



# F18 World Championship 2024

## 28<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024



### Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre

1999-2024 – 25th Anniversary

Sant Pere Pescador – Costa Brava - Catalonia - Spain



## NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre in conjunction with IF18CA and ESP F18-ADECAT

*“The 2024 F18 World Championship is an event committed to the Agenda 2030, the Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre and the IF18CA acknowledge sailing events as sustainable awareness tools.”*

The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.3 [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website before the start of the event. <http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en>

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en>
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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#### 4. [NP] [DP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 4.2 Each crew member shall be a member of their National Class Association or, in countries where there is no NCA, of the IF18CA.
- 4.3 Each competitor shall be a member of a club affiliated to his national authority of World Sailing.
- 4.4 To be considered as a Female crew, each crew member shall be female.
- 4.5 To be considered as Master, each crew member shall be born before 01 January 1974.
- 4.6 To be considered as Youth, each crew member shall be born after 31 December 2001.
- 4.7 To be considered as Family, the crew members shall be 1st-degree relatives.
- 4.8 Competitors under the age of 18 shall present a signed and completed parent or guardian consent and declaration form at registration. Forms can be downloaded from the event website:  
<http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en>
- 4.9 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at the event website  
<http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en> until 14 June 2024 and pay the required fees. The organizers shall be authorized to collect the entry fee electronically. The Organizing Authority may accept late entries until 15 June 2024. Late entries will be charged an additional fee
- 4.10 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:
- Early entries registered and paid before 30 April shall be entitled to a reduced entry fee of EUR 400 (U23-Teams: EUR 200) per boat.
  - The entry fee shall be EUR 450 (U23-Teams: EUR 250) per boat registered and paid from 1 May until 30 May.
  - The entry fee for late entries registered and paid after 30 May shall be EUR 550 (U23-Teams EUR 350).
- 5.2 The entry fee shall be paid online upon entry, even if the entry is cancelled later or the boat does not show up. The entry fee is non-refundable, except for the event or class being cancelled by the organizing authority or if the entry is rejected.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes benefits listed on the event website.
- 5.4 For entering the online system  
<http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en> shall be used.



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**6. [DP] ADVERTISING**

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.2 If bibs are provided by the organizing authority, while racing, competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day, shall wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively.
- 6.3 Advertising for alcohol or tobacco products in direct or indirect form on the boat and on the clothing must comply with Spanish regulations.

**7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

- 7.1 If there are 80 or more entries, the organizing authority may split the fleet. Split fleets will sail a qualifying series and a final series. Competitors will be divided into fleets based on the NCA rankings and reassigned to new fleets after each day of racing, provided that the fleets have completed the same number and at least the first 2 races in the qualifying series.
  - 7.1.1 If a minimum of six races has been completed in the qualifying series, the final series will commence on the next day of racing. If a minimum of six races has not been completed, the qualifying series will continue until the end of the next racing day when a minimum of six races and a maximum of eight races has been completed. After the qualifying series has been completed, the final series will begin.
  - 7.1.2 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
  - 7.1.3 Final series:  
Boats will be assigned to the gold and silver fleets if necessary. Fleets will be formed of nearly equal size based on the boats ranking in the qualifying series. The gold fleet will not be smaller than the other fleets.

**8. SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Program
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	09:30 – 18:00	Registration and equipment inspection
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	09.30 – 18.00	Registration and equipment inspection.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	09.30 – 18.00 19.30	Registration and equipment inspection. Opening Ceremony and reception
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	09.00 – 17.00	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day. Wet bar after races
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	13:00 After races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day. Wet bar after races
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	13:00 After races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day. Wet bar after races
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	13:00 After races	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day. Sailors party, dinner and music
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	13:00 19:00	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day Prize giving ceremony

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- 8.1 A maximum of 15 races overall will be sailed. A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed each racing day.
- 8.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16.30 hrs, except as a consequence of a General Recall.

**9. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce or demonstrate the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 9.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during the times stated in NoR 8.2. During the scheduled time for equipment inspection and event measurement, no initial (first) measurements will be performed.
- 9.3 Each boat may be required to select online a time slot for measurement. More information will be published on the website

<http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en>

- 9.4 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.5 The crew and boat's weight must comply with Class Rules C.3 and C.6.
- 9.6 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Technical Committee.

**10. VENUE**

- 10.1 The event will be hosted at Sant Pere Pescador – Costa Brava
- 10.2 The race office will be located at the Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre, Carretera Sant Martí d'Empúries 13, 17470 – Sant Pere Pescador. - <http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com>
- 10.3 The racing area will be Roses Bay, Costa Brava.
- 10.4 Marina logistic will be at the Club Nàutic l'Escala - <https://nauticescala.com/en/marina-in-the-costa-brava/>

**11. COURSES**

- 11.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.
- 12.2 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from an International Jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

**13. SCORING**

- 13.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 13.2 In case of no qualifying series:
  - a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When 6 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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- c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

### 13.3 In case of qualifying series:

13.3.1 The scoring system will include both qualifying and final series results.

13.3.2 A minimum of 6 races are to be completed to constitute the Qualifying series.

If 6 races are not completed, the Qualifying series will be extended to complete them, up to a maximum of 8 qualifying races.

13.3.2.1 When fewer than six qualifying races have been completed, a boat's qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

13.3.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

### 13.3.4 Final series:

The final series starts the first day after the qualifying series are completed.

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

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

13.3.5 To establish the final results, the boat's qualifying series score (as per NoR 13.3.2) will be added to the boat's final series score (as per NoR 13.3.4). Gold fleet will be scored higher than Silver fleet independent on the numbers of races in each fleet. In case of minimum six completed qualifying races and no final series races, the final results will be based on the qualifying series results alone.

13.4 RRS Appendix A5.2 and RRS 44.3 (c) are changed as follows: the scores will be based on the number of boats of the largest group in the series.

## 14. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and are required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations as published on the event website. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

14.2 Registration fees are as follows: EUR 150

14.3 While afloat support persons shall always wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

14.4 The drivers of support personnel vessels shall always use the kill cord while the engine is running.

14.5 The race committee may use VHF for race information.

14.6 Support person vessels shall be insured with valid and for the racing area suitable third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.000.000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

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**15. [DP] BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

**16. [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

16.1 Upon registration to the event competitors agree that photos and videos may be taken of their person and used as part of the organizing authority's public relations activities, e.g. via websites, newsletters, print and tv media and social networks. In addition, competitors or their guardians grant to the organizing authority without compensation the unlimited right to use images, photographs, television and radio material produced of them during the event.

16.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the organizing authority.

16.3 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.

16.4 Competitors may be required to be available for interviews at the event.

**17. DATA PROTECTION**

17.1 The organizing authority will process, and store personal data collected from entering and participating in the event. The addendum "Data Privacy Policy" gives relevant information and details. This addendum is available at

17.2 Digital communication and organization of this regatta

17.2.2 To improve communication during the regatta the organising committee may use the messaging app "Whatsapp". You agree to us sending you an invitation to use this App. The use of the App is free of charge and not mandatory. In the interest of the best possible flow of information during the regatta, we encourage you to make use of this App. All relevant information concerning the regatta is sent directly to your mobile phone via this App.

**18. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY COGNOVITS CLAUSE**

18.1 The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue with it is solely with the skipper; to that extent, the skipper also accepts full responsibility for the crew. The skipper is responsible for the qualification and the correct nautical conduct of the crew as well as for the suitability and seaworthiness of the registered boat. In cases of force majeure or on grounds of administrative orders or for safety reasons, the organizer is entitled to make changes in the realization of the event or to cancel the event. This does not constitute any liability by the organizer towards the participant if the reasons for the changes or the cancellation do not result from the willful or grossly negligent behaviour of the organizer. In case of a violation of obligations that do not constitute main/essential contractual duties (primary obligations), the liability of the organizer for financial and property damages incurred by the participant during or in connection with the participation in the event and resulting from a conduct of the organizer, its representatives, servants or agents, is restricted to damages that were

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caused wilfully or grossly negligent. When a violation of primary obligations occurs due to minor negligence, the liability of the organizer is limited to foreseeable, typical damages. To the extent that the liability for damages of the organizer is excluded or restricted, the participant also relieves the staff - employees and representatives, agents, servants, sponsors and individuals who provide or drive salvage, safety or rescue vessels or assist with their use - from the individual liability for damages, as well as all other individuals who were instructed to act in connection with the realization of the event.

18.2 World Sailing's effective Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the class rules as well as the regulations of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions are to be complied with and are expressly recognized.

18.3 Spanish law applies.

18.4 Competitors shall present a signed and completed consent and declaration form at registration. For competitors under 18 years of age, these forms shall be signed by a parent or guardian. The forms can be downloaded from <http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en>

## 19. [DP] INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid (and for the racing area suitable) third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.000.000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

19.1.1 For those unable to purchase Third Party Liability Insurance in their country, the OA will make arrangements to provide insurance on-line (recommended) or on-site, by purchasing a Sailing Licence from the Catalan Sailing Federation. Info at the ONB regatta web page.

## 20. PRIZES

20.1 The title "2024 Formula 18 World Champions" and the International Formula 18 World Championships Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the overall result.

20.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories, subject to the entry numbers:

20.2.1 Overall

20.2.2 Female according to NoR 4.4

20.2.3 Mixed

20.2.4 Master according to NoR 4.5

20.2.5 Youth according to NoR 4.6

20.2.6 Family according to NoR 4.7

20.2.7 Silver Fleet

20.3 Additional prizes may be awarded by the hosting clubs and the class associations.

20.4 Prizes not claimed at the prize-giving ceremony will remain with the organizing authority.

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**21. ACCOMMODATION INFO**

<https://www.ballena-alegre.com/costabrava/events/f18-world-championship-2024/>  
<https://www.visitsantpere.com/en/accommodations/>  
<https://www.visitlescala.com/en/accommodation>

**22. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact: Club de Vela la Ballena Alegre  
 Carretera Sant Martí d'Empúries, 13  
 17470 – Sant Pere Pescador-Girona  
 Event Director - Pep Subirats – [windba@ballena-alegre.com](mailto:windba@ballena-alegre.com)

**23. EVENT WEBSITE**

Please visit  
<http://clubvela.ballena-alegre.com/en/default/races/race/text/2024-f18-world-championship-en>

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