



2021 INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club
2540 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority. Biscayne Bay Yacht Club will provide the race committee and serve as host club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and as stated in the notice of race.
- 1.2 Delete notice of race 1.8.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 A change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from the main flagpole at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 5.1 March 26-28, 2021 | Florida State Championship | Up to 5 races |
| April 15-18, 2021 | Etchells Mid-Winter East Regatta | Up to 8 races |

5.2 A *virtual skipper's meeting* will be held at 0900 on the first day of a regatta. Further information will be posted on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring.

5.3 The scheduled time each day for the warning signal for the first race is 1055.

5.4 On the scheduled final day of a regatta, no warning signal shall be made after 1400.

5.5 If no more races are to be sailed that day, the race committee will display flag H with no sound signal before the first boat finishes.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 2 nm south of Dinner Key Channel marker #1. SI Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing area.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Course 3:

Start - Windward plus Offset - Leeward Gate - Windward Finish

Course 4:

Start - Windward plus Offset - Leeward Gate - Windward plus Offset - Leeward Finish

Course 5:

Start - Windward plus offset - Leeward Gate - Windward plus Offset - Leeward Gate - Windward Finish

8.2 Marks of the course are to be left to port, except a leeward gate. Boats are to pass between the gate marks in the direction from the prior mark. The marks may be left in either direction.

8.3 In the presence of a single weather mark or gate mark, the single mark shall be left to port.

8.4 SI Addendum 1 shows the courses.

9. MARKS

9.1 The Weather Mark will be yellow. The Offset Mark will be orange located at approximately 6 boat lengths and 90 degrees to port of the weather mark.

9.2 The Leeward Gate Marks will be yellow.

10. THE START

10.1 Boats will *check-in* prior to their first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal vessel until they receive an acknowledging hail of their bow number. No *check-in* will be accepted by VHF radio.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end, and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end or the course side of an inflatable mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1, A5.2.

11. RECALLS

11.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and the boat is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow number on VHF channel 72. Failure to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark or finish line, although it may not be in position before the leading boat begins the leg.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end, or the course side of an inflatable mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has passed the weather mark within 30 minutes after the start, or if no boat sails the course and finishes within 120 minutes, the race shall be abandoned. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2.

14.2 Boats failing to *Finish* within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. Boat's still sailing the course but failing to finish within the time limit scored TLE will receive points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A boat that withdraws from the racing area will inform the race committee before departing, or if ashore by cell phone notification to the race officer.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 US Appendix V1, Penalty At The Time Of An Incident. If a boat takes a penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2, the penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty. If she breaks a rule of Part 2 within the *Zone*, the penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty. This Changes RRS 44.1.

16.2 Appendix T, Post-Race Penalties and Arbitration, will be used. The penalty shall be 20%. This changes RRS AT1(b).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered online on the Yacht Scoring regatta webpage by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 The protest time limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the race committee finish vessel and the time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

17.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.

17.4 The protest desk will be located on the clubhouse second floor south-facing balcony. Access is by stairs adjacent to the lift. Parties and their witnesses should report there at the scheduled hearing time.

17.5 RRS 62.2 is changed. The stated time limit is changed from 'two hours' to 'one hour'.

17.6 Within the protest time limit the race committee shall post on the official notice board the bow numbers or sail numbers of all the boats disqualified or penalized in accordance with RRS A5.1.

17.7 After a hearing, penalties for violation of rules other than those in RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may include disqualification.

17.8 Scoring inquiries should be submitted to the regatta page on Yacht Scoring.

17.9 No photographic, video or other imaging may be presented as evidence in a hearing.

18. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

18.1 The organizing authority will assign bow numbers to each boat.

18.2 Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of the boat, with the after part of the aft bow number to be no more than one meter from the hull datum point as defined in Etchells Class Rule D.2.4(a) and the top of the bow number is to be no more than 20 mm below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between numbers shall be 70 mm. Bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.

19. MEASUREMENT

19.1 Competitors will be weighed during check-in for the Mid-Winter Regatta as defined in Notice of Race 6.4.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

20.1 Substitution of competitors is not permitted without prior written approval of the jury.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1 Boats will be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of the regatta and shall not be hauled except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

22. SUPPORT PERSON AND SUPPORT VESSELS

22.1 A *Support Person* agrees to monitor the race committee on VHF **72** during the regatta, to assist the race committee if requested, and to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, RRS 3.1(b)*.

22.2 For both the Florida State Championship and the Mid-Winters regatta, *Support Person's* vessels shall remain 300 feet outside of the area where boats are racing including the starting line and its extensions from the time of the first warning signal of the day until all boats have retired and finished from the last scheduled race of the day, or the race committee signals abandonment of further racing for the day. Between races *Support Persons* shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their vessels without the permission of the principal race officer.

22.3 The race committee or protest committee may warn a *Support Person* whose vessel in their opinion is about to infringe on the race area, before protesting under RRS 60.3(d) or 64.4.

23. SCORING

23.1 In RRS A2.1 the word 'series' is replaced by 'regatta'.

23.2 RRS A2.2 shall not apply.

23.3 In RRS A5.2 the 'number of boats registered in the series' is deleted and replaced by 'number of boats that came to the starting area during the regatta'.

23.4 For the Florida State Championship, up to 5 races are scheduled with 3 races completed to constitute a regatta. If fewer than 5 races are completed, the boats score will be the total of her race scores with no race excluded.

23.5 For the Mid-Winter East Regatta, up to 8 races are scheduled with 5 races completed to constitute a regatta. If fewer than 7 races are completed, the boats score will be the total of her race scores with no race excluded.

23.6 For the International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series, a boat's score will be the combined scores of the Florida State Championship and the Mid-Winter Regatta, including all races with NO race excluded. This changes RRS A8.1.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prize giving for both the Florida State Championship and Mid-Winter Regatta will follow racing at the Mid-Winter event.

24.2 Prizes will be given for first through fifth place for each regatta.

24.4 The International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

24.5 Additional information will be posted on the official notice board on Yacht Scoring.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 In addition to RRS 3, Decision To Race, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) and any owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, injury and death. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The event organizers including the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors or any other organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury or death of any competitor or *Support Person* as a result of participating in this event. By participating, each competitor or *Support Person* agrees to release the race organizers from any liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

26. INSURANCE

26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$100,000/300,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy of the policy coverage will be required at registration.

27. INFORMATION

27.1 Principal Race officer	Mark Foster	361-816-9801
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