

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

May 16-18, 2014



Organizing Authority – Etchells Fleet 7
Hosted by Bayview Yacht Club
100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60.3, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the first floor of Bayview Yacht Club. The exact location will be announced at the competitors' meeting.
- 2.2 There will be a competitors' meeting at 0845 hrs on May 17 in the bar of Bayview Yacht Club,

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect or within one hour after the Race Committee (RC) signal boat docks, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the balcony near the south end of the Bayview Yacht Club Harbormaster's building (north of the clubhouse)
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes race signals AP.*

5 REGISTRATION

All boats shall register with the Organizing Authority at the Bayview Yacht Club on Friday, May 16 between 1800 and 2000 or on Saturday, May 17 between 0730 and 0830.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The first warning signal on each day of the event shall be at 1030 hrs.
- 6.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled. Should conditions warrant, the race committee may run as many as five (5) races in one day
- 6.3 Code flag "R" displayed at the finish of a race indicates the race committee intends to start another race. The warning signal for the next race will be one minute after flag R is lowered with one sound.
- 6.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1530 hrs on Sunday, May 18.
- 6.5 Flag "A" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a blue Etchells class logo on a white background.

8 RACING AREA

The center of the racing area will be on Lake St. Clair approximately 2.5 miles ENE of the mouth of the Detroit River.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the course designation number.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 9.3 If Mark 2 (the gate) is a single mark, it shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2S/2P (the gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be a **small** inflatable mark.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be **yellow** inflatable marks
- 10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be **yellow** inflatable marks.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A4 and A5.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 10.4.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 In accordance with rule 35, the time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. *This changes RRS 35.*

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while either boat is in the *zone* of a *mark* (except starting *marks*), the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. *This changes rule 44.1.*
- 15.2 RRS A4 is changed with the addition of the following new rule A4.3: "A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a penalty after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than a DNF score.
- 15.3 If a protested party chooses to take an ARSP, the protestor may then agree to withdraw the protest. If the protestor does not, a protest committee must hear the protest and determine if DSQ is a more appropriate penalty.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks after the last race of the day or 1500 hrs, whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 16.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 16.4 Protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.2, 14.2, 18, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. *This changes rule 60.1.* Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. *This changes rule 66*
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race constitutes a series.
- 17.2 In accordance with RRS A2, a boat's worst score will be excluded after five (5) races have been completed.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before the first warning signal on Saturday, May 17 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 All radio communications between the RC and the competitors will be on VHF channel 79.
- 20.2 Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions regarding this instruction will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 20.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

21 AWARDS

- 21.1 The Great Lakes Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 21.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 21.3 Awards will be presented as soon as possible at Bayview Yacht Club after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Bayview Yacht Club or the Race Committee is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing Authority, Bayview Yacht Club or the Race Committee 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.

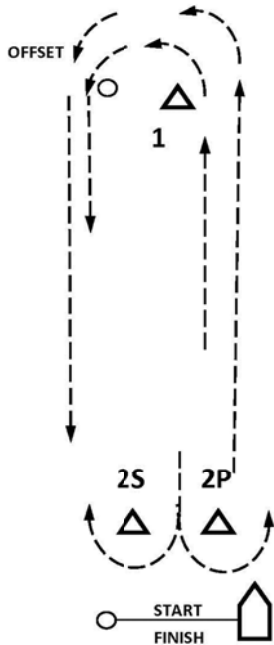
ATTACHMENT 1
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

COURSE 4 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 4: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 6: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark

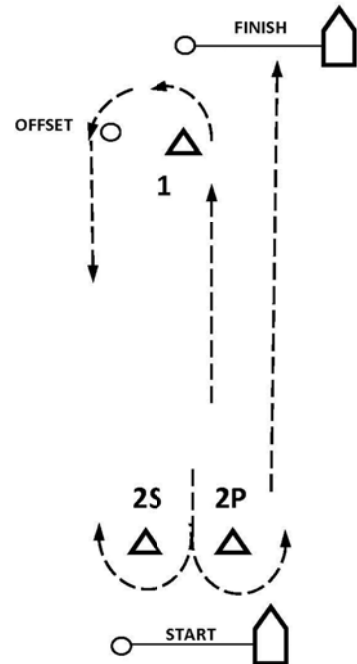


COURSE 3 and 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH
(1 1/2 laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 5: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH
(2 1/2 laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark



If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.