps calculation between boat owner's permanent residence and the Silver Strand California State Park
 - Paid in US Dollars
 - Also applicable to boat charters if the person paying the charter fee permanent residence meets the distance requirement

In the event we raise more money from our sponsors we may increase the payments per boat.

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6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Below is the proposed daily schedule which is subject to change:

Monday, Sep 21	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Earliest container arrival date
Friday, Sep 25	8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Preferred container arrival date
Saturday, Sep 26	8:00 am	Earliest time to set-up boats on the bay side of the State Park
	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration & Weigh-In
Sunday, Sep 27	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration & Weigh-in
Monday, Sep 28	12:00 pm (noon)	Competitor's Meeting at Beach Area
	1:00 pm	Practice Race
	6:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, Sep 29	12:30 pm	First warning signal of the day
	6:00 pm	USF18 Class Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, Sep 30	12:30 pm	First warning signal of the day
Thursday, Oct 1	12:30 pm	First warning signal of the day
	7:00 pm	Regatta Dinner
Friday, Oct 2	12:30 pm	First warning signal of the day
	3:30 pm	No warning signal after this time
	5:00 pm	Awards Ceremony & Beach BBQ
Saturday, Oct 3	2:00 pm	All boats and trailers must be removed from the Bay Side of the State Park
Monday, Oct 5	8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Latest container removal date

6.2 Boat measurement and weigh-in will be by a scheduled appointment system where registration date will be considered in assigning available appointment times.

6.3 One long distance practice race is scheduled for Monday, September 28 with the warning signal at 12:55 pm.

6.4 This championship will have four (4) days of racing with the objective of three (3) to four (4) races per day, back to back. The maximum number of races is fifteen (15) for the regatta.

6.5 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 3:30 pm.

7. BOATS AND CHARTERS

7.1 This event is a Bring-Your-Own Boat regatta to be sailed on Formula 18 catamarans.

7.2 The Organizing Authority will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats.

7.3 Charter boats may be available locally and through Red Gear Racing. For charter boat information contact:

Local Private Boats: Jeff Newsome 213-300-9291 newtough@verizon.net

Red Gear Racing (Goodall Boats): Jill Nickerson at www.Funinthesunweb@gmail.com

7.4 It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all charter boat costs, insurance and logistics.

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8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Boats and crews will be weighed as part of the check-in. If a boat has been weighed at a Worlds or Continental Championship since January 1, 2018 weighing the boat is optional for this event. We will utilize the documented weight from the previous event but the boat will still be subject to equipment and sail inspection which may be done with the mast up.
- 8.2 Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is class legal. During the competition, any boat or crew weight may be subject to inspection by a designated technical official. After each day of competition, the top three competitors for the day are subject to being weighed. After the third scheduled racing day, the top three boats are also subject to being weighed if they were not weighed as part of registration and having their sails measured.
- 8.3 No primary measurements will be made at the event unless previously arranged with an official F18 class measurer. If primary measurement assistance is needed, please contact Scott Miller, USF18 Chief Measurer for information regarding measurement for this event at millerscottb@gmail.com or 858-337-9917 at least one month before the regatta.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Official Sailing Instructions will be available at check in and posted on RegattaNetwork.com by September 26, 2020.

10. VENUE

The championship will be sailed on south San Diego Bay south of the Coronado Bridge which is a significant body of water approximately 1.5 miles across and 4 miles long to the bridge. Boat launching will be from the Silver Strand State Beach on the bay side. Access to the beach launch area is through the Silver Strand State Park. Competitors will be able to park their boat trailers in the designated beach area near their boats.

11. THE COURSES

Windward/leeward with a short reach after the weather mark and a reach from the leeward gate to the finish line. Though 2-lap courses will be the desired number of laps, we can also run 1-lap and 3-lap courses to meet our race target time of 45 minutes. Course diagrams will be included with the Sailing Instructions.

12. LONG DISTANCE PRACTICE RACE

The practice race will be a long distance race through San Diego Bay of approximately 2.5 hour duration. A course chart will be provided at the competitor's meeting prior to the race. The race will start up-wind, go under the San Diego Bay Bridge, go past aircraft carriers, down-town San Diego, the San Diego Maritime museum to a turning mark close to Harbor Island or Shelter Island and then return to the start/finish line sailing down-wind. There will be a special prize for the winner of the long distance race which is not counted towards the regatta results.

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13. SCORING

- 13.1 In accordance with RRS A2.1 (Series Scores), a competitor's worst excludable score shall be excluded when six (6) races have been completed and a competitor's second worst excludable score shall be excluded when twelve (12) races have been completed.
- 13.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 13.3 The F18 Americas Championship and US Sailing Multihull Championship will sail and be scored together. For the USMHC, the highest placing USMHC eligible boat will be declared the winner, the second highest placing eligible boat will be scored in second place and so on.

14. SUPPORT BOAT

This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US Sailing's Support Vessel Guidelines at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>
No private/team coaching is allowed. Support boats are allowed but must be outside of the racing area.

15. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 US competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor. No modifications of the PFD are permitted.
- 15.2 Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty and International F18 Class rules. No modifications of the PFD are permitted.
- 15.3 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 15.4 The PFD must be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 15.6 A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1.

16. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 16.1 US Sailing Regulation 10.03 Prohibited Substances will apply.
- 16.2 For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.

17. COMMUNICATION

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

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radio. The channel to be used will be announced at the competitors meeting. A boat shall not receive radio communications that are not available to all boats.

18. SMART PHONE RACE TRACKING

The RaceQs Smart phone tracking system will be utilized for this event which shall be for the sole purpose of entertainment for after race replay and analysis, and is optional for competitors. Instructions will be available at Registration. It is recommended that competitors have a waterproof pouch for storing their smart phone in their life jacket or on their boat. A Smart phone may be on board for race tracking but may not be viewed while racing.

19. ELECTRONICS/GPS DEVICES

GPS tracking devices or other electronic instruments that utilize data to determine position, speed or distance to start line are not permitted. This includes wrist watches with GPS capability.

20. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

A towing line minimum 15 meters (48 feet) long and 6 mm (1/4 inch) diameter is required.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$300,000 USD. Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.

22. PRIZES

22.1 Prizes for 2020 US Multihull Championships:

22.1.1 US Sailing medals will be awarded to the first, second and third highest-ranking competitors registered for the USMHC.

22.1.2 The highest-ranking US team registered for the USMHC will be named the 2020 United States Multihull Champion and have their names placed on the perpetual Hobie Alter Trophy.

22.2 Prizes for 2020 Americas F18 Open Championship:

22.2.1 The top placing team shall be named the 2020 F18 Americas Champion.

22.2.2 Prizes will be award for the top competitors at a ratio of one award per five competitors.

22.2.3 The Sandra Tartaglino Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top placing female helmsperson, and if none, to the top placing female crew.

22.2.4 A Masters prize will be awarded to the top placing team with one member at least 60 years old and combined ages at least 110 years as of September 28, 2020.

22.2.5 A Mixed Team prize will be awarded to the top placing team with one male and one female competitor.

22.2.6 A Women's Team prize will be awarded to the top placing team with two women.

22.2.7 A Young Team prize will be awarded to the top placing team with both helm and crew younger than 30 years old as of September 28, 2020.

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- 22.2.8 A Family multi-Generation team prize will be awarded to the top placing family team (excluding spouses who are a mixed team). Can be parents/child, grandparents/grandchild.
- 22.2.9 A Classic F18 prize will be awarded to the top placing team racing a F18 without a Decksweeper mainsail with a hull ID number ending in "09" (built in 2009) or earlier. This would include Hobie Tigers, Nacra Infusion Mk1, Capricorn and other F18's more than ten years old.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death.

24. HOUSING

There may be a limited number of housing options with local F18 sailors available. Contact the housing coordinator listed in Section 32 "For More Information".

25. CAMPING

Camping is available for self-contained recreation vehicles, motorhomes or trailers with a maximum 40 foot length at the adjacent Silver Strand State Park. There is no tent camping available at this venue. These campsites can be reserved starting six months before your planned arrival date (late March). This State Park is very popular so do not delay in making reservations. For reservations call 1-800-444-7275. For complete park information and on-line reservations go: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=654 or ReserveCalifornia.com.

26. RECREATION VEHICLE RENTAL

Another option for housing is to rent a recreation vehicle (RV) and keep it at the State Park which is about a five minute walk from the boats and at the beach for enjoyment while not sailing. This makes a great family vacation spot, especially for children. If this option is chosen be sure to reserve a campsite per section 25.

To have a camping trailer delivered and set up on your reserved campsite, the following companies are approved providers for the Silver Strand State Beach:

Albert's RV: +1-858-598-5829 https://www.albertsrvrental.com/rv_rental_san_diego

Luv 2 Camp: +1-888-898-2267 <https://luv2camp.com/san-diego-rv-trailer-rentals/>

MLG Enterprises RV Rentals: +1-700-458-8510 <https://rvrentalssandiego.com/>

Travel Time RV: +1-800-787-3689 <http://traveltimervrentals.com/>

You can also rent a RV to drive to the Silver Strand State Beach and also do some touring before or after the regatta using this company plus others available through an internet search:

Cruise America: <https://www.cruiseamerica.com>

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27. HOTELS

- 27.1 The only hotel within walking distance (15 minute) of the beach launch area is the 4-star Lowes Coronado Bay Resort. We have a limited block of rooms available as follows:
- First-come-first-served to be booked by July 30, 2020
 - Reduced rate of \$229/night + taxes/fees + \$20/day self parking
 - Rate available from Sep 28 to Oct 2 plus up to 3 days before and/or after
 - Telephone for reservation: +1-619-424-4000
 - Ask for “F18 Americas Regatta” room block set up by Lori Cooper
 - Limited availability – book early
 - For more hotel information go to: www.loewshotels.com/coronado-bay
- 27.2 The City of Coronado has many accommodation options for both hotels and vacation rentals. You may be able to find a vacation rental in Coronado Cays which is very close to the beach launch area.
- 27.3 There are also many hotel and vacation rental options in San Diego which is just across the bridge from Coronado.
- 27.4 For the most economical accommodations search for hotels and vacation rentals in Imperial Beach which is 4 miles (6 km) south of the racing site.
- 27.5 Use any of the following accommodation search sites to find suitable lodging to fit your budget:
- www.Expedia.com – for hotels and apartments
 - www.hometogo.com – this site searches all vacation rental sites
 - www.vrbo.com – vacation rentals commonly used in San Diego
 - www.Airbnb.com - has many vacation rental options

28. NEAREST AIRPORT

San Diego (SAN) International Airport is located in downtown San Diego 15 miles (24 km) from the beach launch area which usually takes approximately 30 minutes to drive.

29. DIRECTIONS

Access to the venue site at the Silver Strand State Park is south of the City of Coronado on Highway 75. The park is located on the sand-spit that forms the outer edge of San Diego Bay between Coronado and Imperial Beach. From Coronado head south on Highway 75 approximately 4.5 miles. Take the Coronado Cays Blvd Exit. The park entrance is on your right on the ocean side of the strand.

Address: Silver Strand State Park, 5000 Highway 75, Coronado, CA 92118

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30. PARKING

- 30.1 Parking for the venue is the public parking for the Silver Strand State Park which costs \$10 per day (Monday-Friday) and \$12 per day on weekends. With payment of the fee you have in/out privileges for the same day providing the lot is not full.
- 30.2 Gates for the parking lot open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. These are the same hours for Recreation Vehicle access to the campground.
- 30.3 There is **free** street parking about a 10 minute walk from the beach launch area. It is on Coronado Cays Boulevard near cross street Montego Court. Enter the Coronado Cays housing area by turning east opposite the Silver Strand State Park entrance. Then head north off the traffic circle. Park anywhere near the dead end of Coronado Cays Boulevard and walk north along the bike path to the beach launch area.

31. BOAT ARRIVAL AND BEACH ACCESS

- 31.1 Boats may not arrive at the Silver Strand beach launch area before Saturday, September 26, 8:00 am and must be removed by 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 3rd.
- 31.2 Boats and trailers may be stored outside of these dates at Mission Bay Yacht Club (MBYC). See the MBYC paragraph 34 for more information.

32. TUNNEL LIMITATIONS

- 32.1 The entrance, parking lot and RV park are on the ocean side of the state park. The access from the ocean side to the bay side where the F18s are racing is through a tunnel under the highway. These are the restrictions on the going through the tunnel:
 - a. No motorized vehicles are permitted to go through the tunnel.
 - b. Boats on beach wheels with their mast down will have no problem going through the tunnel.
 - c. Single boat trailers should have no problem being manually pushed through the tunnel though you may need to lower a mast holding bracket. Tunnel width is not a problem.
 - d. Double decker trailers most likely will not clear the tunnel since the maximum height clearance is 8 feet (2.4 meters).
 - e. Double decker trailers and other large vehicles will need to be escorted by the State Park Peace Officer to the bay side. This will only be at limited designated times or by appointment. When you register indicate if you have a large trailer that requires escort.

33. CONTAINERS

- 33.1 Maximum size of container or truck that can be accommodated at the venue site is 52 feet.
- 33.2 Containers may not be scheduled to arrive before Monday, September 21 at 8:00 am. Containers may arrive/depart any day including Saturdays and Sundays.

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- 33.3 The arrival time for containers is restricted to between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
- 33.4 Containers must be removed from the State Park no later than Monday, October 5, 2020 otherwise there will be an extra parking charge of \$100 per day.
- 33.5 For boats shipped by container or truck, the containers/trucks will have a designated storage location on the ocean side of the Silver Strand State Park.
- 33.6 There is a \$100 fee per day for container parking by the State Park. The regatta will pay \$800 towards this parking fee to cover the duration of the regatta. Any extra days must be paid by the competitors.
- 33.7 Boats may not be moved from the container to the bay side launch area before Saturday, September 27
- 33.8 Contact Scott Miller to coordinate container arrival. See contact info in paragraph 35.

34. MBYC UTILIZATION

- 34.1 Boats and trailers may be stored at Mission Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) parking lot free of charge from one week prior to the event to one week after the event. The boat trailer must be registered at the MBYC office (hours 8:00 – 5:00) and the registration tag issued must be visible on the trailer or boat.
- 34.2 Teams desiring to sail prior to September 26 may utilize MBYC for boat launching. MBYC is located 19 miles (30 km) from the venue site and offers sheltered sailing on Mission Bay. If you sail out of MBYC the week before the event it is possible to sail to the venue site which is a 3 hour sail in the ocean around Point Loma into San Diego bay. Please contact James Orkins at james_orkins@yahoo.com or 310-908-8069 if you are interested in utilizing MBYC.
- 34.3 We may organize a group sail from MBYC to South Bay on Saturday, September 26.

35. FOR MORE INFORMATION

Regatta Chairman:	Steve Cooper	760-703-8173	scooper@onestopsystems.com
USF18	Steve Stroebe	619-987-4630	stevestroebe9@gmail.com
US Sailing:	Ashley Enders	314-265-3252	endersash@gmail.com
	Nancy Mazzulli	401-342-7961	nancymazzulli@ussailing.org
Regatta Sponsorships	Marilyn Cassedy	619-961-7994	marilyn.cassedy@gmail.com
Boat Measurement:	Scott Miller	858-337-9917	millerscottb@gmail.com
Container/Truck Arrival:	Scott Miller	858-337-9917	millerscottb@gmail.com
Hotel Information:	Lori Cooper	760-745-8173	iscooper1@gmail.com
Housing Coordinator:	Alida Stroebe	619-818-4630	ajstroebel@gmail.com
Charter Boats:	Jeff Newsome	213-300-9291	newtough@verizon.net

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36. SPONSORS

This regatta would not be possible without the support of all our sponsors. More sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Marilyn Cassedy at Marilyn.cassedy@gmail.com.



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