



F18 CATAMARAN
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European Championship 2018

29th June - 5th July 2018. Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre, Sant Pere Pescador, Catalonia, Spain

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The prescriptions that may require advance preparation are stated in full below: All the boats are to carry approved personal floating device for all on board. This prescription is a consequence of the Spanish law, and shall not be changed.

1.3 Subject to the approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the events may be declared at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.

1.4 Chartered boats have to have the WS National letters of the crew in the sail instead of the national letters as prescribed in the class rules, as permitted by RRS G3.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats and competitors shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

2.2 Competing boats maybe required to display advertising of the Event Sponsor as provided by the Organizing Authority. Also, boats may be required to display identification numbers. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to eligible boats of the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association.

3.2 All competitors shall be members of their respective National or of the International F18 Class Association when there is no National Association in their country, and shall have their entry endorsed by the International F18 Class Association.



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3.3 No later than 1st July 2018 12.00, a boat shall enter the regatta via Internet and pay the appropriate Entry Fee. Online entries via Internet (<http://f18europeans2018.sailti.com>) shall be used. The official entry form must be used and filled in completely. The Organizing Authority shall be authorized to collect the Entry Fee electronically. No other forms will be accepted.

3.4 Entries will be official and confirmed after approval by the Organizing Authority once the payment received.

3.5 Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website.

3.6 The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:

- A copy of a valid Measurement Certificate.
- Proof of Membership as per NoR 3.2.
- Proof of age for Junior and Master Competitors as per NoR 16.2.
- Proof of Insurance as per NoR 18.

4 FEES

4.1 Entries received until 28st Feb 2018 will qualify for the entry fee Euros 250.

4.2 Entries received from 1st March and not later than 1st June will qualify for the late entry fee Euros 300.

4.3 Entries received from 2nd June and not later than 1st July 12.00 will qualify for the last minute entry fee Euros 350.

4.4 The Entry fee has to be paid via the online entry form.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

5.1 With 80 or more boats the competitors will be divided in two fleets. In that case the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

- **5.1.1.** Boats will be assigned to Green and Red fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the IF18CA. Those assignments will be posted not later than 13.00 hrs on the day of the first scheduled race.
- **5.1.2** Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day fewer than two races are completed by all fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If the fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races that both fleets have completed.
- The fleet assignments will be made as follows: First Red, Second Green, Third Green, Fourth Red, Fifth Red, Sixth Green, and so on...

5.2 With less than 80 boats the competitors will run all together in one fleet. There will not be a qualifying series.



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6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	Program
Thursday 28th June	09.30-18.30h	Official arrival day Registration and measurement
Friday 29th June	09.30-18.30h	(Official arrival day) Registration and measurement
Saturday 30th June	09.30-18.30h 15.00h 19.00h	Registration and measurement Warning signal for practice race. Opening Ceremony and reception
Sunday 1st July	14.00h 19.30h	1 st warning signal of the day. Wet bar
Monday 2nd July	12.00h After races	1 st warning signal of the day. Wet bar
Tuesday 3rd July	12.00h After races	1 st warning signal of the day. Wet bar – Mid week party, dinner and music
Wednesday 4th July	12.00h After races	1 st warning signal of the day. Wet bar
Thursday 5th July	12.00h After races	1 st warning signal of the day. Wet bar Prize giving ceremony and reception
Friday 6th July		Official departure day

6.2 Fifteen races excluding the practice race are scheduled.

6.3 There will be a maximum of four (4) races per day.

6.4 When more than one race will be 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.

6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.30 hrs, except as a consequence of a General Recall.

7 MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat shall present valid measurement certificates at time of registration.

7.2 No fundamental measurement will be done on regatta site during registration days, unless this is agreed between a competitor and a measurer. In this case the Organizing Authorities is not a part of the agreement and cannot be held responsible for anything regarding this agreement.



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7.3 Boats may be subject to further inspections at any time during the regattas. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the measurement committee.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9 VENUE

9.1 The regatta will be held at Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre and the course will be placed in the “Golf de Roses”.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The courses will be defined in the sailing instructions. A trapezoid course or windward/leeward course may be used.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 is changed so that the One Turn Penalty replaces the Two- Turn Penalty.

11.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11.3 Arbitration as described in RRS appendix T will be used.

12 SCORING

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

In case of no qualifying series

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

(b) When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When thirteen or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

In case of qualifying series

12.2 The scoring system will include both qualification and final series results.

12.3 On the first racing day, the competitors will be seeded by a seeding committee established by the International Class Association based on the NCA rankings, according to NoR 5.1.

12.4 A minimum of six races are required to be completed to constitute the qualification series. The final series starts the first day after six or more qualification races have been completed.

12.5 Qualification series score

- When fewer than six qualification races have been completed, a boat's qualification series score will be the total of her race scores.



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- When six or more qualification races have been completed, a boat's qualification series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.6 After the qualification series is completed, competitors will be divided into two fleets, the first half entering the Gold fleet and the second half entering the Silver fleet. In case of odd entry numbers, Gold fleet will gather one more competitor than Silver fleet.

12.7 Final series score

- When fewer than six final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When six or more final races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.8 To establish the final results, the boat's qualification series score (as per NoR 12.5) will be added to the boat's final series score (as per NoR 12.7). Gold fleet will be scored higher than Silver fleet independent on the numbers of races in each fleet. In case of minimum six completed qualification races and no final series races, the final results will be based on the qualification series results alone.

13 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

13.1 All support boats shall be registered by the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole Discretion

13.2 Support boats are required to monitor the safety VHF channel 72 radio frequency at all times and shall be required to undertake safety duties at the direction of the Race Committee.

13.3 Support boats with support persons shall stay minimum 150 meters away of all boats racing and must only have boats racing on one side of the support boat.

13.4 On the water, all support persons 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 or a certification authority recognized for the purpose by its respective government. The driver shall connect all time to the boat by the kill cord.

13.5 All support boats shall clearly display the three (3) letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority or the national flag at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm and visible from both sides of the Boat

14 BERTHING [DP]

14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

15.1 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.



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16 PRIZES

16.1 The regatta winners will obtain the title “2018 Formula 18 European Champions”

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

- Overall
- Female team – both helm and crew shall be female
- Mixed team
- Master – the helm and crew shall be aged 50 years or older (both crew members born before 1st January 1968)
- Youth – both helm and crew shall be under 23 years of age (both crew members born from 1st January 1996 and beyond)
- Winner of the silver fleet

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 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.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 2.000.000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRIC EQUIPEMENT

19.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant 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 during the period of the competition without compensation.

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

19.3 Cameras, if fitted, must be underneath the spinnaker pole and 600mm back from the end of the smooth, round and blunt spinnaker cap pole fitting.

19.4 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

19.5 Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

20 ACCOMODATION

20.1 European CHampionship special accomodation Pack – Ballena Alegre, see <http://www.ballena-alegre.com/ca/ballena-events/>

20.2 Accomodation Info contact to



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