



Nationals 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Friday 23rd – Monday 26th January 2015

The organising authority is Humpybong Yacht Club in conjunction with the Australian F18 Association.

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3 The conditions of Humpybong Yacht Club's Maritime Safety Queensland Aquatic Event Authority as displayed on clubhouse notice boards will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as per NOR 10.1. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules of Formula 18 Events published by the International Formula 18 Catamaran Association will apply.
- 1.6 All officials, coaches, parents and sailors are to abide by Yachting Australia's, Yachting Queensland's and Humpybong Yacht Club's Codes of Conduct, Member Protection Policies, Child Protection Policies and other applicable Government Acts and Regulations. These are available on each organisation's website.

2 Eligibility and Entry:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Formula 18 Catamarans that have a valid measurement certificate. All boats must be measured prior to the event. No measurement beyond spot checking performed by the race committee will take place during the event.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by using the on-line entry system at <http://hyc.net.au/f18-nationals-2015/>.
- 2.3 Entries close at 11:59pm Sunday 18th January 2015. Entries after this date will be charged an extra \$50.
- 2.4 All members of the crew must be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting Australia and have a valid Yachting Australia Sailor Identification Number. Visiting International crews may use written evidence from their equivalent National Authority in lieu.
- 2.5 All competitors must be financial members of their National F18 Class Association.

3 Advertising and Bow Numbers:

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4 Fees:

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
\$250 for boats entered before 11:59pm on Sunday 18th January 2015.
\$300 for boats entered after 11:59pm on Sunday 18th January 2015.

5 Schedule:

- 5.1 Registration
Thursday 22nd January 2015 between 10:00 – 16:00.
- 5.2 Briefing
Friday 23rd January 2015 at 11:00
- 5.3 Dates of racing
Friday 23rd January 2015, 3 races with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 13:00
Saturday 24th January 2015, 4 races with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30
Sunday 25th January 2015, 4 races with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30
Monday 26th January 2015, 1 race with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30.
No warning signal shall be made after 13:30 on the last day of racing.

6 Equipment and Measurement:

- 6.1 All boats shall comply with class requirements where applicable.
- 6.2 In the event of damage, replacement equipment may only be substituted with written permission of the Race Committee.

7 Sailing Instructions:

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the race registration desk located upstairs at HYC on Sunday Thursday 22nd January 2015.

8 Venue:

- 8.1 The Regatta site will be the Humpybong Yacht Club, situated at the Cnr Hornibrook Esp. & Oxley Ave, Woody Point, Qld 4019, and conducted on the waters of Bramble Bay.



9 Courses:

- 9.1 The courses will generally be windward-leeward with a leeward gate and be identified in the sailing instructions.

10 Scoring:

- 10.1 Twelve races are scheduled for the event. No more than five races will be sailed per day.
- 10.2 A total of at least four races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11 Support Boats and Personnel

- 11.1 All support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority via the online Officials Registration link as part of the competitors' entry system and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 11.2 All support boats shall clearly display the burgee of the club they represent at all times while afloat.
- 11.3 Only coaches, who hold, as a minimum, current Yachting Australia recognised Coach / Instructor Accreditation, or an equivalent international qualification, are authorised to go afloat in a coach boat within the course area.
- 11.4 Authorised coach boats within the course area shall keep to leeward of the start line between the preparatory and start signals and more than 50 meters clear of any competitor or mark of the course between the start signal and

the finish of the last boat, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

- 11.4 Non-registered coaches, parents, private and spectator craft must remain more than 100 meters outside the entire course area and not receive the above benefits.

12 Radio Communications:

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 12.2 The restriction on communications does not apply to GPS tracking devices provided the devices are stowed in a location and orientation such that the display cannot be viewed whilst racing. Smart phones may be used as tracking devices.

13 Prizes:

- 13.1 Trophies will be awarded to the helmsman and crew of the top 3 finishing boats.
- 13.2 The committee may award more prizes at their discretion.

14 Disclaimer of Liability:

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, 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.

15 Insurance

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per event or the equivalent.

16 Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

- 16.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, 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 during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 16.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment as specified 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.

17 Additional Information

- 17.1 Additional information can be obtained by contacting; Humpybong Yacht Club by calling (07) 3883 2170 or on email at humpybongyachtclub@yahoo.com.au, or Australian F18 Association's Grant Pellew on 0405 340 477 or grantpellew@gmail.com