



Proposal to Host the

2018 Formula 18 World Championship



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Proposed Event: 2018 Formula 18 World Championship Regatta

Proposed Dates: October 2018 (Specific Dates Negotiable)

Host Country: United States of America

Venue/OA: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
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Location: Located directly on Sarasota Bay and just minutes from the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the Sarasota Sailing Squadron is located on the gulf coast of Florida, approximately 55 miles south of Tampa and 65 north of Ft. Myers. The Squadron's management and regatta office is located on the property and will be open and staffed throughout the event hours.



About Us

Nestled between the Gulf of Mexico and the protected waters of Sarasota Bay, the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) is recognized as one of the finest and friendliest sailing venues in the State of Florida and beyond. It is an ideal location to host the F18 World Championships for many reasons, including:

- ✦ Record of hosting many successful National & International Regattas, dating back to 1947.
- ✦ Easy and safe access to Sarasota Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, offering sailors diverse conditions in one regatta.
- ✦ Short sailing distance from shore to race course.
- ✦ Sandy beach with over 830 feet of clear area to launch and land catamarans.
- ✦ Plenty of water hoses throughout the property for boat wash down.
- ✦ Onsite and nearby power boat launch ramps.
- ✦ Plenty of floating dock space for support boats.
- ✦ Well appointed, yet comfortable facility with showers, snack bar, patio, pavilion, barbeque area and plenty of room for all competitors, families, spectators and more.
- ✦ Surrounding City Park accommodates any number of vehicles, trailers and containers.
- ✦ Well organized and experienced Regatta Management team.
- ✦ Large group of volunteers ready to provide support services on and off the water.
- ✦ On Site Wi-Fi
- ✦ World class shops, restaurants, beaches, art galleries & museums.

Average Weather in Sarasota, Florida in October

- ✦ Daytime Air Temperature: 85° F
- ✦ Nighttime Air Temperature: 65° F
- ✦ Water Temperature: 79° F
- ✦ Rainfall: 2.83 Inches
- ✦ Wind: 8-17 Knots

The Details

What we are offering:

- 2-3 full days of weigh in & registration with a practice race on the last day
- 5 full days of racing
- 2 full days after the event for break down and packaging of boats
- On site storage and receiving of containers for 30 days prior to and 30 days after the regatta
- Full Race Committee led by a PRO with multi-hull experience
- International Jury
- Safety boats is a 1:10 ratio (safety boat/participants)
- Water available for competitors on all Race Committee and Safety Boats
- Opening and closing ceremonies.
- On site regatta apparel sales (t-shirt included with registration)
- Lunches and dinners to be determined, however dinner will be provided for a minimum of 4 nights of the event.
- Dedicated 2018 F18 World Championship Regatta website (to be established within 60 days of being awarded the event)
- Social media coverage leading up to and during the event, including Facebook and Twitter.
- Professional photographer/videographer on site throughout the event.
- Awards

The Costs:

- \$350.00 US Dollars – Regular Registration
- \$550.00 US Dollars – Late Registration

Boat Setup, Storage, Parking and Facilities

Within the gates of the Squadron facilities there is ample room to setup, rig and store all of the F18's for this event. We will ensure that space is cleared to accommodate all boats. In addition, there is a 92 acre park just outside the gates of our facility that we will permit for the event to use for car parking, container storage, trailers, boat overflow, teams tents, etc. Our grounds are surrounded by a fence with a gate that is closed and locked at night. The property is monitored by closed circuit security cameras and the Sarasota Police Department routinely patrols the area.



Our clubhouse contains ADA compliant bathrooms, a large screened in veranda area with tables, chairs and electrical outlets available, the management office, a private room for race committee meetings or protest hearings, a lounge area with a fireplace, a walk in cooler, kitchen facilities with stoves, refrigerators and freezers, a bar area serving water, ice, soft drinks, beer, wine, snacks, hot dog and various other bar type food.

Our "Stone House" also has full bathrooms with hot water showers as well as a small laundry area. There is a work area on site where boats can be repaired during the event. This same work area will be used as the measurement area at weigh in for the event. It has a concrete pad and can accommodate two (2) F18's at one time. We can provide as many people required to assist with the weigh-in of boats but the Formula 18 class will need to provide a measurer in charge.

Our large, open air covered patio with a stage and public address system makes for a perfect location for opening and awards ceremonies. This area has a large grill, wood fired ovens and food prep area and view from this location cannot be beat.

There is also a 3 ton boat lift on site.

Boat Launch Area

The Squadron and the surrounding park have approximately 836 feet of cleared beach launch area. Multiple boats can be launched simultaneously from these beach areas or from one of our three boat ramps that lead to both fixed and floating docks. Coach and spectator boats can also be launched from these ramps or from the nearby city boat ramp just across the park from the Squadron. There is ample dockage for coach boats to remain in the water and tied up to the dock overnight. *(see drawings attached that designate the areas described)*

Sailing Area

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is unique in that it has two excellent sailing area options. The Squadron is located on Sarasota Bay, which is approximately 4 miles north to south by 2 miles east to west. A bay this size allows us to set a race course regardless of wind direction. Travel time to the race course is minimal. The venue also offers easy access to sailing just offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf is accessed via New Pass thru a drawbridge, which is just North of the SSS, or to the South via Big Pass, which is an open waterway with no bridges but requires a longer sail to the race course. *(see attached map)*

These options will allow Race Committee to provide competitors with diverse sailing conditions throughout the event. Whether sailing in Sarasota Bay or in the Gulf of Mexico, competitors will never be far from a shoreline and support and spectator boats will only have a short trip between the Squadron and the Course.

Logistics

Sarasota Bradenton International Airport – 7 miles from Venue

Tampa International Airport – 60 miles North of Venue

Southwest Florida International Airport (Ft Myers) – 90 miles South of Venue

Shipping Port for Containers – Port Manatee – 27 miles from Venue

Customs clearance for containers will take place at Port Manatee prior to ground transportation to the venue.

Competitors will require a visa from some countries to enter the US while others will just require a valid passport. The local organizing committee along with Visit Sarasota County will work diligently with the US State Department and all participants to ensure they have access to the World Championships.

Accommodations

Since Sarasota is a world renowned tourist destination, there are many hotels in the nearby area to choose from with an average daily rate in October of \$100 - \$185 per night. *(Please see the attached list of hotels and their distances from the Venue)*

In addition to the many hotels, there are weekly rentals of condominiums and homes available in the surrounding area. The Squadron also has limited areas available for tent camping and/or camper or RV storage on site throughout the event. These areas will be assigned on a first come first serve basis and space is not guaranteed.

Previous Regattas Hosted by the Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Yngling World Championships
Mini-12 meter World Championships
30th Sunfish World Championships
Stiletto Nationals (33x)
USODA National Championships (2x)
US Eastern Laser Nationals
US Sunfish Masters
470 National Championship
US Sunfish Women's North Americans
US Windsurfing North American Master/ Senior Championship
US Sunfish Pan-AM Trials
Vanguard 15 Midwinters
Labor Day Regattas with approximately 300 boats participating. (68x)
2013 F18 Americas Championship Regatta

Current and Upcoming Events

VX One Winter Series
Viper 640 Winter Series
2015 Flying Scot Midwinter Championships
2015 Albacore Internationals

What Our Friends Are Saying About Us

"It's the Sarasota Sailing Squadron, which means the race committee will do a great job getting in plenty of good races AND the volunteers will be genuinely welcoming to out-of-town visitors. The Squadron is a good example of community sailing adding value to the community it serves. Kids sailing, all kinds of projects and sailors around the club -- it's a unique example of how people can put a great spot to use."

Jeff Linton, 2007 US Sailings Rolex Yachtsman of the Year

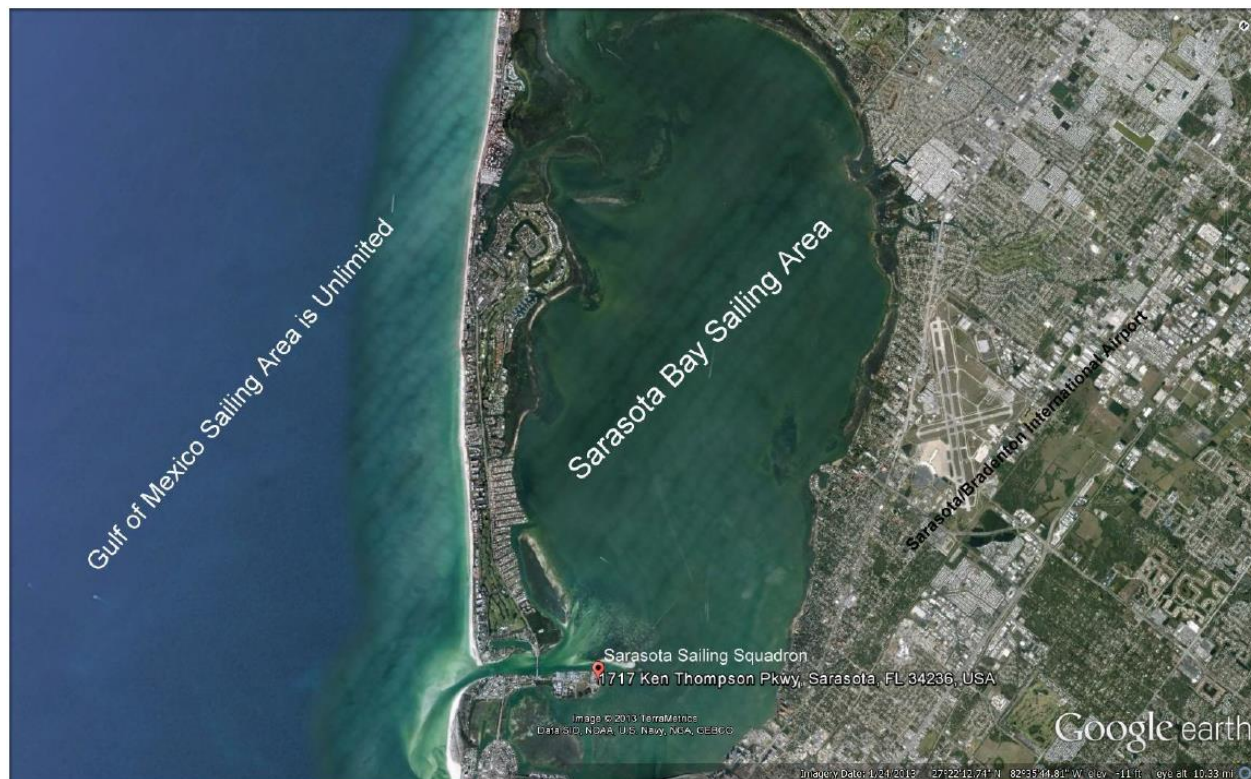
"Sarasota Sailing Squadron's Labor Day Regatta showcases the diversity of sailing, as a sport. We share the race course with international champions and newbies straight from summer sailing class. There are superstars, future stars and families and friends sharing the day. Each has their own agenda. But be it winning, learning or just enjoying the water, all are having fun. I've been coming since the 60's, and the Labor Day Regatta will be on my calendar for years to come!"

Ed Baird, America's Cup Winner, multiple world champion, ISAF World Sailor of the Year



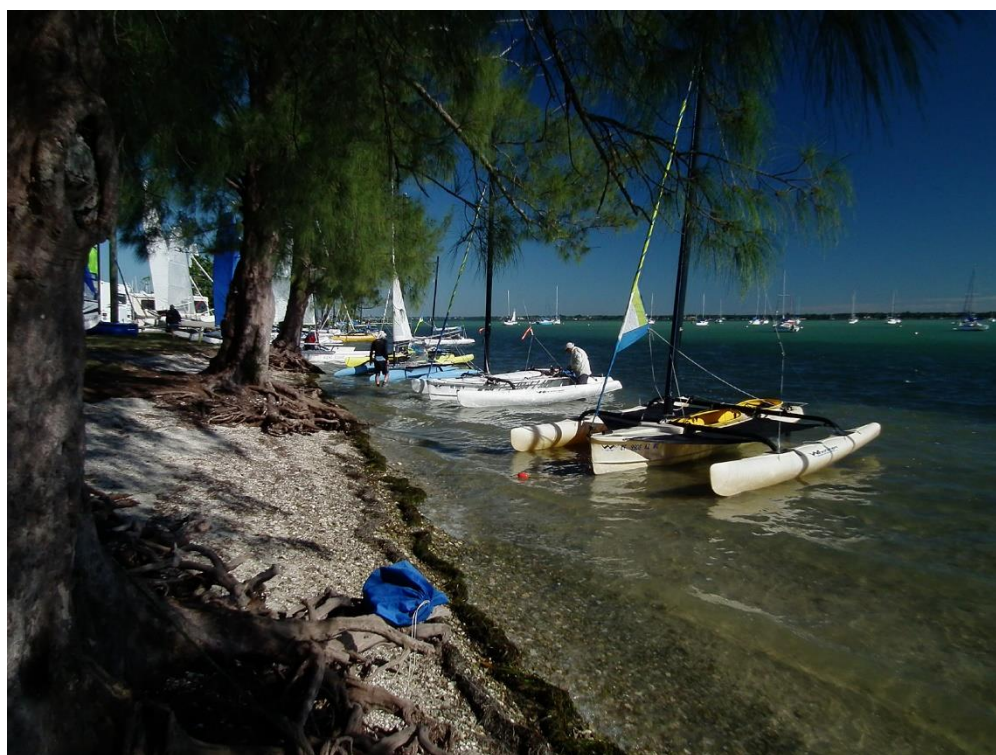
On the course at the 2013 F18 Americas Championship Regatta – Hosted by the SSS







Easy Beach Launch Area



Overhead View of Park Grounds and Sarasota Sailing Squadron



Start line at the 2013 F18 Americas Championship Regatta – Hosted by the SSS

Additional Information and Links

2013 F18 Americas Facebook Page with Information and Photos

<https://www.facebook.com/2013F18AmericasChampionship>

Visit Sarasota/Sarasota County Sports Commission

<http://sports.visitsarasota.org/>

St Armands Circle (World Class Shopping and Dining)

<http://www.starmandscircleassoc.com/>

Ringling Museum of Art

<http://www.ringling.org/>

Sarasota Area Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.sarasotachamber.com/>

Aerial video showcasing the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and our surrounding waters, please view the following video courtesy of Dalton Tebo: <http://vimeo.com/92368582>

In Conclusion

We appreciate your consideration of our proposal to host the 2018 Formula 18 World Championship Regatta. We are confident that we can provide you with a world class event and stand ready to answer any and all questions that you may have and provide any additional information that may assist you in making your decision. Our doors are always open and we welcome a site visit should you elect to inspect our facilities and meet with our organization and race management teams in person. We look forward to hearing from you.



Getting Here

Sarasota Bradenton International Airport

The Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) serves over one million passengers a year as an aviation gateway to southwest Florida. Non-stop flights to/from Atlanta (ALT), Boston (BOS), Charlotte (CLT), Detroit (DTW), Chicago (ORD), New York (JFK/LGA), Washington, DC (DCA) are available. Airlines serving SRQ with daily service are DELTA, JetBlue Airways, United and US Airways.

Tampa International Airport is just 51 miles north of Sarasota County.

Visit www.sarasotafl.org for travel arrangements

Driving Distances to Sarasota from:

St Petersburg	39 miles
Tampa	51 miles
Naples	105 miles
Orlando	127 miles
Palm Beach	179 miles
Miami	211 miles
Jacksonville	236 miles
Tallahassee	283 miles

MAJOR ACCESS ROADS: Interstate 75 (North-South) and US Highway 41 (North-South)

Please note that from the airport, it is a 10-minute drive to Downtown Sarasota and a 30-minute drive to Venice.

Other options for air travel can be found at Tampa International Airport (TPA), 60 miles north of Sarasota, and Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW), 93 miles to our south.

AIRPORT INFORMATION AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION



SARASOTA
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INTERNATIONAL

- Located on the Sarasota-Manatee County boarder.
- Daily non-stop flights to Chicago, NYC, Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte and Washington D.C.
- Onsite car rentals: Advantage, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National



- Located less than 1 hour from Sarasota-Bradenton.
- Most frequently serviced airport within a 60 miles radius of Sarasota County
- Shuttle bus, taxis and rental cars available onsite for transportation to Sarasota County
- Rental Car Companies: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Thrifty



Sarasota County is the perfect place to play, not only for our great year-round weather, but also for the numerous amenities our community has to offer. With our award-winning beaches, dining, arts and attractions, athletes and their families will have plenty to see and do.



DESTINATION INFORMATION

Popular Attractions

- Siesta Key Beach
- The Ringling Museum of Art
- Mote Marine Aquarium
- Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
- Historic Spanish Point
- Bayfront Park
- Myakka State Park

Dining, Shopping and Nightlife

- St. Armand's Circle
- The Siesta Key Village
- Downtown Sarasota
- University Town Center
- Lakewood Ranch Main Street



Additional Information and Incentives

City-Wide Promotion

Among the many unique amenities that Sarasota County has to offer as a sports tourism destination, our community pays exceptional attention to the athlete experience. Because we are a mid-sized destination, we have the ability to give any event city-wide attention. Through strong partnerships with hotels, restaurants, attractions, community alliances and the local media we have been able to create an energetic buzz for a number of events that have taken place in Sarasota County.

Visitor Services

Visit Sarasota County can assist with a variety of visitor-service projects for the Championships, if needed. In addition to supplying visitor guides and visitor information for the registration bags, the Visitor Information Vehicle (VIV) and volunteers can be present onsite during the event to hand out information and answer any questions.

Sports Events Held in Sarasota County

International Events

- 2013 F18 Americas Championship Regatta
- 2013 Pan American Masters Swimming Championships
- 2014-2016 International Pentathlon World Cup, World Cup Finals and Olympic Qualifier
- 2014 International Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Festival
- 2017 World Rowing Championships

National Events

- 2012-2014 Rev3 Florida Triathlon
- 2013 USRowing Masters Championship
- USA Ultimate Masters Championship
- 2014-2015 YMCA Masters Swimming National Championships

Hotels Near Sarasota Sailing Squadron

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Property	# Rooms	Distance from Venue	Distance from SRQ Airport	Distance from TPA Airport	Contact
2	The Resort at Longboat Key Club					Kim Lemke
	220 Sands Point Rd., Longboat Key, FL	219	1.5 mi	10 mi	61 mi	kim.lemke@oplhoteles.com
3	Holiday Inn Lido Beach					Shauna Froelich
	233 Ben Franklin Dr, Sarasota, FL	135	2 mi	8 mi	59 mi	shauna.froelich@oplhoteles.com
4	Lido Beach Resort					Kim Lemke
	700 Ben Franklin Dr., Sarasota, FL	222	2 mi	9 mi	60 mi	kim.lemke@oplhoteles.com
5	Ritz-Carlton Sarasota					Cari Gardner
	1111 Ritz Carlton Dr, Sarasota, FL	266	4 mi	6 mi	56 mi	cari.gardner@ritzcarlton.com
6	Hotel Indigo					Janet Hanson
	1223 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL	94	4 mi	6 mi	56 mi	janet@srqhotel.com
7	La Quinta					Adam Thielen
	1803 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL	102	5 mi	4 mi	55 mi	lq7712gm@laquinta.com
8	Hyatt Regency					Marissa Canneto
	1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL	294	5 mi	6 mi	57 mi	marissa.canneto@hyatt.com
9	Best Western Midtown					Dawn Milhous
	1425 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL	99	6 mi	6 mi	56 mi	dmilhous@charteronehotels.com
10	Homewood Suites					Sharon Byrwa
	3470 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL	100	7 mi	7 mi	63 mi	sharon.byrwa@hilton.com
11	Residence Inn Sarasota Bradenton Airport					Shauna Ruby
	1040 University Pkwy, Sarasota, FL	78	7 mi	2 mi	53 mi	ri.srqri.dos@marriott.com
12	Springhill Suites					Alan Wells
	1020 University Pkwy, Sarasota, FL	84	7 mi	3 mi	54 mi	alan.wells@marriott.com
13	Hyatt Place					Dana Scott
	950 University Pkwy, Sarasota, FL	114	7 mi	3 mi	54 mi	dana.scott@hyatt.com
14	Courtyard Sarasota Bradenton Airport					Shauna Ruby
	850 University Pkwy, Sarasota, FL	81	7 mi	2 mi	53 mi	ri.srqri.dos@marriott.com
15	Hampton Inn & Suites Airport					Stephanie Merrithew
	975 University Pkwy, Sarasota, FL	108	8 mi	2 mi	53 mi	michelle.siese@hilton.com
16	Hilton Garden Inn					David Alexander
	8270 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL	115	8 mi	3 mi	51 mi	david.alexander@hilton.com
17	Holiday Inn Sarasota/Bradenton Airport					Dylan Bower
	8009 15th Street E, Sarasota, FL	135	10 mi	.3 mi	52 mi	d.bower@hisrq.com
18	Ramada Waterfront					Beverly Hunter
	7150 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL	96	10 mi	3 mi	49 mi	bhunter@ramadasarasota.com
19	AmericInn					Jennifer Burke
	5931 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL	111	12 mi	10 mi	59 mi	sales.sarasota.fl@americinn.com
20	Hampton Inn I-75 Bee Ridge					Janet Moussa
	5995 Cattleridge Blvd, Sarasota, FL	121	12 mi	13 mi	62 mi	janet.moussa@hilton.com
21	Courtyard by Marriott University Park					Judy Athari
	8305 Tourist Center Dr, University Park, FL	136	13 mi	6 mi	56 mi	jathari@buffalolodging.com
22	Hampton Inn & Suites University					Judy Athari
	8565 Cooper Creek Blvd, University Park, FL	102	14 mi	6 mi	56 mi	jathari@buffalolodging.com
23	Fairfield Inn and Suites Lakewood Ranch					Rob Ferguson
	6105 Exchange Way, Bradenton, FL	87	15 mi	7 mi	56 mi	robert.ferguson@hilor.com
24	Holiday Inn Lakewood Ranch					Rob Ferguson
	6231 Lake Osprey Dr, Sarasota, FL	128	15 mi	7 mi	56 mi	robert.ferguson@hilor.com
25	Totals:	3027				