



# 2023 F18 North American Championship Proposal

## Burlington Beach, Ontario, Canada



Dear F18 Members,

On behalf of the Burlington Beach Catamaran Club ("BBCC" or "Club"), we welcome the opportunity to host your F18 2023 North American Championships.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our Club, we are located on the sandy shores of Lake Ontario in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. BBCC was founded in 1979 and has maintained a long tradition of catamaran racing, with our first Regatta held in 1982. Our Club only supports beach catamarans and during our 2022 season we successfully hosted our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta (40+ Registrants) and the 2022 A-Class North American Championships (40+ Registrants).

The strength of BBCC is our strong membership base who actively support club activities. Over the past 40+ years BBCC has grown to include numerous catamaran fleets. Several club members having won championships within the Ontario Catamaran Racing Association (ORCA) and many competed in numerous international events. We are now the largest catamaran club in Ontario, Canada, our club racing series has expanded to both Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons and our Annual Regatta is a regular event within the ORCA racing series.

Our Club location is ideally suited for catamaran racing and hosting regattas. Lake Ontario is the eastern most lake of the Great Lakes and is ranked the 13th largest lake in the world. There is and an abundance of racing options to address wind direction. The Club is located lee of the prevailing westerly winds with a shallow beach making launching easy and simple. Downtown Burlington is located within walking distance from the Club, offering a variety of restaurants and accommodations. Burlington is also centrally located to numerous attractions within 1 hour drive like Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Lake and Toronto. providing strong appeal to all sailors & guests visiting the area.

We thank you for this opportunity to host your 2023 NA Championships event and look forward to working with your US and Cdn F18 Team's in making this event a great success.

Best regards,

Mauro Spagnolo  
Commodore  
Burlington Beach Catamaran Club

# Regatta Proposal Summary

**Proposed Event:** 2023 Formula 18 North American Championship Regatta

**Proposed Event**

**Dates:** September 16-22, 2023

September 16-17 - Arrivals and Measurements

September 18 - Practice Race (Afternoon)

September 19-22 - Racing Days

**Organizing Club:** Burlington Beach Catamaran Club (BBCC or Club)

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

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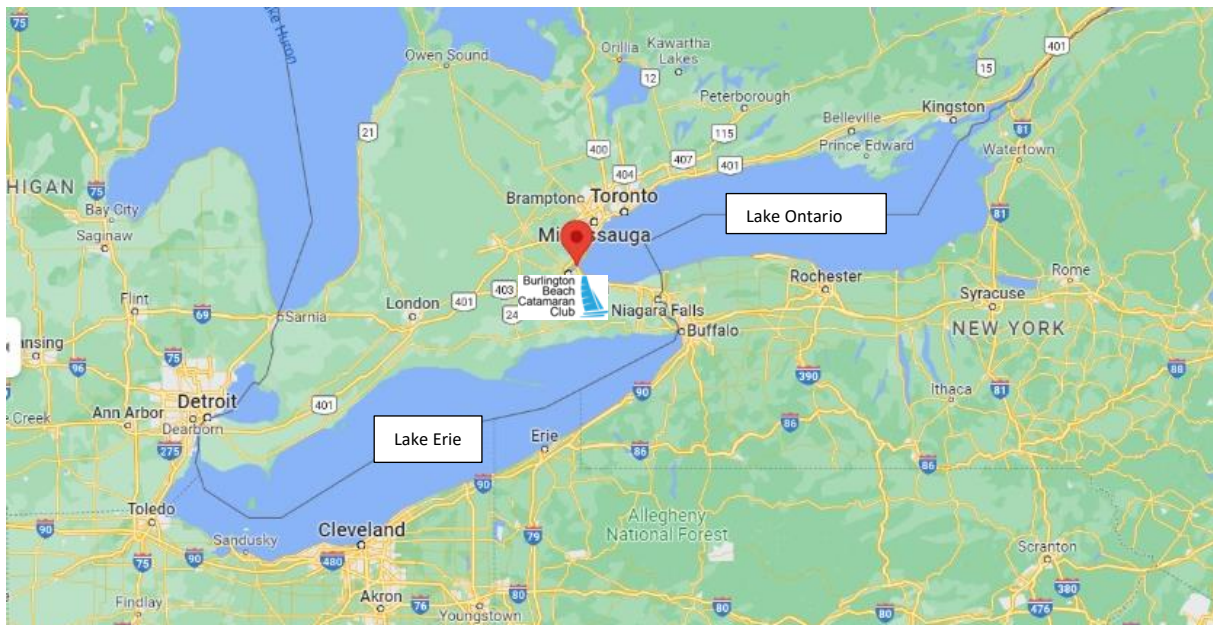
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**Location:** BBCC is located in Southern Ontario on the north shore of Lake Ontario close to Toronto, Ontario. We are 60 miles from the Canada/US border through Buffalo New York and approximately 200 miles from either Detroit or Sarnia border crossings. Several airports are conveniently located to the Club including Toronto Pearson, Hamilton Airport and Buffalo Niagara International Airport. Most offer full-service rental car fleets with Toronto and Hamilton providing shuttle service Uber and Lyft.





## About Us

The Burlington Beach Catamaran Club ("BBCC" or "Club") is a Not-For-Profit sailing club located on the sandy shores of Lake Ontario in Burlington Beach. The Club was originally founded in 1979 and has become the largest catamaran sailing club in Ontario. We are active members of Sail Canada thru Ontario Sailing.



### Key Club attributes include:

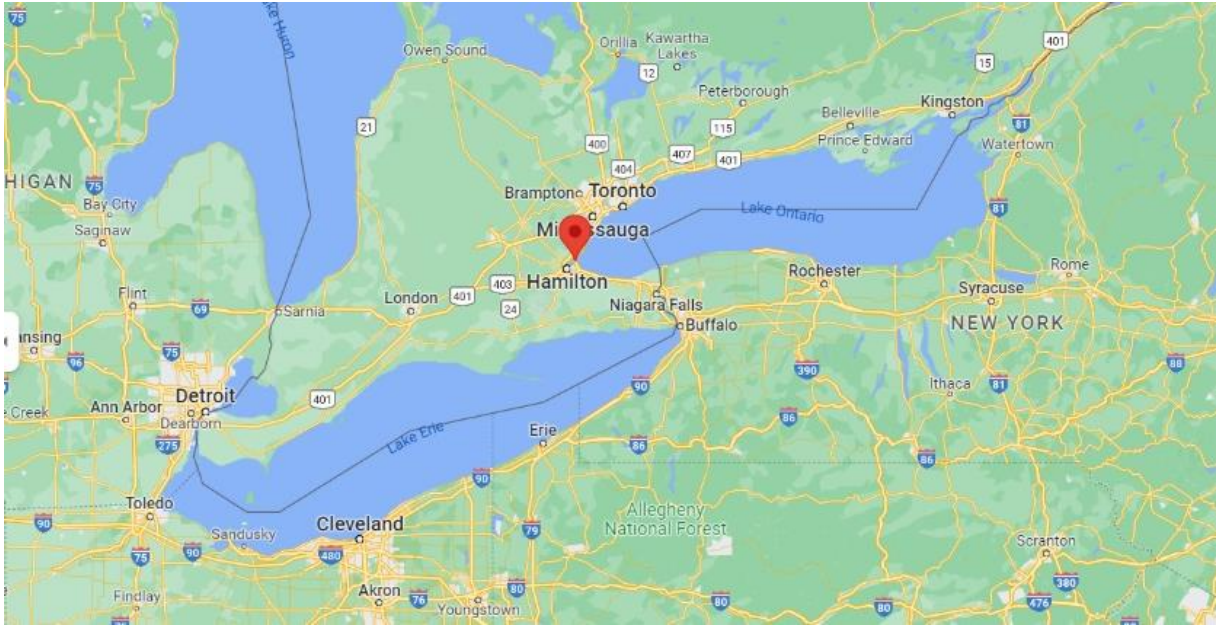
- ✓ Long history of racing and hosting regattas. Our 1st Regatta was held in 1982 "BUMS Regatta" and has now become an annual event at the Club. Club racing is held on Wednesday and Sundays and many of our members are active participants in numerous regattas throughout the season. Several BBCC members have won Ontario Catamaran Racing Association (ORCA) championships and are recognized internationally.
- ✓ Successfully hosted the 2022 A-Class North American Championships in September 2022. The event attracted 40+ registrants from across Ontario and the US including sailors from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey, Carolinas, Florida and Texas. The event received [favourable reviews from participants](#) and provides the Organizing Committee a successful template which we will build upon for the F18 North American Championships.
- ✓ Expansive sandy beach which can support 100+ boats and trailers. Both boats & trailer are parked on the beach during all our regattas providing easy access to sailing gear, with simultaneous launching of all boats. Race courses are set up within a short sailing distance from the shoreline. Given the freshwater nature of Lake Ontario, there is no concern for any salt erosion. The size of the Lake Ontario also provides for an abundance of racing options to accommodate wind direction.
- ✓ Well organized and experienced Regatta Management team including an International Course Race Officer with prior F18 Regatta experience (Course Race Officer for the 2018 F18 World Championship Sarasota US and who also assisted in the preparation for the event). The Race Committee Team are all experienced race officers and have worked with the Course Race Officer at many events. In addition, we have a large group of local volunteers with prior regatta experience who are excited to host the F18 Championships.
- ✓ We are members of [Ontario Sailing](#) which represents the Ontario chapter of Sail Canada. We currently maintain 50 catamarans in the fleet, representing the largest sailing club strictly focussed on beach catamarans in Ontario. Current fleet classes include Hobie 14/16, F18, F16 and A-Cats. We currently maintain 9-F18 catamarans in the Club and 5 members have already formally committed to participate in the Championship Regatta if we are successful in our bid.





## About Burlington, Ontario

The City of Burlington is located at the northwestern end of Lake Ontario (ranked the 13th largest lake in the world) and is 60 miles from the Canada/US border through Buffalo New York from the East and approximately 200 miles from either Detroit or Sarnia border crossing on the West. All routes to Burlington are on major highways making it easy to trailer boats to our location. Burlington is also 60 miles from both Toronto Pearson Airport and Buffalo Niagara International Airport New York, making it easy for participants and guest to join the regatta byway of air.



## Local Activities

Regatta participants and guests will enjoy the many activities available in the area. Burlington is home to the Royal Botanical Gardens, which has the world's largest lilac collection. The Burlington Art Centre (walking distance from Club) holds the world's largest collection of Contemporary Canadian Ceramics, many pieces of which are on permanent display. The Centre's exhibition spaces, which feature new exhibitions every eight to ten weeks, are fully accessible and are free of charge to visitors. The museums of Burlington are also popular attractions and include Joseph Brant Museum (Walking Distance from Club) and Ireland House at Oakridge Farm, a history museum depicting family life from the 1850s to the 1920s. Burlington also has the distinction of having one of the only two naturally occurring magnetic hills in Canada. The magnetic hill is located on King Road, north of Bayview Park.



Royal Botanical Gardens



Art Gallery of Burlington



Joseph Brant Museum



Burlington maintains some of the best hiking in Ontario in the local sections of the Bruce Trail and the Niagara Escarpment, which is a UNESCO designated World Biosphere Reserve. Kelso, Rattlesnake Point, and Mount Nemo are all must see destinations for hikers. The city received a Silver ranking for its Bicycle-Friendly Community due to its numerous cycling trails. The Waterfront Trail that runs along the northern shore of Lake Ontario and is adjacent to the Club is a key favorite for cyclists.



Kelso Park



Rattlesnake Point



Waterfront Trail

Downtown Burlington is a short walk from the Club, offering a variety of restaurants, shops, and accommodations.



Burlington is also centrally located to an abundance of attractions within an hour's drive from the city. These include Niagara Falls, Niagara Wineries, City of Toronto, Numerous Museums and Art Galleries, Theatre, Sports Venues and Horse Racing & Casinos to name a few.



Niagara Falls



Niagara on the Lake - Wineries



Hamilton War Plane Museum



Toronto



Mohawk Raceway



Niagara Casino



## What are Sailors saying about us

*The city of Burlington is phenomenal with countless restaurants, cafes and shops. Spouses of the sailors drove to a wine tasting just outside of the city while some sailors visited nearby Niagara Falls on the lay day. The beach catamaran club is in the lee of the prevailing westerly winds. Launching is simple with almost no wind. The water is a half foot deep crystal-clear fresh water. Push off and put boards in as the wind slowly builds to 15. Hop out on the trap and foil down to the course while soaking up the view of the city in the background and Toronto is visible on a clear day in the distance. Very wide, perfectly manicured beach with panoramic views of the city that could easily fit 100+ boats*

International A-Division Catamaran Association - A-Cat.org

*Super cool in Burlington. Lots of people came a long way, but it was totally worth it. City was great, Club there was awesome, sailing was fantastic. Flat water, fresh water.*

Bruce Mahoney 2022 A-Class NA Champion – Sailjuice.com

*What a great event at my new favorite sailing venue. I really would move to Burlington in a heartbeat if it didn't snow! I had so much fun spending time with my A Cat family, and it was great to see so much hard work pay off on the water. Huge thank you to all of the Burlington Beach Catamaran Club - BBCC volunteers for working so hard to put together my favorite event of the summer! Seriously had the best time.*

Cam Farrah 2022 A-Class NA 3rd Place Foiling- Facebook.com



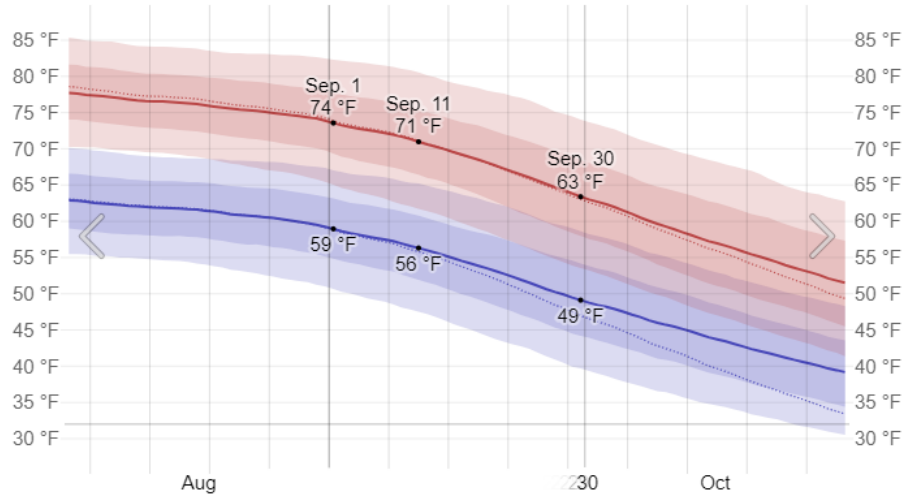


## Burlington, Ontario Weather

The September 16-22 week represent and an excellent window for the F18 NA Championship Regatta with average temperatures at approximately 70F and winds averaging 8 knots during this period. Our PRO utilizes a Calypso Mini to measure wind speeds and can download this information at the end of each racing day if requested.

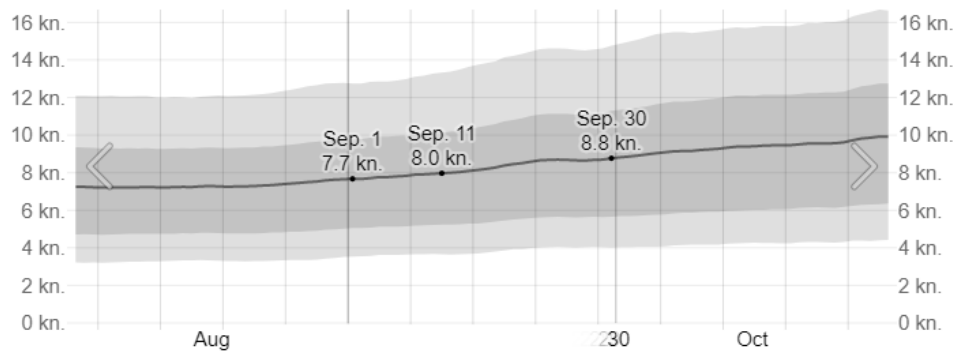
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### Temperature



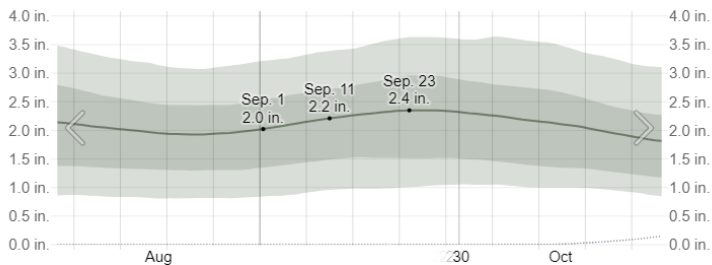
*The daily average high (red line) and low (blue line) temperature, with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands. The thin dotted lines are the corresponding average perceived temperatures.*

### Average Wind Speed

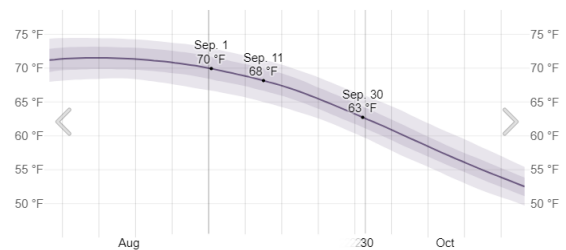


*The average of mean hourly wind speeds (dark gray line), with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands.*

### Average Rainfall

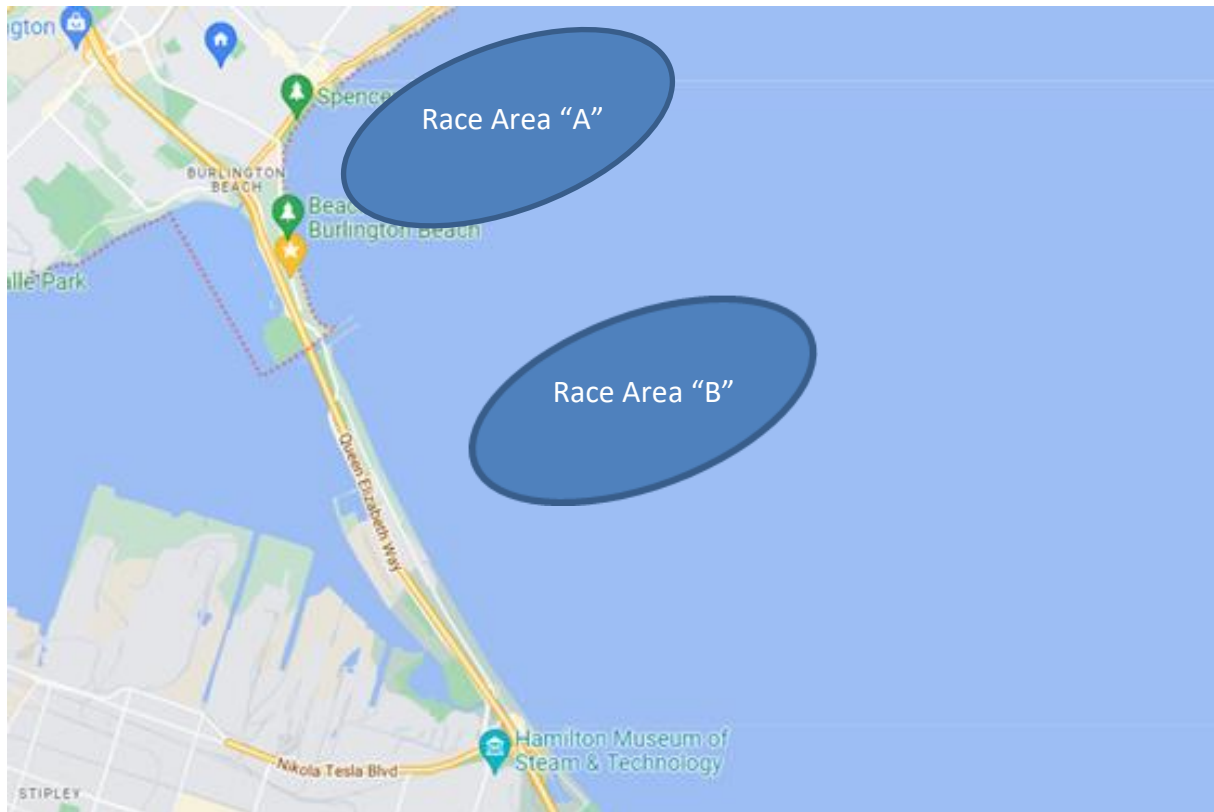


### Average Lake Ontario Water Temperature



## Racing

The Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) templates provided by the F18 Class for the event will be used. Registration and Regatta management will be completed online using Yacht Scoring (Yacht Scoring was used for the A-Class Event). The racecourse will be set each day based on wind conditions. A windward/leeward course with offset will be used with a trapezoid course to be used should the participant numbers require it. Proposed racing areas are illustrated below:



## Regatta Organizing Group

The Organizing Committee will consist primarily of Club members who have considerable experience as both participants and hosts in numerous multihull regattas. The Committee will be led by BBCC Commodore, Mauro Spagnolo who has helped organize numerous BBCC BUMS Regatta events and was a member of the 2022 A-Class NA Championships Organizing Committee. Mauro will be supported by three Event Co-Chairman's including Bill Schwenger, David Antognini and Barry Yungblut. All are Club members, and all have assisted in hosting Club events in the past. David Antognini also brings extensive experience in running external regattas including the 2010 F18 Canadian Championships held in Toronto. He was a member of the Ontario Sailing advisory group in 2021 and helped build the F18 fleet in Ontario through the distribution of Nacra. The Organizing Committee will be strongly supported by a large base of BBCC members, volunteers and local sailing clubs who have worked together in the past. All volunteers and members are excited for the opportunity to host the 2023 F18 NA Championships.



## Racing Support

Irene McNeill has agreed to become the Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the Regatta. Ms. McNeill has been associated with the Canadian race management program for almost 25 years, qualifying as a Sail Canada senior national race officer in 2002 and United States regional race officer in 2006. In 2012, Ms. McNeill gained her International Sailing Federation Officer Certificate, becoming the first Canadian woman to earn the prestigious designation. Mrs. McNeill has considerable experience with catamaran racing. She was the PRO for the 2022 A-Class Championships held in Burlington and was the Course Race Office for the F18 World Championship held in Sarasota in 2018. Supporting Ms. McNeil will be a qualified support team who have worked with Ms. McNeil for many regattas, including the Racing Support Team who helped run the 2022 A-Class Championships.

An international jury of three individuals, acceptable to the F18 Association, will be selected for the Regatta. Up to a maximum of 2 judges to operate remotely. On-site judges will be able to go on the water to observe all races.

Race committee vessels will come from a variety of local sailing clubs and will include the following:

**Signal Boat:** BBCC Member Boat – 47 ft Catalina

**Pin/Gate Boat:** Etobicoke Yacht Club - 17 ft Triumph

**Windward Mark Boat:** Royal Hamilton Yacht Club - 19 ft Triumph

**Safety Boat 1:** Water Rats Sailing Club Rats Boat – 14 ft Rigid Bottom Inflatable

**Safety Boat 2:** Bronte Harbour Yacht Club: 20ft RIB 50hp

**Safety Boat 3/Media Boat:** Port Credit Yacht Club - 19 ft Triumph

**Judging Boat:** BBCC Member Boat: 20 ft Powerboat 240hp with Bimini

All race committee vessels will launch from the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and/or Fisherman's Pier, both of which are in the Hamilton Bay minutes from the Club.



Fisherman's Pier Launch Ramp



Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

## Photography and Video

We are planning for a photographer to be available every day of the event, including any practice days and set up day, thus providing opportunities to provide a visual memory of the complete event. Videos will also be taken during the Regatta. All pictures/videos will be available to all participants and will be shared byway of Facebook and on our BBCC Website daily. We are using the same photographer from the A-Cat Regatta and are planning for her to ride with one of the Safety boats. This pairing was successfully used for the A-Class Regatta.

## Venue Details

### Participant Product/Services

- ✓ Skippers & Crew Bags
- ✓ T-Shirt included with registration
- ✓ Professional Photographer on site throughout the event
- ✓ Social Media Coverage & What's App Site
- ✓ Awards

### Participant Activities

- ✓ 3 days for Weigh in & Registration
- ✓ Practice race
- ✓ 4 days of racing
- ✓ Welcoming BBQ, Gala Dinner & Awards Reception
- ✓ Continental breakfast on all racing days
- ✓ Après-sail reception each racing day including race snacks and beverages

## Competition Schedule: Sept 16-23, 2023

### **Prior to Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Boat arrival permitted. Must be prearranged

### **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Arrivals, Weigh in, Measurements & Registration

### **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Arrivals, Weigh in, Measurements & Registration

### **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Arrivals, Weigh in, Measurements & Registration
- ***Practice Race 1:00pm***
- ***Welcoming Reception BBQ*** for all participants & race volunteers following Practice Race

### **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

- First Race Signal 11:00am (Up to 4 races scheduled)
- ***Après-sail Reception***

### **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

- First Race Signal 11:00am (Up to 4 races scheduled)
- ***Après-sail Reception***
- ***Gala Dinner*** for all participants & race volunteers

### **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

- First Race Signal 11:00am (Up to 4 races scheduled)
- ***Après-sail Reception***

### **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- First Race Signal 11:00am (Up to 4 races scheduled)
- ***Awards Ceremony Reception*** after racing concludes
- Breakdown and packing of boats

## **On-Line Registration**

Yacht Scoring - Planned Registration Software  
(All Registration Fees payable in Canadian dollars)

### **Early Registration**

**C\$475 (Approximately \$US 365)**

**January 1, 2023- April 30, 2023**

### **Regular Registration**

**C\$550 (Approximately \$US 423)**

**May 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023**

### **Late Registration**

**C\$625 (Approximately \$US 480)**

**August 1, 2023 – Sept 15, 2023**

***Young Sailors (Both Helm & Crew <25yrs)***

***– Deduct C\$50 from all rates***

### ***C\$100 - Non-Race Participants***

### ***Social Ticket***

***(Includes: Welcoming BBQ, Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony, Apres-Sail Receptions and Continental Breakfast)***



## Race Prizes

The following prizes are contemplated for the event:

- a. Helm and Crew prize for top 5 boats (1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Top Mixed Team (Male and Female) – Helm and crew prize
- c. Top Master Team (Both over age of 60) – Helm and crew prize
- d. Top Youth Team (Both underage of 25) – Helm and crew prize
- e. Top Woman Team (2 Females) – Helm and crew

## BBCC Facilities/Venue Layout

BBCC is located on a public beach with facilities located on the Upper Compound to the Beach. These facilities are all secured and include the following: Changerooms, and storage areas/containers for: Sails, BBCC RIB, Bikes, BBQ and equipment. Public showers are also available on Beachway Park. BBCC Member boats are parked on the beach throughout the sailing season. BBCC upper compound will be the Main location for the Regatta. Event tents are planned for this area to offer shade and shelter from any inclement weather. Key items to be hosted in this area include the following:

- ✓ Regatta Registration
- ✓ Back Porch BBQ
- ✓ Skippers Meetings
- ✓ Apres-sail receptions
- ✓ F18 Class Meetings
- ✓ Awards Ceremony



## Canada/US Border Crossing

BBCC has hosted numerous regatta's which have included US participants transporting boats and equipment across the Canada/US border. The most recent was the 2022 A-Cat NA Championships with >25 participants coming from the US. All the A-Cat participants had no issues at the border both entering and exiting Canada. Current border crossing requirements include a valid passport, confirmation that the race participant has the authority to use the boat & equipment in the regatta (proof of ownership suggested) and confirmation that the boat and equipment will be returned to the US following the completion of the regatta. Previous COVID policies including mandatory use of the ArriveCAN app, proof of vaccination, pre- or on-arrival testing, quarantine and health checks have also been lifted as at Oct 1, 2022.

## Trailer, and Boat Parking

As highlighted previously, BBCC is located on a public beach. BBCC member boats parked on the beach throughout the sailing season without security. During the event all participant boats and trailers will be parked adjacent to Club boats on Burlington Beach, providing racing participants easy access to their gear. We have had no significant incidents of vandalism with member boats and regatta boats during the past 25 years. Accordingly, all regatta's held at the Club are without overnight security.



## Vehicle Parking

Vehicle parking will be within 100 yards from the Club in designated parking areas exclusively assigned to Regatta Participants and Guests. Additional overflow parking is available within a 5-minute walk. There will be no charge for parking. Boat Weighting and Sail Measurements will be held on the Beach during the Pre-Regatta weekend. A reservation process for sailors to reserve their measurement times will be implemented with an experienced crew of volunteers to assist with the boat weighing and measurement process.

## Participant Accommodations

BBCC is located within walking distance to hotels and numerous condominiums and homes through Air B&B. Although there is no RV parking overnight at the beach, there is RV, trailers, and tent accommodations available at [Bronte Creek Provincial Park](#), a short drive to the club. Links to local accommodations are listed below:

### RV, Trailers, Tent Parking

- ✓ [Bronte Creek Provincial Park](#) - 1219 Burloak Drive, Oakville

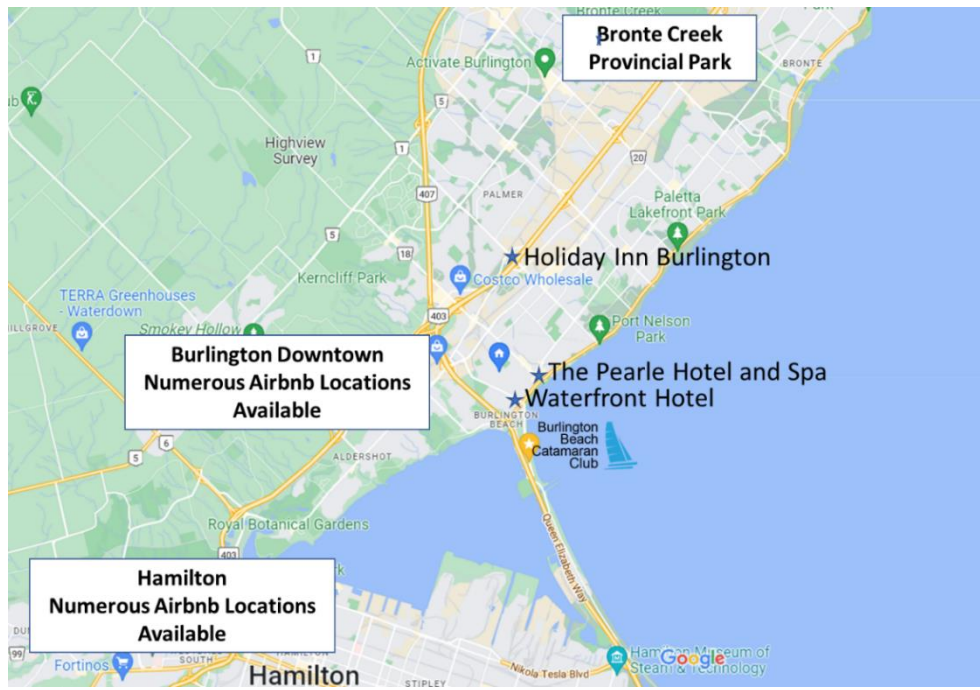
### Burlington Hotels

- ✓ [The Waterfront Hotel](#) - 2020 Lakeshore Road. Located downtown Burlington and a short walk to BBCC
- ✓ [The Pearle Hotel and Spa](#) - 3 Elizabeth Street. Also located in downtown Burlington.
- ✓ [Holiday Inn Burlington](#) - 3063 South Service Road. Burlington, Ontario
- ✓ [Burlington Hotel Listings](#) – Other Hotels in the Area

### Other Accommodations

- ✓ Numerous Airbnb options in Burlington & Hamilton





## Conclusion

We thank you for this opportunity to be considered for the 2023 F18 North American Championships. We strongly believe BBCC would be an excellent choice for the F18 2023 NA Championships. We have the location, experience, and local support to ensure the Championship Regatta exceeds all expectations of your members. Please reach out should you have any additional questions. Thank you again for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

BBCC Organizing Committee

F18 2023 North American Championships

