

2026 OPEN MULTIHULL REGATTA

F18 Canadian Championship

Organizing Authority (OA): Hobie Class Association of North America (HCA-NA)
in association with HCA-NA Division 16, Fleet 441
Ontario Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA) Event

September 11 - 13, 2026

Burlington Beach Catamaran Club, Beachway Park, Burlington, ON, Canada

EVENT RULES (ER)

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Event Rules (ER) which integrate the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions into a single document are compliant with RRS 89.2(a) and RRS 90.2(a).
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or..."

2. CHANGES TO EVENT RULES

- 2.1 Any change to the Event Rules after the close of registration will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the outside wall of the Burlington Beach Catamaran Club.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats are encouraged to carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard VHF frequencies.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 71.
- 3.4 [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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all catamaran classes with a valid one-design or SCHRS rating.
- 4.2 A minimum of 5 boats makes a class.
- 4.3 The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more open classes.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may only enter the event by registering online at <https://www.burlingtoncatamaranclub.com/>
- 4.5 Registrations will be accepted until 2000 on Thursday, September 10, 2026.
- 4.6 A HCA-NA membership is required for the Hobie Points event.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The registration fee includes post-racing snacks and dinner on Saturday, September 12 and luncheon on Sunday, September 13.
- 5.2 The cost per boat is:

Date	Single-Handed	Double-Handed
Before August 30, 2026	\$110 CAD	\$185.00 CAD

After August 30, 2026	\$150.00 CAD	\$225.00 CAD
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6. EVENT SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	Event
Friday, September 11	0900 – 1800	Competitor Check In
	1100	F18 Warning Signal for 1 st Race (5 races Scheduled)
	TBA	Fun Long-Distance Race for all other competitors and/or Coarse Racing for fleets with >5 boats participating.
	After Racing	Post-racing munchies
Saturday, September 12	0800 - 0930	Competitor Check in
	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	Warning Signal for 1 st Race (5 races scheduled)
	After Racing	Evening Dinner
Sunday, September 13	1000	Warning Signal for 1 st Race (5 races scheduled)
	1400	No warning signal after this time
	After Racing	Luncheon and Awards

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7. RISK STATEMENT

7.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

8. INSURANCE

8.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

8.2 The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has valid third-party liability insurance.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the beach by the compound ramp.

9.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1" minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

9.3 **[DP]** Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall NOT launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

10. DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

10.1

Division	Class Flag
A-Cat Classic and A-Cat Foiling	A-Cat logo on white background
F18	F18 logo on white background

Low SCHRS	Numeral Pennant 1
High SCHRS and Hobie 14	Numeral Pennant 2

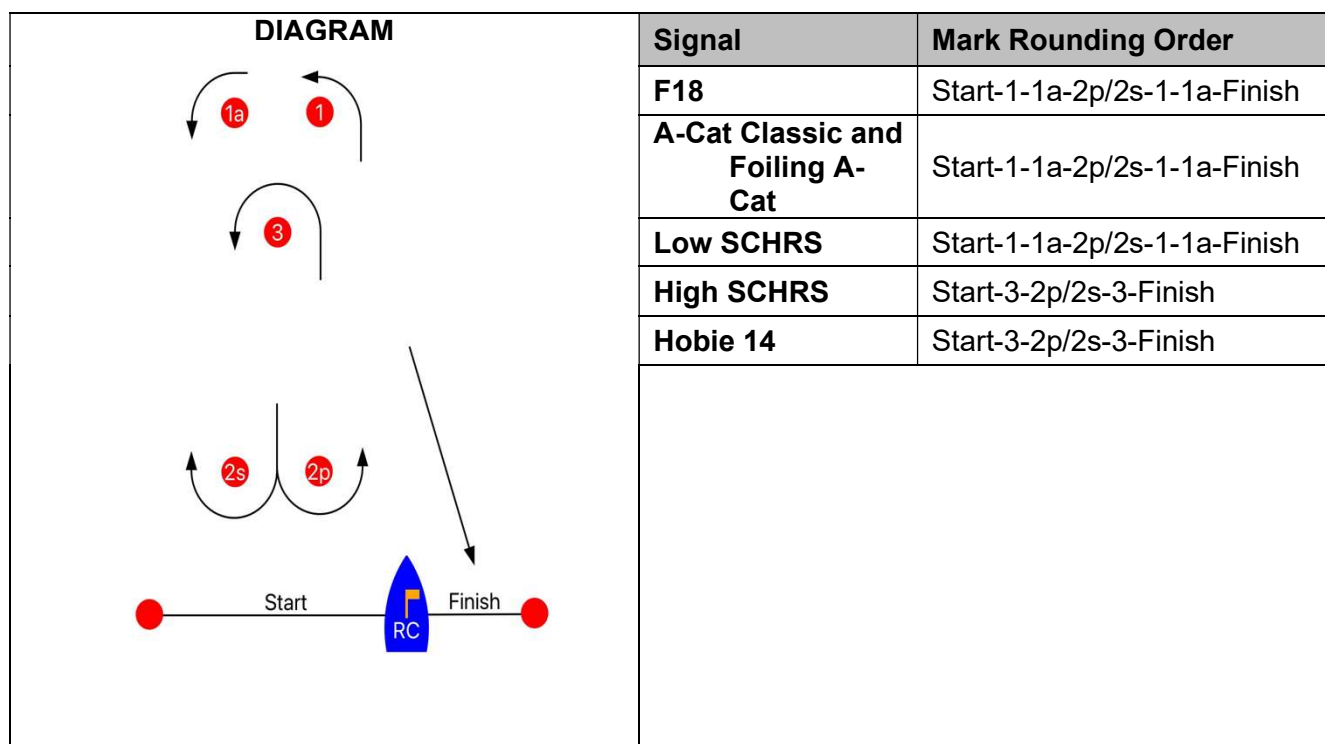
10.2 The division splits will be posted on the official notice board by 1800 Friday September 11, 2026.

11. EVENT VENUE

11.1 The racing areas are identified in Addendum A.

12. COURSES

12.1 The diagram below shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



13. MARKS

13.1

Starting	Spar Buoy
Marks 1, 1a	Orange Inflatable
Marks 2s, 2p	Yellow Inflatable
Mark 3	Green Inflatable
New mark 1 as provided in SI 17.1	Yellow Inflatable
New mark 3 as provided in SI 17.1	Red Inflatable
Finish	Orange Inflatable

14. THE START

14.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the start mark.

14.2 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.

- 14.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at their starting signal and they are identified, the race committee will attempt to hail their sail number. Failure to hail their number, failure of them to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

16 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 When Mark 1 has been changed, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.
- 16.3 The leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark; in this case, the mark will be left to port.

17 THE FINISH

- 17.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finish mark.
- 17.2 [DP][NP] Boats that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.
- 17.3 If the Race Committee determines that the finishing order in a race is unlikely to change, it may use reasonable discretion to score boats still racing, points equal to their position in the race. This changes RRS A3, A4 and A5.2.

18 TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

18.1

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 minutes	75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

- 18.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the **Mark 1 Time Limit**, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.3 **Race Time Limit:** Time limit for the first boat in their division to start, sail the course and finish. If no boat finishes within the **Race Time Limit**, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.4 **Finishing Window:** Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat in their division starts, sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within their **Finishing Window** 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.
- 18.5 Failure to meet the **Target Time** will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

19 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

20 HEARING REQUESTS

- 20.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of the last fleet finishes each day. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 20.2 Hearing request forms are available from the protest committee.
- 20.3 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. Hearings may be a mix of in-person and videoconference. The location, date and time of hearings will be posted on the notice board.

21 SCORING

- 21.1 Low and high SCHRS boats shall be scored using the Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS). Corrected times shall be rounded to the nearest second.
- 21.2 A-Cat Classic, A-Cat Foiling, Hobie 14 and Hobie 16 will also be scored in order of their finish.
- 21.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 21.4 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 21.5 When more than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

22 [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1 Boats shall check in with the signal vessel prior to the first race of the day or upon returning to the race area if the boat has left for repair or any other reason.
- 22.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 22.3 The owner of the boat and the crew are responsible for adhering to the 'Concussion Codes of Conduct for both Participants and Leaders', 'Removal from Sport Protocols' and 'Return to Sport Protocols'. <https://ontariosailing.ca/concussion-information/>.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 The first place F18 catamaran will be named the 2026 F18 Canadian Champion.
- 23.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each division.
- 23.3 Additional awards may be presented.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A – RACING AREAS

