

**2005 FORMULA 18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
9-15 JULY 2005
ROTTERDAM - HOEK VAN HOLLAND
THE NETHERLANDS**

FINAL NOTICE OF RACE

VENUE

The 2005 Formula 18 World Championship will be held from 9-15 July 2005 inclusive. The Championship will be sailed at the North Sea, The Netherlands, off the beach of Hoek van Holland, near the city of Rotterdam.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Hoekse Watersportvereniging (HWSV), Cat Club Noordzee and the Stichting Internationale Wedstrijden Formule 18 Klasse in association with the Dutch Formula 18 Association.

RULES

The Championship will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- The rules as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.
- The prescriptions of the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union (Watersportverbond) will not apply.
- The Formula 18 Events Racing Rules, except if altered by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- The Sailing Instructions may contain minor alterations to the rules.
- The official language of the Championship is English. In case of conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a 360° turn. This changes RRS 44.1.

ADVERTISING

The Championship is designated a category "C" event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code. Boats will be required to display a bow number and advertisement of the event sponsors on both sides of both hulls, as indicated by the OA.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility according to ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code will be required for all competitors. Membership cards shall be presented at registration.



ENTRIES

All entries shall be made on the official entry form or through the email form available at the Championship website. The number of entries will be limited to 160.

Fully completed entry forms and fee should be received at the entry address no later than 1 June 2005. Any later entry will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA and will be subject to an additional entry fee of €25. Fully completed entry forms and fees completed before 15 February 2005 will receive a discount on the entry fee.

F18 Worlds			
	Until 15 February 2005	Until 1 June 2005	After 1 June 2005
Entry Fee	€200	€225	€250

The Entry fee is to be paid in Euro (no other currencies accepted) by bank transfer to the bank account of the Stichting Internationale Wedstrijden Formule 18 Klasse. All cost of money transfer is to be paid by sender. Secure credit card payment may be available at the event website.

Name = **Stichting Internationale Wedstrijden Formule 18 Klasse**
Account = **39 52 05 921**
Bank = **RABOBANK**
City = **ZEIST**
IBAN = **NL47 RABO 039 52 05 921**
SWIFT = **RABONL2U**

For payment from Europe include the IBAN code. For payment outside Europe use IBAN and SWIFT code. The bank transfer shall clearly indicate F18 Worlds, sailnumber, country and name of the skipper.

QUOTAS

Allocation of the quotas per country / region are as displayed in the table below. The International Formula 18 Association reserves the right to re-allocate quotas.

France	20
Italy	16
Belgium	12
United Kingdom	20
Germany	22
The Netherlands	20
Sweden	5
Australia	8
North American	6
Spain	3
Host Country (The Netherlands)	19
Wild Cards (International F18 Association)	8
2004 World Champion	1
Total	160



Entries will only be accepted after confirmation of the National and / or International Formula 18 Association to the OA. After 1 June 2005, the then unused quotas are void and entries will be accepted by the OA on a first come first served basis.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

All entries, when accepted, will be displayed at the Championship website. This can be considered a confirmation of entry.

REGISTRATION

Competitors shall register at the Regatta Office at the beach, prior to competing in the Championship. The Regatta Office will be open for registration on Saturday 9 July and Sunday 10 July from 8:00-20:00. Only boats that have completed their registration and have passed the prescribed measurement check procedure before Sunday 10 July 20:00 may subsequently collect the sailing instructions at the Regatta Office and are entitled to race.

MEASUREMENT AND CERTIFICATES

Each competitor shall present a valid measurement certificate. No fundamental measurement can be made on the spot. Boats, sails, rigging and crews must be at the disposal of the Measurement Committee in the measurement area on 9 and 10 July. The OA reserves the right to conduct measurement checks before and after each race.

INSURANCE

All entrants shall have a current Public Liability and Third Party Property Insurance policy, including coverage when racing at the venue of the Championship, of not less than € 750,000 or equivalent for each boat. Proof of such insurance and coverage has to be presented at registration. Any competitor under the age of 18 years will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

15 races are scheduled with a maximum of 4 races a day. 3 races per day are scheduled.

- Saturday, 9 July - Registration and Measurement
- Sunday, 10 July - Registration and Measurement
- Practice Race and Welcome Ceremony
- Monday, 11 July - 3 races scheduled
- Tuesday, 12 July - 3 races scheduled
- Wednesday, 13 July - 3 races scheduled
- Thursday, 14 July - 3 races scheduled
- Friday, 15 July - 3 races scheduled and Prize Giving Ceremony

COMPETITION FORMAT

Up to 80 boats: Fleet Races

- Six races must be completed to validate the Championship.
- When six races have been completed the worst score will be excluded or when ten or more races have been completed the two worst scores will be excluded.



Over 80 boats: Split fleet with Qualification races and Final races

- For the qualification races the competitors will be divided into four groups by the OA and the Seeding Committee; the committee will consist at least of a member of Jury and of a representative of every Formula 18 National Class and of Formula 18 International Class. The group allocation is no ground for redress under RRS 62. They will form 2 rotating starting groups and they will sail minimum six qualification races (double round robin). When four qualification races have been completed the worst score will be excluded. The final races will start on the day following sixth race. On the day of sixth qualification race it will be possible to race other qualification races, an incomplete third round robin is no ground for redress under RRS 62. The score of all qualification races, except the one excluded will be valid.
- For the maximum nine final races the fleet will be split into 2 fleets by the results of qualification series: the top-half will go into the "Gold Fleet" and the other boats into "Silver Fleet"; in case of an odd number of boats, the "Gold Fleet" will have one more boat than the "Silver fleet".
- When four final races have been completed the worst score of final races will be excluded. The final score of every boat will be the sum of scores, except those excluded, in the qualification and final races. Six qualification races must be completed to validate the Championship.

SAIL NUMBERS

According to RRS G1.1(b) the National Letters denoting her National Authority shall be carried by each boat.

COURSES

The Championship shall use windward/leeward courses and/or long distance. A maximum of 2 long distance races, on one racing day only, with a minimum of 10 nautical miles each is optional.

SCORING SYSTEM

The RRS Appendix A – Low Point Scoring will apply. See Competition Format for discards.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed and its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to each member of the crews of the top ten boats with the lowest overall score in each Fleet, provided the crews (and not their representatives) are present at the award ceremony. Special prizes will be awarded to Women, Youth and Master crews. For the Women crews both skipper and crew shall be female. To qualify for the Youth, all members of the crew shall be under 21 years of age at the start of the event. For the Masters, the skipper shall be 45 years of age or over at the start of the event.



SHORE FACILITIES

Boats will be accommodated at the beach in front of the HWSV clubhouse. Competitors arriving at Hoek van Holland are requested to follow the road signs to the relevant locations. Transportation to the beach will be available at the venue at Regatta Office opening hours and on Friday 8 July 12:00 – 20:00.

ACCOMMODATION

Competitors shall make their own housing arrangements. Dutch regulations prohibit sleeping in campers and caravans along public roads and in public car parks. Similar regulations apply to camping on the beach. On designated areas, sleeping in caravans / campers or on the beach will be allowed for the duration of the event. Competitors shall inform the Regatta Office at registration if making use of this facility.

WEATHER INFORMATION

The North Sea has salt water with moderate to strong currents. A long breakwater, marking the entrance to the Port of Rotterdam, protects the Racing Area. There are no obstructions and the area is considered one of the most beautiful areas along the Dutch coast.

- Seawater temperature is about 15° C.
- Average ambient temperature is 20° C
- Wind strength ranges from 5-25 knots

SAFETY

- RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) applies at all times while afloat.
- Competitors shall wear a wetsuit or drysuit and shall carry at least one distress signal on their body while afloat.
- A towline and sufficient means to righten the boat shall be required.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization will accept no liability for any personal or material damage sustained prior to, during or after the event. Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the 2005 Formula 18 World Championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the Championship, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Championship in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Championship without compensation.



INFORMATION AND ENTRY ADDRESS

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Slotlaan 240 II
3701 GV ZEIST
The Netherlands

Web: www.f18worlds2005.com

E-mail:
info@f18worlds2005.com (for all inquiries)

For an entry form and/or information on accommodation please visit the event website.

International F18 website: www.f18-international.org
ISAF website: www.sailing.org (RRS 2005-2008)

