

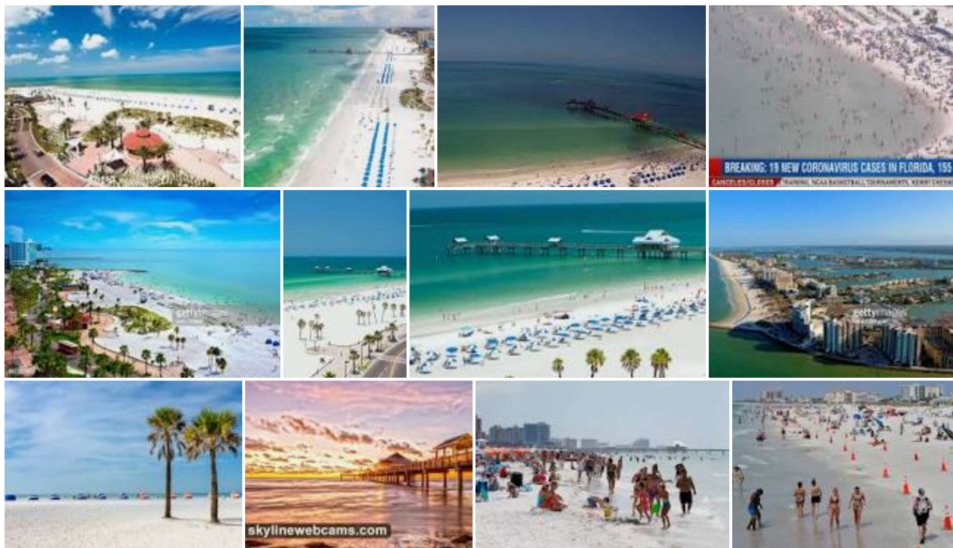


# *2022 F18 World Championship Proposal*

## *Clearwater Beach, FL USA*

At the 4 Star, Sheraton Sand Key Resort

Voted Number 1 beach in the USA



Host Club: Red Gear Racing (Organizing Authority)  
and the Clearwater Yacht Club



*Dear F18 World Council Members,*

*We look forward to the opportunity to host a fabulous event for the F18 Class in Clearwater Beach, Florida, for 2022.*

*For those of you who have been to Florida before, and have not visited the Clearwater Beach area, you have really missed out.*

*Clearwater Beach is home to the #1 beach in the USA with a host of, activities and attractions for visitors to experience. Dinner cruises, adventure activities, parasailing, sport fishing, Busch Gardens theme park in Tampa, just 35 minutes away, restaurants, night clubs, museums and much more awaits you in Clearwater Beach, Florida.*

*For the sailors, we have direct access to the Gulf of Mexico with little or no surf and great wind most of the year! October offers great wind with mild heat. We lose very few sailing days in Clearwater. We rarely have a day where the sun does not shine, which is another reason why so many people visit the Clearwater Beach destination.*

*Hosting this event at a 4 star beach resort will only make for a more memorable event for all and offer a first class touch to a well deserved event.*

*With the network of volunteers and sponsors already in place, it makes holding a spectacular event somewhat easy. We have a polished team ready to go! Within 10 minutes of hearing the bad news of Australia canceling the 2022 Worlds, we had our head line sponsor confirmed and commit to make the event a success. With in 30 minutes, we had our major support in place!*

*Once awarded this prestigious event, we plan to hit the planning trail hard to make this even more spectacular! Thank you for the opportunity to host this exciting event!*

*Best regards,*

*Jill Nickerson  
2022 F18 Worlds Proposed  
Regatta Chair*

# ***2022 F18 World Championships Proposal***

*Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, Florida, USA*

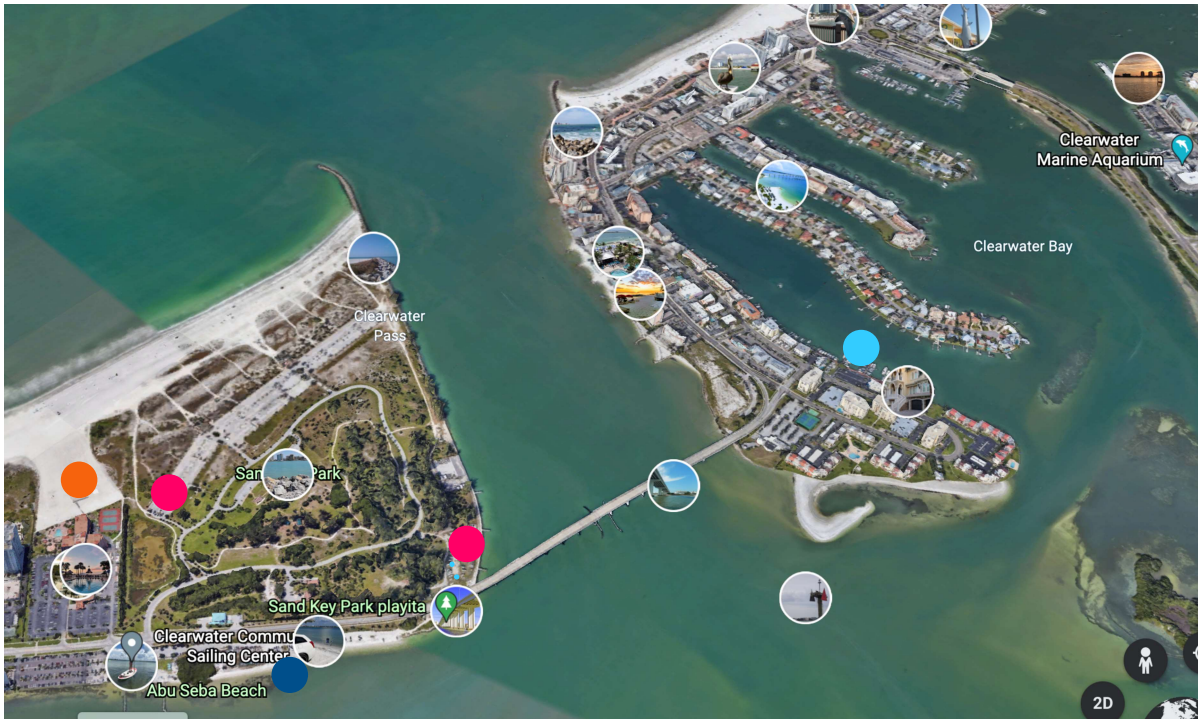
October 8-9 (Sat & Sun) F18 Worlds Warm up regatta

October 12-16 (Wed – Sun) F18 Worlds

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## MAP LEGEND

- Clearwater Yacht Club
- Sheraton Sand Key Resort and launching area
- Proposed Container Storage
- Proposed coach boat anchorage



## INTRODUCTION

This proposal outlines the proposal to host the 2022 F18 World Championships. We will cover the private resort site, the #1 beach in the country location, the spectacular Gulf of Mexico race course, one of the top tourist areas in the USA, and as our access to course management talent and equipment. This venue will be more representative of an event like that of the Worlds held in Spain at Ballina Allegra.

With many sponsors and resources already secured, despite awarding this event late in the game, we feel that lost time has already been made up with such good support at our disposal.



## ABOUT CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA, USA

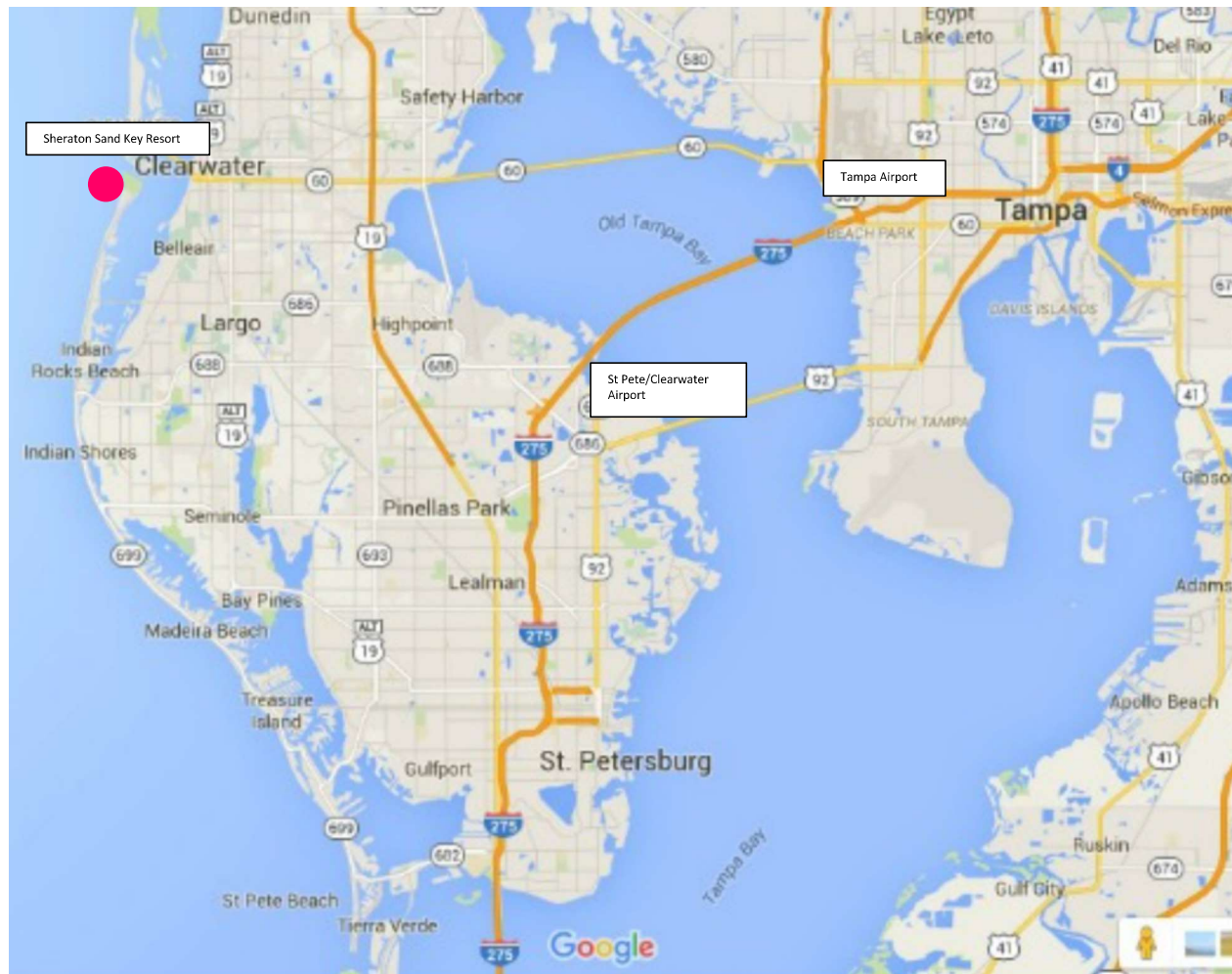
<https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/clearwater-beach.html>

Clearwater Beach dazzles with impeccable beaches and inviting waters. Trip Advisor named it the nation's #1 beach in 2018. Caladesi Island, off the north end of the beach, was recognized as the nation's best by Dr. Beach in 2008.

Besides the beaches, there is Clearwater Beach's inviting, small-town atmosphere. At Clearwater Marine Aquarium, you will find Winter the Dolphin, star of the "Dolphin Tale" movies. Winter swims with a prosthetic tail and the movies about her triumphs have struck a chord with adults and children who identify with the dolphin's struggles.

With Clearwater Beach attractions such as, fine restaurants and family-friendly lodgings, as well as exciting beach activities, Clearwater Beach's many options will have the whole crew smiling.

Clearwater Beach is just 35 minutes from Tampa and 90 minutes away from Orlando which hosts many of its own fabulous tourists attractions such as Disney World, Epcot Center, Universal Studios, Sea World and many more.



## LOCATION AND VENUE

The Sheraton Sand Key Resort is located on Sand Key, adjacent to Clearwater Beach.

The Sheraton is a four star resort with private beach front. It boasts over 300 rooms and extensive meeting and ballroom space, pool and Tiki bar, tennis courts and over 400 meters of white sand beach.

While the Sheraton has room rates of \$322.00 plus tax in Oct of 2021, they will be offering us a group room rate of \$199.00 plus tax per night.

The Sheraton hosts events like this only for a chosen few. Jill Nickerson, regatta chair, previously served as National Sales Manager for the property for several years and had previously run large sailing events at this property, so she was welcomed when she approached them to host this event.

They have offered very competitive rates that we are expecting will be under \$200.00 per night as well as provide additional needed infrastructure for the Media, Coaches, Judges and Office space. Since this is a private beach resort, security is already in place as well as plentiful parking with back up parking in the adjacent park.



## VENUE LAY OUT

Space is plentiful, easily accommodating 300 boats with room to spare. Course space on the Gulf is also not an issue. We generally file at least 2 planned courses with the Coast Guard to offer two different wave conditions dependent on the wind direction. We have plenty of room and resources to run a double windward/leeward course if needed.

Car parking would be right at the Sheraton with an overflow planned in the adjacent Sand Key Park. Trailer parking would be very accessible to the sailors. Containers would be stored within walking distance.

We would use a beach tie down system that would assure boat safety if the winds were high at night.

A large event tent is planned to offer shade as well as a place to do outside activities and measurement. Some additional tents may also be deployed. Sail measurement will be planned in the hotel ballroom. In addition to the daily activities that we will plan, the resort also boasts multiple restaurants and bars. We are planning on having an office, media room and jury room in the hotel as well as additional outside space for food when they get off the water and such.

The waters are fairly protected as there is very little tide and some what shallow just off the beach to make it easy to land. We are also planning on having a way to rinse off the boats each day.

We will be looking at berthing coach boats either across the street at the sailing center or at the nearby Marina.

We have a very experienced Race Committee to draw from with an array of equipment and talent.





## RACE SCHEDULE

Race starts would be scheduled at about 11-12 noon each day as that is when the wind is usually quite nice. We would plan on race days being Wednesday-Sunday. We would host a warm up race on the week end prior to the Wednesday start. Of course, we also have flexibility in this schedule. Our proposed dates for the Worlds will be October 12-16, 2022. We would have the option to do a double trapezoid course with a separate finish line as we have the equipment as well as the personnel.

Currently we have several key pieces of equipment confirmed as well as back ups.

- 46 Foot Catamaran for Start boat
- 62 Foot Monohull for finish boat or spectator boat
- 27 Foot Troller for for finish boat or spectator boat
- 43 Foot Catamaran for Start boat back up
- Multiple smaller boats for windward marks boat, gates boat, pin boat, safety boats, photo boat





## HOW TO GET THERE

Tampa International Airport, TPA, as well as Clearwater/St. Pete Airport, PIE, is conveniently located and offer a full service of rental car fleets, shuttle service, Uber and Lyft.

The hotel is about a 35 minute drive from the TPA and about 30 from PIE.



<https://tampaairport.com/>



TAMPA BAY THE EASY WAY

<https://www.fly2pie.com/>

## CONTAINER SHIPPING

Shipping containers can come in a variety of ways with roll on/roll off service available on some ships. Containers can be trucked here or trained or we can also assist with pick up and delivery of Ro/Ro trailers. We can also assist with accepting delivery and arranging chassis unload service. This location coordinated 35 Containers at the Nacra 17, FX and 49r combined Worlds that were held at the Sailing Center across the street and utilized the park for containers.

- Port of Miami
- Port of Jacksonville
- Port of Brunswick
- Port of Tampa

Storage of containers to pack for St. Barths Cat a Cup Regatta will be available.

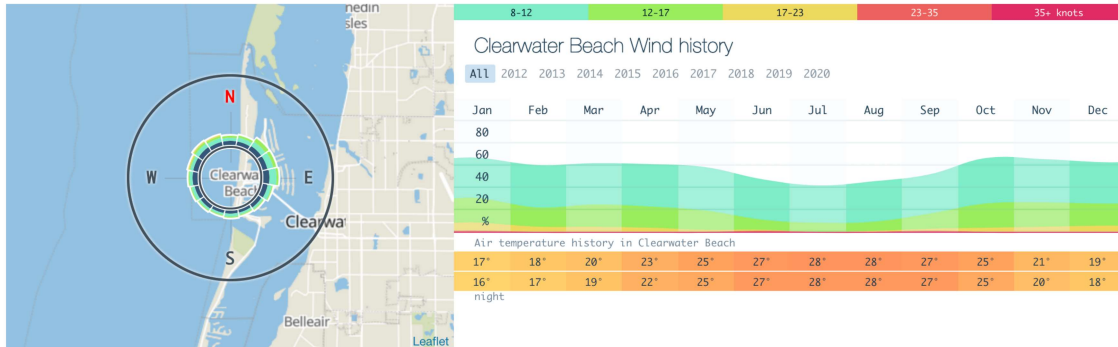
## WEATHER

The weather here is beautiful for racing and we lose very few race days due to unfavorable conditions.

[Forecast](#) [Statistics](#)



### Weather Statistics & History



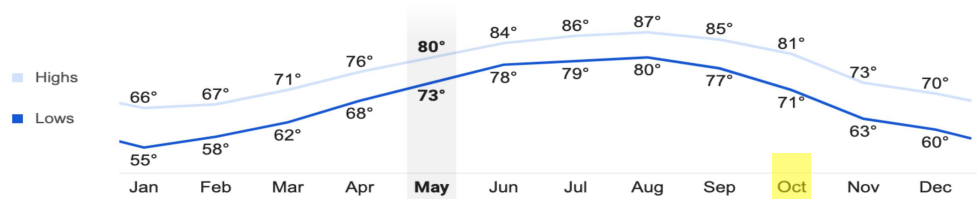
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### Clearwater Beach, Clearwater, FL

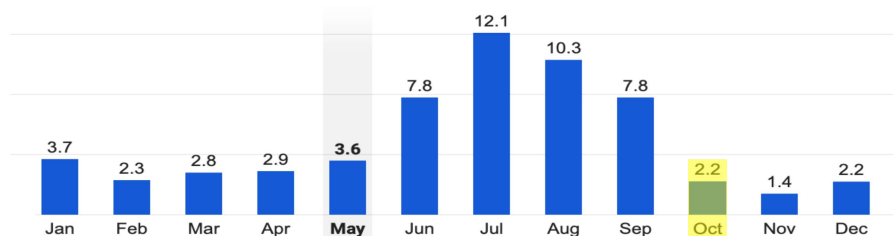
Weather averages

[Overview](#) [Graphs](#)

Temperatures (°F)



Rainfall (inches)



<https://www.google.com/search?q=average+temperatures+for+clearwater+beach+fl&oq=average+temperatures+for+Clearwater+Beach&aqs=chrome.2.69i57j69i59j0i13i30j0i390l4.10968j1j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

## HURRICANES

Although we are towards the end of our hurricane season during the event, Clearwater historically, is a very unlikely landing place. Clearwater has not had a major hurricane hit since 1921, and say that the Clearwater phenomenon of a shallow Continental shelf off our shore helps to protect this area. Like the St. Barths event, the timing of great weather tends to be worth the risk.

## LOCAL AMENITIES

There are too many local restaurants and night spots to list. Just over the Sand Key Bridge, which you can walk or drive, is the famous Clearwater Beach Strip that has more hotels, restaurants, shops, dinner cruises, parasailing, pirate ships and more that you can visit.



In addition to Clearwater Beach attractions, we have many top tourist destinations such as Busch Gardens, Florida, located just 40 minutes away in Tampa. We also have Orlando with Disney and all its attractions just 90 minutes away.



## SOCIAL EVENTS PLANED

- Two organized dinners for the competitors
- Guest packages
- Welcome pack for competitors
- End of sailing snacks each day
- Water to pass out on the water
- Guests would be able to attend almost limited tourist activities that are displayed in the hotel lobby as well as travel around the tourist route on the Jolly Trolley.





## ACCOMMODATIONS

In addition to the fabulous Sheraton Sand Key, there are choices near by and across the Sand Key bridge. Hotels range in prices from small motels to large commercial chains. There is a trolley that travels a regular route up and down the beach to all the hotels.

In addition to the numerous hotels, there are VRBO, and Air B&B everywhere on the beach and on the mainland if you prefer a home instead of a hotel.

Although there is no RV parking overnight on Sand Key, there are RV parks on the mainland to the North and to the South. RV's are allowed to park at the Sheraton during the day.

The Event will provide housing for the Class Measurer and Intl Class President

## MEDIA

We are planning on having live Facebook video as well as a web site for the event. In addition, we would plan to have drone video as well with a dedicated media person. We will have at least one photographer dedicated to documenting the event.

We will have a media room set up for the press and coaches with WIFI available. WIFI should be available thru the hotel for all of the sailors.



## EVENT CONTACT

Jill Nickerson, Regatta Chair  
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727-793-8743

Jill Nickerson has sailed and raced multihulls since 1981. She has been involved with coaching multihulls at the Olympic level since 1995. She is a US Sailing level 3 coach and manages and works with Red Gear Racing Coaching program. Jill has chaired and hosted regattas in the Clearwater area since 1990. At the time of being National Sales Manager for the Sheraton Sand Key, she chaired one of the first multiclass regattas in the country and hosted over 250 boats at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort. In addition to that, she has hosted numerous National Championships for multiple classes as well as handled the safety for all courses at the combined Nacra 17, FX and 49r Worlds held in Clearwater in 2016. She also managed and landed 35 containers for the event.

Jill, along with her husband, Robbie Daniel, managed 4 Olympic Campaigns and has attended World Championships all over the world since 1996. Jill also manages Fun in the Sun, who is the North American distributor for Goodall Design and a dealer for Nacra Catamarans. As a result of this network, they have a good supply of parts and line on hand at all of the large events in the US. As a result of Jills longevity in multihull sailing, she has many close ties to a deep line of regatta talent including Judges, Race committee, equipment and sponsors.

Clearwater Yacht Club will be a managing partner in this event offering, racing expertise and equipment as well as organizational support. This is a racing club and annually hosts the Laser midwinters in Clearwater as well as many other events.



## REGATTA PARTNERS

We have only just begun to contact our regular supporters and our list is building each day. We have already secured a title sponsor who is committed to make this event a success, in addition to the list of sponsors below. We are expecting to be able to manage a budget of approximately \$100,000.00. We already have commitments for approximately half of our budget and we have not spent any time on marketing. **This event will be underwritten by our title sponsor for which we already have full commitment from.**

- Red Gear Racing (OA) and member of US Sailing and holder of an Insurance Burgie program
- Red Gear Racing F18 Boat Charters (making charters available to the racers)
- Immunolin Title Sponsor
- City of Clearwater
- Visit St. Pete Clearwater
- Clearwater Yacht Club, member of US Sailing
- Ronstan
- Zhik
- Sailmon
- Murrays Sports
- Andersen Tax
- Gondolier Restaurants
- B & C Technologies
- Tomeo & Tomeo Dental
- My Sail Charity

## REGISTRATION AND AWARDS

We would most likely do registration on Regatta Network or possibly another which we are in negotiations. We would also welcome our youth sailors, providing a discounted entry fee. It is our goal to have food after racing each day included a couple of ballroom dinners. It is our goal to give each registrant a welcome pack with regatta keepsakes for skipper and crew. We would also be planning trophies for skipper and crew that would be approximately 10% deep with placement and include a Masters, Youth, Mixed team, Women's team award and gold and silver awards should we have two fleets.

## REGISTRATION FEE

- Early registration before April 1, 2022 prior to the event and be \$375.00
- Youth discount of \$100.00 at all registration levels.
- Late registration to be from April 1 – August 30, 2022 at a cost of \$425.00
- Registrations after the final late date would be reviewed and potentially excepted at a cost of \$500.00.



## JURY

The Jury will be headed up by International Judge, Tom Rinda of the USA. The Jury secretary will be Ann Newton of the USA. They will put our team together. We will have a jury room at the hotel for hearings.

## MY SAIL CHARITY

This event will in part, benefit the My Sail, Multihull Youth Sailing Foundation. We will also have at least one My Sail youth sponsored team enter the event! We are planning \$15.00 from each registrant to be donated to the MY Sail Foundation.

