Current Wording:

F18 Raid Worlds bid specifications

Prerequisite

The concept is to rely on existing events with positive track record to ensure a quality event for the class and F18 sailors.

Event format

- Raid means itinerant route from one camp to another one (rather than from a single base camp), giving the event an adventure character:
    - 3 to 5 racing days
    - An indicative minimum average of 4 hours racing per day
    - Strong rescue team (+/- one rib or fast boat for five to ten entered teams, depending on race area and anticipated conditions)

Entry fee

- Indicative €1,000 maximum (2021 prices), on an all-inclusive basis:
    - Breakfast and dinner
    - Camping or night accommodation facilities
    - Sailors equipment and gear transportation between stops
    - Pictures/video production

Proposed New Wording:

F18 Raid (Long-Distance) Worlds Bid Specifications

Prerequisite

The concept is to rely on existing events with positive track record to ensure a quality event for the class and F18 sailors. For an event to be considered, there must have been events held in previous years though they may have been a shorter duration.

Defined Terms

Raid	Itinerant route from one camp to another one (rather than from a single base camp), giving the event an adventure character.
Base Camp	The location where the boats depart from and return to on the final day. Location where the trailers are kept. Also, can be the only location where the sailors sleep for a non-Raid championship.

Event Format

1. Following are the acceptable formats for the Championship in the order of preference:
   a. Raid with itinerate route with each night at a different camp.
   b. Regatta with most nights at the same base camp but at least one night spent at a different camp.
   c. Regatta with all races run from the same base camp.
   d. Over time there must be a good mix of World Championships using the different options.
   e. Intent is to run this World Championships every year when feasible.
2. Championship Title
   The winners of this World Championships will be given one of the following titles:
   - F18 Raid World Champions – if either option 1a or 1b are used for the regatta
   - F18 Long Distance World Champions – if option 1c is used for the regatta
     Alternative to have only one title: F18 Long Distance Worlds Champions
3. Entries:
   a. If there is a limit to the number of entries, it must not be less than 15.
   b. Preferred entry limit (if any) 25 – 35 boats.
   c. No maximum limit but it would be unusual to have more than 50 boats.
   d. Because these Worlds frequently have more teams who desire to compete than the allowed entries, registration is to follow these guidelines:

i. Pre-registration start date shall be specified in the NOR and must be at least one month after the NOR is published.
ii. Pre-registration end date shall be specified in the NOR and must be at least four months before the start of the regatta.
iii. The pre-registration period should be a minimum of one month.
iv. If more boats pre-register than the regatta limit, boats will be allocated based on IF18CA NCA membership except for the host country. The host country's allocation will be specified in the NOR and may be up to 30% of the entries.
v. If there are registration openings after the pre-registration deadline, then it is first-come, first-served based on payment of entry fee.

4. Race Schedule:
    a. Standard is to have either one or two long distance races per day
        i. If there is more than one race per day, there can either be a stop for lunch at a beach or harbor, or boats wait at the finish line of the first race.
    b. Minimum: 4 racing days
    c. Target: 5 racing days
    d. Occasionally may be longer not to exceed 12 racing days (e.g, Worrell 1000)
5. Races:
    a. Daily Distance (based on shortest navigational course): 25-60+ nautical miles per day with an objective to have no more than 8 hours racing time given the forecasted wind conditions.
    b. Every race sails a different course using primarily islands and navigation buoys unless severe or light wind constrains the course options.
6. Starts Options:
    a. Upwind start line with short distance (.5 to 1 nm) to an upwind weather mark and then follow the long-distance course.
    b. Start line set approximately perpendicular to the rhumb line for the first leg of the course so it could be a downwind, reaching, or upwind start.
    c. LeMans start off a beach where boats are lined up and then start at a signal
        i. For LeMans starts, with surf conditions each boat may have maximum of one helper to get through the surf if specified in the NOR.
7. Finish Options:
    a. Short finish line set next to a navigation object (buoy, light house, etc) where it is feasible for the competitor to take their own finish time and place if a race committee boat is not on station.
    b. Finish line on the water between two buoys or a buoy and a race committee vessel as specified in the NOR.

c. Finish on the beach where the boat gets to the edge of the water with maximum distance of 50 meters and then one crew member runs to blow a horn at a set position on the beach. This approach can only be used with no or minimum surf.
d. Finish line on the beach between two flags where the boat sails directly onto the sandy beach (allowed for the Worrell 1000 only).

8. Scoring Options:
    a. Total elapse time (with no race discards)
        i. With time added to each race for penalties (e.g., OCS, DSQ, etc)
    b. Point system for each race using RRS scoring
        i. Optional to have one race discard.
9. Navigation:
    a. Organizers are to have a list of predefined mark options with GPS waypoints available to the competitors at least two days before the first race.
    b. Courses using the predefined marks shall be announced to provide competitors with sufficient time to program their navigational devices.
    c. The course for the day is presented at least two hours before the first start in a competitor's meeting including information about areas of navigational danger, information on support/rescue boats and include a weather briefing.
10. Entry Fee:
    a. Fee is appropriate for the services provided and the number of race days compared to the previous championship regattas. Organizers are to provide a budget for the event.
11. Awards:
    a. A minimum of one overall place award per five entries.
    b. Additional awards for the following:
        i. Mixed Team
        ii. Masters Team
        iii. Youth Team (U26)
12. Communication:
    a. Except in an emergency, boats that are racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, satellite phones and other communication devices.
    b. Regatta management will be done using electronic notice boards and electronic communication tools.
13. Safety:
    a. Must meet any national and local government requirements.

b. Prefer strong rescue team (+/- one rib or fast boat for five to ten entered teams, depending on race area and anticipated conditions)
c. NOR must state a rigorous list of safety equipment with a minimum of the following:
    i. Minimum of one VHF radio
    ii. Second communication device (mobile phone, Personal Locator Beacon PLB, etc)
    iii. Knife on the dolphin striker
    iv. Cutting device on each person
    v. Device(s) to locate a person in the water (chemical light stick, waterproof flashlight with strobe function, PLB)
d. For events with no rescue boats:
    i. Restrict number of entries to maximum 20 boats
    ii. Entries must have history demonstrating strong sailing and navigation skills
    iii. Tracking system utilized so know location of all boats

14. Services to be Provided
    a. Tracking Devices
    b. Pictures/video production
    c. For lodging and meals there are three services levels that can be provided. It must be clearly stated in the NOR what services the competitors are receiving, and the entry fee must be consistent with the level of service provided
        i. Full Service Raid:
            1. Dinner and breakfast every night
            2. Tent camping location or overnight accommodations which can be rustic (e.g., bunk house) or more comfortable
            3. Transportation of sailor's equipment (tent, clothing, sleeping bags, etc) for which there may be a weight limit
        ii. No Service Raid:
            1. For events where the competitors have a support team that follows the coastal route of the raid the organizing authority does not need to provide any service except as specified in the NOR.
            2. For these events competitors make their own accommodation arrangements (which may be at an event specified lodge), transport their gear and are responsible for all food except for any regatta dinners specified in the NOR.
        iii. Base Camp Long Distance Race

1. For these events the event organizes can provide accommodations and meals as specified in the NOR or competitors make their own accommodations arrangements (which may be at an event specified lodge), and are responsible for all food except for any regatta dinners specified in the NOR.
2. If there is one or more nights where the sailors will sleep at a different location from the base camp, then the Organizing Authority is responsible for providing Full Service (defined above) for those days.

15. Proposal
    A. Any organization that wants to host this World Championship must submit a written proposal to IF18CA addressing all the points in sections 1 through 14.
    B. Proposal shall also:
        i. Provide information on the previous long distance/Raid events that have been held at the same location including detailed schedule, number of boats, successes of the event and problems encountered with how they will be mitigated for the World Championships.
        ii. Specify the Regatta Chairperson who cannot be a competitor.
        iii. Specify the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and their experience with running long distance race formats.
        iv. Specify the Chief Judge and other jury members if known or provide date by which they will be identified. IF18CA reserves the right to approve all jury members.
        v. Confirm organization will provide housing for the class representative and the technical chair who are both provided by the class.
        vi. Technical inspection process shall be specified relative to facilities, volunteer help and schedule.
        vii. Organizers must provide website for registration, entry list, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and other regatta information. Specify the plans for this website.
        viii. Agree that the NOR will state that both crew members are required to be F18 class members and will check membership during regatta registration.
        ix. Specify the opening ceremony plans.
        x. Include a minimum of one regatta dinner for all competitors at no cost.
        xi. Specify the prize giving ceremony plans.
        xii. Specify one good quality event branded clothing to be provided to all competitors at no cost.

C. IF18CA will evaluate all the proposals and may request revisions to a proposal before class approval.

Rationale

A. Allow long-distance events run from a single base camp to qualify to be a World Championship. Current long-distance events which could then qualify as a Long Distance Worlds include, St Bart Cata Cup and the Croatian Challenge Regatta, and New England 100 in Newport, Rhode Island, USA. Both Croatia and New England 100 would need to increase their number of race days to qualify.

B. Increase the number of options for the F18 Long Distance World Championships. The six Raid Worlds have been held at only 3 locations (Stockholm Archipelago, Costarmoricaine, Martinque) since the event was started in 2017. The Costarmoricaine Raid has been the Raid Worlds three times in a row (2023, 2025, 2026) because of a lack of options. Here is the history of Raid Worlds from the IF18CA Website:

Year	Venue	Champions
2027	Martinique Cata Raid – FRA	to be determined Feb 1- 7, 2027
2026	Costarmoricaine Raid – FRA	Charles & Maxime Hainneville (FRA)
2025	Costarmoricaine Raid – FRA	Emeric Dary – David Fanouillère (FRA)
2023	Costarmoricaine Raid – FRA	Brett Burvill – Max Puttman (AUS)
2022	Stockholm Archipelago – SWE	Patrick Demesmaeker – Olivier Gagliani (BEL)
2020	Martinique Cata Raid – FRA	Franck Cammas – Matthieu Vandame (FRA)
2018	Costarmoricaine Raid – FRA	Benoit Champanhac – Hugo Dhallenne (FRA)
2017	Stockholm Archipelago – SWE	Leff Dahl – Roger Bodén (SWE)

C. Long distance races run from a single base camp can be as challenging as point-to-point races with challenges of navigation and long-distance sailing.
D. Allow longer events such as the Worrell 1000 to qualify as World Championship.
E. Specify conditions if no rescue boats follow the fleet.
F. Specify details that must be in any proposal to host these World Championships
G. F18 class was established in 1995 to also encourage long-distance sailing so we need more opportunities.