

NOTICE OF RACE

F18 European Tour Act 4 F18 Open Dutch Championship F16 Open Class Championship

**Organised by WSV Hellecat, in conjunction with the
F18 and F16 Class Associations
under the auspices of the RNWA**

from September 25th to September Sunday 27th 2026
location: Haringvliet, The Netherlands.

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

The notation [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This for those who may wish to implement a sign-out/in procedure.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 **For the F18 class** [The 'Rules for \(Open\) Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding'](#) will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
- 1.4 Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.
- 1.5 The GDPR declaration can be found on the [website of WSV Hellecat](#)

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on September 11th, 2026, at 12:00 on [Manage2sail](#)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [Manage2sail](#)
- 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 unavailable to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats that respectively comply with the F18 or F16 class rules.



4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at [Manage2Sail](#) before September 25th 2026

The required fee shall be transferred to the following bank account:

Catamaran vereniging Hellecat
IBAN: NL71 RABO 0344 8150 56
BIC: RABONL2U

Please state class and sail number.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all Fees.

4.4 In order to ensure a consistent overall ranking across all events of the F18 European Tour, all teams must complete the European Tour registration form which can be found at <https://www.f18europeantour.com/register>

This form collects standardized team information and generates a Team ID (Nation + Sail Number) which will serve as the reference for the overall ranking of the European Tour.

4.5 In accordance with RRS 76.1, the organisers will refuse or cancel the entry of any competitor of Russian or Belarusian nationality or displaying Russian or Belarusian nationality and the entry of boats whose owner or manager is a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are including sailors dinner on Saturday:

Class	Standard fee until 12-09-2026	Entry fee from 12-09-2026
<i>F18</i>	€ 150	€ 200
<i>F16</i>	€ 115	€ 155

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 For F18 crew, see F18 European Tour Regulations (Art 6) on the European Tour website and on www.f18-international.org/2026-european-tour-general-regulations-published/

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES N.A.



9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Racing schedule:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Number of races</i>	<i>First warning signal</i>
<i>Friday 25th</i>	<i>F18</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12:00 hrs.</i>
<i>Saturday 26th</i>	<i>F18</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>11:00 hrs.</i>
	<i>F16</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12.05 hrs.</i>
<i>Sunday 27th</i>	<i>F18</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>11:00 hrs.</i>
	<i>F16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>11.05 hrs.</i>

The Race Committee may alter the number of races per day with a maximum of 5 races per day.

9.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs, unless it follows a general recall.

9.3 All F18 helmsmen and crew need to present themselves for weighting on Friday September 25th 2026 between 09:00-11:00 at the Hellecat clubhouse.

10 CLASS RULES AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each F18 boat shall show or prove the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

10.2 Class Rules and equipment inspections can take place at any time during the event.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT N.A.

12 VENUE

12.1 The race office is located at the clubhouse of Hellecat at the following address: Duinweg 11B, 3221LB Hellevoetsluis. Phone Gardi Minderman (Chairman Hellecat) +31642631090

12.2 NoR Addendum A and B show the racing area and the location of Hellecat. Cars should navigate to Quackstrand, oever 12, Hellevoetsluis. Cars without trailers should be parked at the parking at Quackstrand. Cars with boat trailers may drive directly to the club, taking the narrow road to the left of the 'Redding brigade', unless otherwise instructed by a beachmaster. At the club trailers will be towed to the beach by tractor and cars should return immediately to the parking at Quackstrand.

12.3 Boats can be brought to the venue the weekend before the event, on Thursday 24th (between 18:00-20:00) or on Friday 25th morning from 08:30 hrs.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses or variations. Course diagrams will be included in the sailing instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For all class(es) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.



15 SCORING

- 15.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 15.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 10, 11, or 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This changes App A 2.1

- 15.3** Scoring for the F18 European Tour 2026 will be based on the tour's General Regulations.

16 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1** All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and are required to comply with local legislation.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS N.A.

18 [NP] BERTHING

- 18.1** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

19 [NP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS N.A.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS N.A.

21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1** 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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 21.2** 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.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.500.000 or the equivalent per incident.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1** The RNWA supplies for the winning boat of the F18 class a blue pennant and a medal for every member of the crew of the first three boats (there will be no extra medals available for changes in the crew during the event).
- 23.2** This event is the closing act of the F18 European Tour 2026. Overall prizes for the European Tour will be awarded.
- 23.3** For the F16 class, the F16 Class organisation will provide prizes for the first three



F16's. The Belgian F16 Class Association may provide prizes for the best Belgium F16's.

24 DATA PROTECTION

24.1 Participating in the event, the competitor and his legal representative authorize the OA, the European Tour Organizing Authority (AOET) and their sponsors to use free of charge his image and his name, to show at any time (during and after the event) static or moving pictures, films or TV recording, as well as other reproduction from himself done during the event, and this on any support and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact the Hellecat at wedstijdcommissie@hellecat.nl



Addendum A:





Addendum B:

