



# 2023 NAASA F18 League

## Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: NAASA

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1 **Definition and Schedule:** The NAASA F18 League is scored series of F18 races comprised of a combination of dedicated NAASA race days, the New England 100 (an open event run by NAASA requiring separate registration) and open events run by other Narragansett Bay clubs including the Wickford Regatta, the Sail Newport Regatta and the NEMA Fall Regatta:

- June 3/4 – Wickford Regatta (Open Regatta)
- June 24/25 – NAASA Race Days
- July 8/9 – Newport Regatta (Open Regatta)
- July 22/23 – NAASA Race Days
- August 12/13 – New England 100 (Open Regatta)
- August 19/20 – NAASA Race Days & 2023 Championships
- September 9 – NAASA Race Days - fun races and Dinner

### 2 Rules

- 2.1 The NAASA Race Days will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* as modified herein.
- 2.2 Each competing boat shall conform to the F18 Class Rules with the exception that **the F18 Class rule regarding minimum crew weight is deleted** for this series.
- 2.3 Official documents, including sailing instructions and course descriptions, will be available online only (at [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com)). Paper copies will not be provided.
- 2.4 F18 Class rules restricting the use of radios shall not be grounds for protests during this series. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.5 Possession and/or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at Fort Adams.
- 2.6 For those events included in F18 League not run by NAASA – Event specific rules apply.



### 3 NAASA F18 League Scoring

- 3.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as described in Appendix A in the RRS except that Rule A5.3 shall apply and is modified so that a boat that does not come to the starting line shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that started in that race.
- 3.2 Each race during a NAASA Race Day is scored separately for the League Championship
- 3.3 Open Regatta's scores are adjusted and consolidated as follows:
  - 3.3.1 scores of non-F18 League boats are removed
  - 3.3.2 each day is consolidated into a single score that counts as a single race in league scores

### 4 Penalties - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### 5 Eligibility and Entry

- 5.1 The series is open to class legal F18 Catamarans and sailors who are current members of NAASA in good standing
  - 5.1.1 Join NAASA online at <https://sailnaasa.org/>
- 5.2 Register for NAASA Race Days and NAASA F18 League by emailing Chris Bulger, emails must include all sailors names and cell phone number.
- 5.3 All competitors acknowledge that by entering this series they are competent enough to self rescue themselves from any situation. There are no RC safety boats for this series.
- 5.4 Boats will be required to display NAASA F18 League advertising supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 5.5 **ENTRY DEADLINE: Registration, including payment and completion of waivers, must be completed online no later than June 24 2023.**

### 6 Fees

- 6.1 Participation in NAASA Race Days and qualification for NAASA F18 League prizes are free for current NAASA members
- 6.2 Fees for Open events are as specified in their NOR

### 7 Schedule & Communications for NAASA Race Days

- 7.1 Targeted 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal will be at 12:00
- 7.2 **RC will use What'sApp** for notification on race days.
- 7.3 First Notice: Race days begin at 10:00 with What'sApp notification from the PRO to competitors with either:
  - 7.3.1 Confirmation of the targeted 12:00 First Warning and Start location, or;
  - 7.3.2 Any revised plan based on expected conditions.



- 7.4 On water communications **will use Channel 77 or 72 based on local activity**
- 7.5 There will be no on-site registration at this series
- 8 Sailing Instructions – Provided via email after notifying Chris Bulger [cbulger@bulgercapital.com](mailto:cbulger@bulgercapital.com) of intent to sail with team members names and cell phone numbers.**
- 9 Courses**
- 9.1 2 Types of courses may used, Windward/Leward or Distance as described below.
- 9.2 Windward/Leward courses will typically be 2 laps, with a single start/finish line, a standoff bouy after the windward mark and gate at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg that can be ignored on the final leg to the finish line.
- 9.3 Distance courses will consist of rounding various islands and government or Race Committee (RC) marks. These courses will be sailed in the southern Bay.
- 10 Safety and Safety Equipment** - All competitors will be required to wear a PFD and a high-vis color rash guards while racing.
- 11 Prizes** - Prizes for NAASA F18 League will be awarded at the NAASA annual meeting.
- 12 Disclaimer of Liability** - By participating in this series and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by NAASA at Sail Newport, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk (see RRS 3 – “Decision to Race”); that NAASA or Sail Newport, and its volunteers, officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she or any heir, representative, successor or assignee may have against NAASA, Sail Newport and its volunteers, officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.