



2015 Etchells North American Championship
September 8-12, 2015
American Yacht Club
Rye, NY



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ADVERTISING

In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.1.2. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crews are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 ISAF Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org.
- 3.4 For the purpose of complying with Class Rule C.2.2 each boat's crew shall be weighed at Registration/Check-in or at other times posted.
- 3.5 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.6 The total combined weight of crewmembers for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4 ENTRIES

4.1 Eligible boats shall enter the regatta online at the event website: www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1416.

4.2 All entries must be received no later than 1830 on September 9, 2015.

5 FEES

5.1 Early Entry – If paid in full on or before August 1, the entry fee is \$550 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$625 per boat with a crew of 4.

5.2 The entry fee is \$650 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$725 per boat with a crew of 4 for entries after August 1.

5.3 The entry fee includes the fee for launching, hauling, and docking at American Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers from September 4-13.

5.4 Limited mast-down storage before and after September 4-13 may be available upon request to the American Yacht Club, but will be the responsibility of each competitor. More information will be posted on the regatta website.

6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 Registration and Check-in will take place on the front entry steps of the American Yacht Club on September 8 from 1700 to 1900 and on September 9 from 0930 to 1100 and 1700 to 1830.

6.2 In addition to on-line entry and payment, registration/check-in requires completion and delivery of the following forms at Registration/Check-in:

- 1) Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
- 2) Valid Sail Card
- 3) Sail Declaration
- 4) Safety Equipment Declaration
- 5) Current proof of insurance satisfying Section 19.1 hereof
- 6) ISAF Sailor Classification – If skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring.

6.3 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.

6.4 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit. Substitutions will only be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Daily Schedule

Tuesday Sep 8	1700-1900	Registration and Weigh in
Wednesday Sep 9	0930-1100	Registration and Weigh in
	1355	Practice Race, First Warning
	1700-1830	Registration Continues and Weigh in
	1830-2030	Welcome Reception
Thursday Sep 10	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post Race Gathering AYC
Friday Sep 11	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post Race Gathering AYC
Saturday Sep 12	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Prize Giving AYC
Sunday Sep 13	0900	Boat haulout

- 7.2 Eight races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day. Three races each day are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, and two races are scheduled for Saturday. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races completed.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and also online by 1700 on Tuesday, September 8th at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1416.

9 RACING AREA

Racing Area will be in Western Long Island Sound in the vicinity of American Yacht Club. Regatta headquarters will be at American Yacht Club.

10 THE COURSES

The courses shall be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty that complies with RRS 44.2, except that for infringements occurring within the *zone* of any rounding or finishing *marks*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty that complies with RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 12.2 When less than six (6) races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.
- 13.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions. All coach and support boats shall have a VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

14 BERTHING & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall be kept at American Yacht Club or Larchmont Yacht Club.
- 14.2 All boats shall be afloat before 2030 on September 9 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

15 PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 16.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal (or any other time considered appropriate by the

Organizing Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 16.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Awards shall be given to the top five boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

17.2 Awards will also be presented to the top three boats in the Corinthian Division.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

18.2 By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 All yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, with appropriate Third Party Personal Injury Liability insurance of not less than US\$300,000. All insurance coverage shall be maintained during the period of racing.

19.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided at registration, as described in 6.2.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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All participants in the Regatta are invited by the Flag Officers to use the facilities of the American Yacht Club for the duration of the Regatta.