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United States



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## 2022 U.S. Multihull Championship

Hosted by: Sail Newport  
72 Fort Adams Drive  
Newport, Rhode Island  
August 25 - 28, 2022

**AMENDED March 23, 2022**

**Event Dates: August 25-28, 2022**

### 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is US Sailing in affiliation with Sail Newport and the United States Formula 18 Class Association.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Formula 18 Class Association (IF18CA) rules, [US Sailing's Championship Conditions](#), the [U.S. Multihull Championship Conditions](#) and the [US Sailing Regulations](#).
- 1.3 All US Sailing prescriptions will apply. The full text of the US Sailing prescriptions are at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 This event is open to all F18 catamarans conforming to the International Formula 18 Class Rules.

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- 3.2 Crew and skipper may be citizens of any country and must be current members of their national F18 Class Association.
- 3.3 Since this is the US Multihull Championship (USMHC) both crew and skipper shall be current members of US Sailing or their Member National Authority for the duration of the event. Each competitor shall meet the eligibility requirements of the United States Multihull Championship Conditions. Foreign national teams who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to participate; however, they will not be eligible to win the title or perpetual trophy. They will be eligible to receive event Medals for finishing first, second or third place. The title and perpetual trophy for the USMHC are reserved for a team comprised of those with US Citizenship and or legal US alien status.

## 4 REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 4.1 A minimum of 15 boats must be registered with entry fee paid by May 31, 2022 otherwise the OA has the option to cancel or reduce the length of the regatta. If the event is cancelled by the OA, all paid entries will be fully refunded.
- 4.2 Event documents, current entries and registration is available on-line at:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2022-u-s-multihull-championship/>.  
Or Registration available directly here: <https://www.jotform.com/213416433077048>
- 4.3 Registration fees are:  
Early Registration: \$300 up to April 30, 2022  
Regular Registration: \$350 May 1 to July 15, 2022  
Late Registration: \$400 after July 15, 2022
- 4.4 Cancellation fee is \$50 before July 1<sup>st</sup>; \$100 thereafter. No cancellation/refund after July 31.
- 4.5 Specify your shirt sizes when registering on-line. Competitors registering after July 15, 2022, may not receive an event shirt.
- 4.6 On-line registration closes at noon Tuesday, August 23, 2022, Eastern Time.

## 5 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Aug 15	All Day	Earliest container arrival date
Wednesday, Aug 24	1000-1600	Registration & Crew Weigh-in
Thursday, Aug 25	0915 1100 After Racing	Competitor's Meeting First warning signal of the day Opening Dinner sponsored by NAASA
Friday, Aug 26	1100 After Racing	First warning signal of the day Drinks & debrief
Saturday, Aug 27	1100 After Racing	First warning signal of the day Regatta Dinner at Sail Newport
Sunday, Aug 28	1100 1500 After Racing	First warning signal of the day No warning signal after this time Awards Ceremony & pizza

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Monday, Aug 29	All Day	Latest container removal date
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- 5.1 This championship will have four (4) days of racing with the objective of three (3) to four (4) races per day, back to back.

## 6 BOATS AND CHARTERS

- 6.1 This event is a Bring-Your-Own Boat regatta to be sailed on Formula 18 catamarans.
- 6.2 The Organizing Authority will have no role or responsibility regarding chartered boats.
- 6.3 Charter boats may be available locally and through Red Gear Racing. For charter boat information contact:  
Red Gear Racing (Goodall Boats): Jill Nickerson at [www.Funinthesunweb@gmail.com](mailto:www.Funinthesunweb@gmail.com)  
Local Private Boats: Chris Bulger 617-785-4963 [cbulger@bulgercapital.com](mailto:cbulger@bulgercapital.com)
- 6.4 It will be the responsibility of the lessee and the boat owner to work out all charter boat costs, insurance and logistics.

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 There are multiple races sites accessible from Sail Newport. We will race in Narragansett Bay north of the Newport Pell Bridge or outside on the ocean on Rhode Island Sound depending on the conditions.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Official Sailing Instructions will be available at check in and posted on the official Noticeboard on the deck at Sail Newport by August 22, 2022.

## 9 MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Boats will not be weighed as part of check-in but must be certified and carry compensation weights based on their measurement certificate. Crews will be weighed as part of check-in.
- 9.2 Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment is class legal. During the competition, any boat or crew weight may be subject to inspection by a designated technical official. After each day of competition, the top three competitors for the day are subject to being weighed.
- 9.3 No primary measurements will be made at the event unless previously arranged with an official F18 class measurer. If primary measurement assistance is needed, please contact Trey Sunderland, USF18 Chief Measurer for information regarding measurement for this event at [tsunderland1@gmail.com](mailto:tsunderland1@gmail.com) or 704-402-7180 at least one month before the regatta.

## 10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The race course will be set by the PRO depending on conditions. The race course will generally consist of a windward/leeward course with a short reach after the weather mark and a reach from the leeward gate to the finish line. Though 2-lap courses will be the desired number of laps, the PRO can also run 1-lap and 3-lap courses to meet the race target time of 45 minutes. Course diagrams will be included with the Sailing Instructions.

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## 11 SCORING

- 11.1 In accordance with RRS A2.1 (Series Scores), a competitor's worst excludable score shall be excluded when six (6) races have been completed and a competitor's second worst excludable score shall be excluded when twelve (12) races have been completed.
- 11.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 11.3 The maximum number of races each day and for the regatta will be determined by the PRO and Race Committee depending on conditions.

## 12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 This event is a Grade 3 event as defined in US Sailing's Support Vessel Guidelines at:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>
- 12.2 No private/team coaching is allowed.
- 12.3 Support boats are allowed but must be outside of the racing area.

## 13 LIFE JACKETS/PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFD) AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 US competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Life Jacket/PFD that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor. No modifications of the Life Jacket/PFD are permitted.
- 13.2 Competitors from outside the U.S. may wear a Life Jacket/PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty and International F18 Class rules. No modifications of the Life Jacket/PFD are permitted.
- 13.3 The Life Jacket/PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 13.4 The Life Jacket/PFD must be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 13.5 A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.2(Penalties).

## 14 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- 14.1 US Sailing Regulation 10.03 Prohibited Substances will apply.
- 14.2 For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.

## 15 COMMUNICATION

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**15.1** It is recommended (but not required) that all boats have a hand-held VHF radio on board to receive communication from the race committee and to communicate in emergency situations. There will be communications from the RC to the fleets before and during racing over the VHF radio. The channel to be used will be listed in the sailing instructions. A boat shall not receive radio communications that are not available to all boats.

## **16 ELECTRONICS/GPS DEVICES**

**16.1** GPS tracking devices or other electronic instruments that utilize data to determine position, speed or distance to start line are not permitted. This includes wrist watches with GPS capability.

## **17 SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

**17.1** A towing line minimum 15 meters (48 feet) long and 6 mm (1/4 inch) diameter is required.

## **18 INSURANCE**

**18.1** Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$300,000 USD. Proof of insurance must be presented at registration.

## **19 PRIZES**

**19.1** US Sailing medals will be awarded to the first, second and third highest-ranking competitors registered for the USMHC regardless of nationality.

**19.2** The highest-ranking US team registered for the USMHC will be named the 2022 United States Multihull Champion and have their names placed on the perpetual Hobie Alter Trophy.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**20.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority, host club, sponsors and their respective employees, agents or appointees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death.

## **21 HOUSING**

**21.1** There may be a limited number of housing options with local F18 sailors available. Contact the housing coordinator listed in Section 32 "For More Information".

## **22 CAMPING**

**22.1** There is no tent camping available at this venue. Local campgrounds can be found at the following link: <https://www.discovernewport.org/places-to-stay/campgrounds/>.

## **23 HOTELS**

**23.1** There are no hotels within walking distance of the venue. [Discovernewport.org](https://www.discovernewport.org) is a great resource for local accommodations and dining.

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23.2 Use any of the following accommodation search sites or others to find suitable lodging to fit your budget:

[www.Expedia.com](http://www.Expedia.com) – for hotels and apartments

[www.hometogo.com](http://www.hometogo.com) – this site searches all vacation rental sites

[www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com) – vacation rental options

[www.Airbnb.com](http://www.Airbnb.com) - vacation rental options

23.3 There is a water taxi that runs from the Newport waterfront to Fort Adams which could be used to transit from downtown hotels to Sail Newport.

## 24 NEAREST AIRPORT

24.1 Rhode Island T.F. Green Airport is the closest major airport and is located 28 miles from the venue.

## 25 PARKING

25.1 Parking is available on site next to the boat launch ramps and storage fields at 60 Fort Adams Drive.

## 26 BOAT ARRIVAL AND BEACH ACCESS

26.1 Boats may not arrive at Sail Newport before August 15<sup>th</sup> and must be removed by August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 27 CONTAINERS

27.1 Maximum size of container or truck that can be accommodated at the venue site is 52 feet.

27.2 Containers may not be scheduled to arrive before Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

27.3 Containers may arrive/depart any day between sunrise and sunset (In season park hours).

27.4 Containers must be removed no later than Monday, August 29, 2022.

27.5 For boats shipped by container or truck, the containers/trucks will have a designated storage location in the parking lot.

27.6 Contact Nick Mauprivez to coordinate container arrival. See contact info below.

## 28 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Regatta Chair: Gary Knapp 401-846-1983 [Gary.Knapp@sailnewport.org](mailto:Gary.Knapp@sailnewport.org)
- USF18 Steve Stroebel 619-987-4630 [stevestroebel9@gmail.com](mailto:stevestroebel9@gmail.com)
- US Sailing National Chair: John Nekus 312-656-1689 [johnnekus@gmail.com](mailto:johnnekus@gmail.com)
- US Sailing: Nancy Mazzulli 401-342-7961 [nancymazzulli@ussailing.org](mailto:nancymazzulli@ussailing.org)
- Boat Measurement: Trey Sunderland 704-402-7180 [tsunderland1@gmail.com](mailto:tsunderland1@gmail.com)
- Container/Truck Arrival: Nick Mauprivez 401-266-9885 [Nick.Mauprivez@sailnewport.org](mailto:Nick.Mauprivez@sailnewport.org)
- Charter Boats & Housing: Chris Bulger 617-785-4963 [cbulger@bulgercapital.com](mailto:cbulger@bulgercapital.com)

## 29 SPONSORS

29.1 This regatta would not be possible without the support of all our sponsors. More sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Matt Duggan.

