



# Formula 18 North American Championship 2023

## September 19 – 22, 2023

### Burlington Beach Catamaran Club

### Burlington, Ontario, Canada

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

[NP] denotes that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [DP] RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the day on which it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the outside wall of the BCC and online at <http://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15700>
- 3.2 Failure to post a notice on the website will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a) (Redress).
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on International VHF radio channel 71. VHF radios are only to be used in transmit mode to notify the RC when retiring or in the case of an emergency situation where they may be used to transmit a distress call to the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the launch beach.
- 4.2 Boats shall NOT launch until Flag D is displayed with one sound. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 4.3 When AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the RRS Race Signals.



## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1

SCHEDULE		
Monday, Sept 18, 2023	1100	Practice Race Competitors Briefing
	1300	Practice Race first warning (only one race)
Tuesday, Sept 19, 2023	0930	Competitors meeting
	1100	Racing first warning, up to 4 races scheduled
Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023	1100	Racing first warning, up to 4 races scheduled
Thursday, Sept 21, 2023	1100	Racing first warning, up to 4 races scheduled
Friday, Sept 22, 2023	1100	Racing first warning, up to 4 races scheduled
	After racing	Awards and Pizza at BBCC Compound

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

## 6 CLASS FLAG

**6.1** The class flag will be a white flag with the Formula 18 class insignia.

## 7 RACING AREA

**7.1** Attachment A shows the racing areas.

## 8 COURSES

**8.1** The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the course designations, and the order in which marks are to be passed.

**8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

**8.3** If either of mark 2s/2p are missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port.

## 9 MARKS

### 9.1

Mark	Description
1, 1a, 2p, 2s	Yellow inflatables
Start mark	Orange inflatable or Staff displaying an orange flag on a vessel
Finish mark	Orange inflatable
New mark	Green inflatable



## 10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the start mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
- 10.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed by the race committee with one sound not less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course).
- 11.3 If a course change affected a windward mark with an associated offset mark, the offset mark will not be laid so that there is no offset mark after the course change. This changes RRS 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course).

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat vessel at one end, and the course side of the finish mark.
- 12.2 [DP][NP] Boats that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

## 13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Following table summarizes time limits which are governed by the text.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
20 minutes	45 minutes	75 minutes	20 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 A race will be abandoned if no boat has finished within 75 minutes. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a) (Redress).
- 13.4 Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window time limit after the first boat sails the course and finishes (and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress), will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2 (Race Time Limit and Scores) (Scores Determined by the Race Committee).
- 13.5 Failure to meet Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). (Redress)

## 14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the protest committee or online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15700>.



- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Notices of protest by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) (Protest Requirements).
- 14.5 Hearings may be a mix of in-person and/or videoconference. The location, date and time of hearings will be posted on the notice board.

## 15 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 15.1 On the water, boats must check in and receive acknowledgment from the race committee before the first race of the day or upon returning to the race area if the boat has left for repair or any other reason.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

## 16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 16.1 Substitution of crew will only be allowed with prior written approval of the race committee and shall comply with the NoR.
- 16.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment limited by class rules will only be allowed with written approval by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the substitution.

## 17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 17.2 [DP] On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 17.3 [DP] Boats may be scored – DNE – Disqualified Not Excludable under the class rules for boat, crew weight and equipment violations.

## 18 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
  - 18.1.1 Jury – Flag J
  - 18.1.2 Safety – Yellow flag with red vertical stripe
  - 18.1.3 Media – White flag with letter “M”

## 19 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 19.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority prior to the first scheduled race and support boats shall be marked with a numbered identification flag. No flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the organizing authority shall be displayed.
- 19.2 Unless otherwise directed by the race committee, no support boat may be within one hundred (100) yards of the race area (all points that may be reached by a boat sailing a race, including the start and finish lines) nor have any communication with a competitor between the first warning signal for a race and the time that race is postponed or abandoned or the competitor has finished or retired.
- 19.3 All support boats must be equipped with their own VHF radios and are expected to monitor the course channel while on the water.
- 19.4 Team leaders, coaches, and support boats must be prepared to render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the race committee.



## 20 TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1. Trash may be placed aboard support and official boats.

## 21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

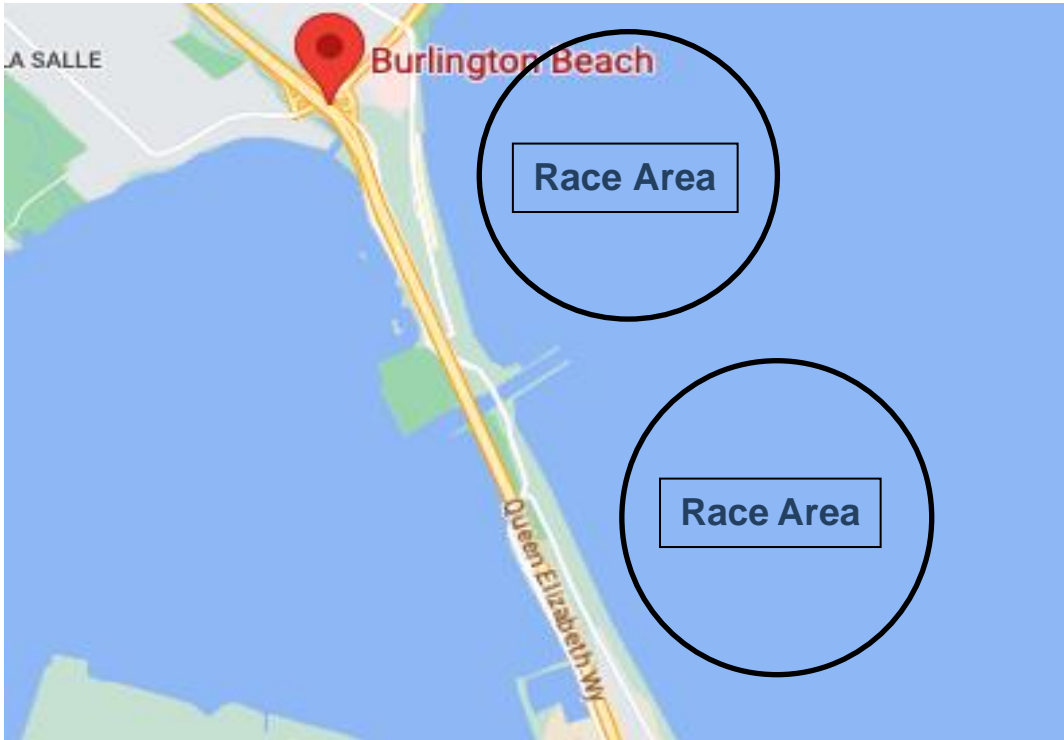
21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 23 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREAS



ATTACHMENT B – COURSES

Course	Description	
	Windward/Leeward offset mark 1a with Downwind finish	
	<b>Possible courses</b>	
	<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
	LA1	Start-1-1a-Finish
	LA2	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish
LA3	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish	