



El Alcalde
de
El Puerto de Santa María

31st of March, 2017

MR. OLIVIER BOVYN
PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL FORMULA 18 CLASS ASSOCIATION
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to underline my support for Club Náutico Puerto Sherry's bid to stage the **F18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2019** and to emphasize the case for El Puerto de Santa María, also known as "El Puerto", as host city.

El Puerto already has considerable experience in hosting major International events. The Regatta Course at the beautiful Bay of Cádiz is one of the most acclaimed venues for international sailing events. In 2003 we hosted in Puerto Sherry the 2003 ISAF WORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS with over 1,450 sailors from 71 nations, the inaugural ISAF Sailing World Championships was a huge success with spectacular weather conditions. The Bay of Cadiz then witnessed one of the greatest sailing spectacles celebrating 11 events in 9 different classes with 13 days of racing and 47 races. Lately, in 2012 the RS:X WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, were also held in *Puerto Sherry* between March 20th and March 28th. It was a qualification regatta for the 2012 London Olympic Games and in 2019 we would be most thrilled to welcome the **F18** family for the **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**.

Through my team's events, El Puerto stands ready to play its part in facilitating existing and new partnerships to promote the event to both the domestic and overseas audience and to ensure this World Championship is an outstanding success.

The Town Hall of El Puerto de Santa Maria joins the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation and the Andalusian Sailing Federation in expressing our full support to the organizers, The Club Náutico Puerto Sherry and Marina Puerto Santa María, in collaboration with the Andalusian Catamaran Class Association and the Spanish



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F18 Class Association, at this exciting time and really hopes to welcome in El Puerto the **F18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP** in 2019.

We are convinced that the City of El Puerto, in collaboration with the Club Náutico Puerto Sherry, the Andalusian Sailing Federation and Marina Puerto Santa María can organize a successful **F18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP** in the Bay of Cádiz.

We are giving the Club Náutico Puerto Sherry bid our full support and assure you that the City of El Puerto is ready to welcome you and the participants in 2019.

I am looking forward to giving you the warmest welcome in El Puerto.

Yours sincerely,



David de la Encina Ortega
Alcalde - Presidente