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## 19 June 2013

## The F18 Catamaran Association World Council

C/O Mr. James Baeckler Secretary General

Dear James

It brings us great pleasure to re-confirm Oman Sails interest in hosting The F18 World Championships. Oman's sailing season runs from October to April (winter) and therefore our preferred dates are –

## March 2015 or between October & December 2015.

Oman offers a purpose built, Olympic standard sailing events venue completed in 2010, the internal support of a government-sponsored initiative committed to the promotion of sailing, and a wealth of topographical beauty and cultural charm to draw diverse international interest. The purpose built marina located immediately in front of the hotel offers first class facilities including boat storage, spares Shop, launching and landing zones as well as a competitor's village.

The Sultanate of Oman is the most attractive travel destination in the Arabian Peninsula. It boasts magnificent mountain ranges, breathtaking desert and a stunning coastline of 1,700 km. Its people are renowned throughout the region for their hospitality, generosity and natural warmth towards visitors of all nationalities. Situated on the southeastern tip of the peninsula Oman's maritime history is long and proud and it is the revival of the sailing tradition in the Gulf region, which makes Oman the perfect event location.

Located approximately 100km north of Oman's capital, Muscat, the proposed venue for F18 World Championships is Al Mussanah Sports City. Purpose built to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Beach Games in December 2010, Al Mussanah Sports City features Olympic standard sporting facilities, an Athletes' village, an international broadcasting center, and a 400 berth Marina and a range of restaurants and retail facilities. A unique feature of Al Mussanah Sports City is a 4 star hotel providing 234 guest rooms and 74 fully furnished, serviced apartments all a stones throw away from the sailing arena.

Oman Sail will be responsible for the management of the Championships, both on and off the water. Our staff have a wealth of international sports event management expertise including the Extreme Sailing Series Asia, Sail Arabia The Tour, Mussanah Race Week and very successful World Championships for the Laser Standard, Masters & Youth in late 2013. A key responsibility for international staff is to ensure skills and knowledge transfer to their Omani colleagues ensuring a sustainable management legacy from the championships.

Oman Sail is committed to help the Sultanate stage one of the most exciting sailing events the region has seen. With blue skies and standard 14 knots of wind in throughout the proposed regatta dates, Oman is perfectly suited to host The F18 World Championships.

On behalf of Oman Sail

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