



Formula 18
North American Championship 2023
Organising Authority (OA): Burlington Beach Catamaran Club
on behalf of the US and Canada Formula 18 Class Associations
September 16 - 22, 2023
Burlington Beach Catamaran Club, Burlington, ON, Canada

Abbreviations			
IF18CA	International Formula 18 Class Association	NoR	Notice of Race
NCA	National Class Association	RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
BBCC	Burlington Beach Catamaran Club	SIs	Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply and they can be viewed at:
https://www.sailing.ca/uploads/2022/03/sail_canada_prescriptions_2021_2024_14_03_2022.pdf.
- 1.3 Arbitration as described in RRS appendix T will be used as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be made available prior to Friday, September 15, 2022 at BBCC and online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=15700>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the outside wall of the BBCC and online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=15700>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats are recommended to carry a VHF radio capable of receiving communication from the race committee.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all nationalities authorised to compete in regattas by World Sailing.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats of the F18 class. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
 - 4.2.1 a copy of a valid measurement certificate(s) or serial numbers to access the International F18 Certificate Database
 - 4.2.2 proof of class membership
 - 4.2.3 proof of age for Junior and Master Competitors as per NoR 19.2.
 - 4.2.4 for competitors under 18 years of age, a completed and signed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form. The form can be downloaded from the event <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=15700>



- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15700> and submitting it, together with the required fee.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Fee Type	Start Date	End Date	Fee	Approx USD Value (1)
Early Entry	Jan 1, 2023	Apr 30, 2023	\$ 475 CAD	\$ 350 USD
Regular Entry	May 1, 2023	Jul 31, 2023	\$ 550 CAD	\$ 410 USD
Late Entry	Aug 1, 2023	Sep 18, 2023	\$ 625 CAD	\$ 465 USD
Young Team (2)	Jan 1, 2023	Sep 18, 2023	Deduct \$50 CAD	Deduct \$37 USD

- (1) based on CAD to USD exchange rate of \$0.74 on Jan 2, 2023. US entries will be charged actual exchange rate by credit/debit card on the payment date.
- (2) Young Team defined as both helm and crew under 25 years of age as of Jan 1, 2023 (born after December 31, 1998).

- 5.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through June 30, 2023	Amount paid less \$50 CAD Administrative Fee
July 1 – August 15, 2023	Amount paid less \$100 CAD Administrative Fee
After August 15, 2023	No refund

- 5.3 A social ticket which includes welcoming BBQ, Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony, Apres-Sail Receptions and Continental Breakfast to be available for purchase online for \$130 CDN (approximately \$100 US).

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [DP] Competing boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor as provided by the OA. Boats may also be required to display identification numbers. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 6.2 Competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day, may be required to respectively wear yellow, blue and red bibs while racing. The OA will provide the bibs.

7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1 With less than 80 entries the competitors will race all together in one fleet. There will not be a qualifying series.
- 7.2 With 80 or more entries the competitors may be divided into two fleets. In that case the event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
 - 7.1.1 To sail the qualifying series, competitors will be initially seeded into two fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. A seeding committee established by the IF18CA will seed the competitors based on the NCA rankings. Boats will be



reassigned to new fleets after each day of racing, provided that the fleets have completed the same number and at least the first two (2) races of the qualifying series.

- 7.1.2 The qualifying series will continue until the end of the day in which the sixth qualifying race is completed, and will include all races sailed until the end of that day.
- 7.1.3 After the qualifying series have been completed, competitors will be divided into two fleets with the best ranking half entering the Gold fleet and the other half entering the Silver fleet. In case of an odd number of entries, the Gold fleet will have one more competitor than the Silver fleet.

8 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Programme
Saturday, Sep 16	0900 - 1600	Early arrivals
	0900 - 1600	Registration and equipment inspection
Sunday, Sep 17	0900 - 1600	Early arrivals
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	1800	
Monday, Sep 18	0900 - 1600	Registration and equipment inspection
	1300	Practice race (only one race)
	1800	Welcome Reception & Back Porch BBQ
Tuesday, Sep 19	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
	After races	Apres-sail Reception F18 Class Meeting
Wednesday, Sep 20	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
	After races	Apres-sail Reception Gala Dinner
Thursday, Sep 21	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
	After races	Apres-sail Reception Free Evening
Friday, Sep 22	1100	First race signal (up to 4 races scheduled)
	After races	Awards and Pizza at BBCC Compound

- 8.1 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 except as a consequence of a general recall.

9 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 All boats and crews will be weighed as part of the registration.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.3 No primary measurements will be made at the event unless arranged prior to the event with an official F18 Class Measurer.
- 9.4 A list of official F18 Class Measurers is available on-line at <http://certificate.f18-international.org/measurers>. If primary measurement assistance is needed:
 - 9.4.1 For Canadian boats, contact Maxime Loiselle (maxime@voilesmaxmarine.com or 418-524-0769) at least one month prior to the event.
 - 9.4.2 For US boats, contact Trey Sutherland, US Chief Measurer at tsunderland1@gmail.com or 704-402-7180 at least one month before the event.



10 VENUE

10.1 NoR Addendum A shows the location of the racing area on Lake Ontario.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be defined in the sailing instructions. Trapezoid courses or windward /leeward courses may be used.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

13.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

13.2 In case of no qualifying series

13.2.1 When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.2.2 When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.3 In case of qualifying series

13.3.1 A qualifying series race will not count until both qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

13.3.2 When six (6) or more races of the qualifying series have been completed, a boat's qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.3.3 When fewer than six (6) races of the final series have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her final series race scores.

13.3.4 When six (6) or more races of the final series have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her final series race scores, excluding her worst score.

13.3.5 To establish the final results, the boat's qualifying series score (as per NoR 11.3.2) will be added to the boat's final series score (as per NoR 11.3.4). Gold fleet will be scored higher than Silver fleet.

14 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

14.1 All support boats shall be registered with the OA and shall be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations.

14.2 Support boats will be required to pay an entry fee that will include one social ticket as well as their boat berth. The social ticket or support boat entry fee is \$130 CAD (approximately \$100 USD).

14.3 Support boats shall be required to monitor the safety VHF channel at all times and to undertake safety duties at the direction of the race committee. The safety VHF channel radio frequency will be made available at registration.

14.4 Support boats and their crew shall stay at least 150 meters away from all boats racing and must stay outside the lay lines for both upwind and downwind legs.

14.5 On the water, all support crew shall bring personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to World Sailing, or a standards organization, a certification authority, recognized for the purpose by its respective government. The driver shall always use a kill cord.



15 BERTHING [DP]

- 15.1 Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places while they are competing at the event.
- 15.2 Boats and trailers shall be allowed on the beach beginning on September 16, 2023 unless previously arranged with the OA.

16 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRIC EQUIPEMENT

- 16.1 By participating in the event each competitor automatically grants 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 and their equipment during the period of the competition, without compensation.
- 16.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified and provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 16.3 Cameras, if fitted, must be located underneath the bowsprit and 60 cm back from the bowsprit end cap.
- 16.4 The top three ranked competitors as well as individual race winners may be required to attend daily media press conferences.
- 16.5 Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the event.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each boat and each support boat shall be insured for third-party liability with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident, or the equivalent thereof.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The highest placed team will be declared the "2023 Formula 18 North American Champions".
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories, subject to entry numbers:
 - 19.2.1 Overall prizes will be awarded for places first to fifth in a non-qualifying series event.
 - 19.2.2 Overall prizes will be awarded for places first to fifth in the Gold and Silver fleet in a qualifying series event.
 - 19.2.3 First place female team – both crew shall be female
 - 19.2.4 First place mixed team
 - 19.2.5 First place master team – both crew shall be over 49 years of age (born before 1st January 1973)
 - 19.2.6 First place youth team – both crew shall be under 23 years of age (born after 31st December 2000)
 - 19.2.7 First place family team - father or mother & son or daughter



19.3 The highest place Canadian team (at least one Canadian citizen but both must be members of CanF18) will be declared the “2023 Formula 18 Canadian Champions”.

19.4 Other prizes may be awarded.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information, please contact:

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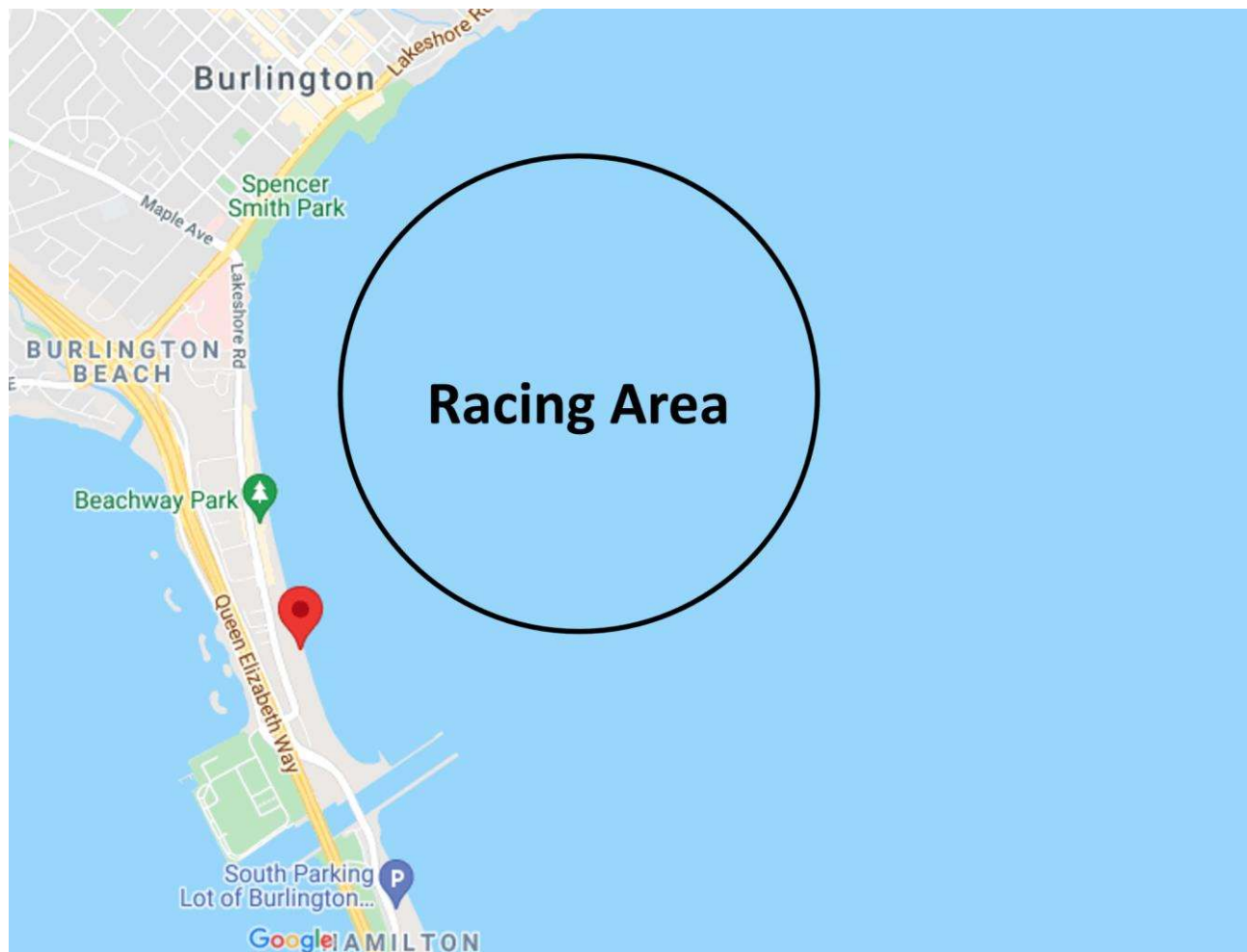
Email: mspagnolo23@yahoo.com

Telephone number: 289 242 3135

Burlington Beach Catamaran Club: www.burlingtoncatamaranclub.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/962510437672816/>

Addendum A – Racing Area



PRACTICAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)

1. COVID-19 NOTICE



The Organizing Authority is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in these events. The event will occur as scheduled, though COVID-19 may require format changes. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers' meetings or awards parties may be held virtually or in new locations, specific launching and docking instructions may be issued, and similar adaptations may be made in full communication with the competitors. The Organizing Authority will follow all applicable government regulations and prudent best practices to mitigate any possible health risks; and we ask you to do the same for yourself and your fellow competitors.

2. ACCOMODATION

2.1 RV, Trailers, Tent Parking:

Unfortunately, no overnight camping will be available at the race venue. The closest park is Bronte Creek Provincial Park (<https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek>) with accommodations for RVs, trailers and tents only 16 km (10 miles) from the event venue. Reservations are recommended.

2.2 Burlington Hotels:

The Waterfront Hotel – Located in downtown Burlington and a short walk to BBCC
2020 Lakeshore Road
Burlington, ON.
<https://www.waterfronthotelburlington.com>

The Pearl Hotel & Spa
3 Eleizabeth Street,
Burlington, ON
<https://thepearlehotel.ca>

Holiday Inn
3063 South Service Road
Burlington, ON
https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/burlington/yurca/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=Google+Maps--HI--CA--YURCA

2.3 Other Accomodations:

The event venue is also located within walking distance to numerous condominiums and homes through AirBnB.

