



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



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.3 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, 63.4 shall not apply.

### **2 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

All boats will be issued bow numbers at registration. Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the aft part of the bow number to be no more than one (1) meter from measurement point A (tip of bow) and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20mm below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between the characters shall be 70mm. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the bow numbers stay affixed in the proper position.

### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch of the American Yacht Club.

### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions on shore will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the front lawn of the American Yacht Club and announced over the designated VHF channel.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

### **6.1 Daily Schedule**

<b>Tuesday Sep 8</b>	1700-1900	Registration and Weigh in
<b>Wednesday Sep 9</b>	0930-1100	Registration and Weigh in
	1355	Practice Race, First Warning
	1700-1800	Registration Continues and Weigh in
	1800-1830	Skippers Meeting – Front Lawn of AYC
	1830-2030	Welcome Reception
<b>Thursday Sep 10</b>	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post Race Gathering AYC
<b>Friday Sep 11</b>	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post Race Gathering AYC
<b>Saturday Sep 12</b>	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Prize Giving AYC
<b>Sunday Sep 13</b>	0900	Boat haulout

- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal for the final race will not be made after 1600. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be after 1600.
- 6.4 If the 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute flag is displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘the race committee intends to run another race.’

## **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 Races will be held in the waters of Long Island Sound, approximately mid-Sound south of Milton Point.
- 7.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the American Yacht Club

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate distance between the committee boat and the windward mark and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark. The signal boat will also display the course to be sailed.
- 8.2 Sample course board and configuration (labels may not be displayed)

Bearing	Range	Course
2	1	4
3	.5	
0		

- 8.3 The leeward mark will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place or there is not an object displaying an M Flag, the single leeward mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 There are two courses to be sailed: Course 4 and Course 5 and they are described in in the addendum #1

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Original turning marks will be pink inflatable marks
- 9.2 The starting mark will be an orange tetrahedron or an anchored committee boat with an orange flag. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be an orange tetrahedron. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the weather mark.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate pink and yellow.
- 9.4 There will be an orange inflatable mark as an offset to port of the windward mark

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat on the port end of the line or the course side of an orange tetrahedron. There may be a mark tied to the back of the committee boat which shall be considered to be part of that boat.
- 10.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on designated VHF channel. The timing and order of such

hails or the failure of a competitor to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in the new position.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finish mark. For a leeward finish, the finish line will be between an orange tetrahedron on the port end and the committee boat at the starboard end. For a windward finish the finish line will be between the windward mark and the committee boat at the starboard end of the line.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 The penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident or rule 31 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.
- 13.2 The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 13.3 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall notify the race committee that she has taken a penalty (including retirement) promptly after the completion of the race in which the infringement occurred. This verbal notification can be made directly to the race committee or via the designated VHF channel, provided that the race committee acknowledges the notification. The verbal notification is in lieu of completing an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit. This modifies Section 11.2 of the Notice of Race.
- 13.4 Prior to a hearing and with the permission of the protest committee, a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and has not complied with the requirements of RRS 44.1, may accept a 40% place penalty, calculated on the number of boats entered rounded to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upwards), except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is 120 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE) without a hearing and will receive one point more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest committee table just inside the American Yacht Club entry way or on the event website. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered to the protest committee table within the appropriate time limit
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the race committee finishing boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted
- 15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in rooms as directed by the jury secretary and will begin as soon as practicable
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 2, 17.3, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 62 and 66.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND CHECK IN/CHECKOUT**

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat and hail her bow number until orally acknowledged by the race committee.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 VHF channel 71 will be the designated channel for communicating with competitors. The race committee may change the hailing channel for a race by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the warning signal or by posting on the official notice board.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee, race committee, or organizing authority.
- 18.2 After registration and until the completion of racing, no sail shall be re-cut or altered. Repairs to sails are permissible only upon written approval of the protest committee, race committee or organizing authority.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the applicable rules. On the water, a boat can be instructed by an event equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

A boat shall be afloat no later than 2030 on Wednesday, September 9, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee chairman or the regatta co-chairmen.

## **21 COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of transmitting and receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to report taking of a penalty or to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 21.2 The race committee may use the radio to announce its intentions, signals or the posting of notices to competitors of race information. The timing and order of such communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes 62.1(a).

21.3 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 day's racing, except as provided in 21.1 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 race committee.

The race committee may communicate with the competitors via email and text messaging as registered in [www.yachtscore.com](http://www.yachtscore.com). The timing and order of such communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes 62.1(a).

## **22 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

22.1 Coach and support boats must register with the organizing authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the organizing authority. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.

22.2 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 16 and the designated VHF channel and agree to assist the race committee if directed to do so.

22.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal (or any other time the organizing authority considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the race committee.

22.4 Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line from the time of the preparatory signal until five minutes after the start of any race. After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing. Coach and support boats shall not go above the weather marks or the Course 5 finishing line or below the leeward marks or the Course 4 finishing line at any time while boats are racing.

22.5 Any breach of SI 22.1, 22.2, 22.3 or 22.4 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the jury.

22.6 When requested by the race committee, coach and support boats shall tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor the designated VHF channel and shall follow all instructions from the race committee.

**23 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the notice of race.

**24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

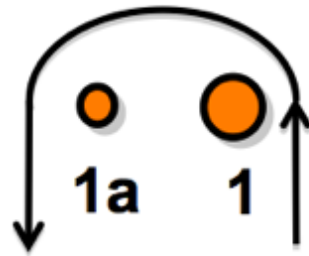
**25 INSURANCE**

All boats competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability insurance on a boat 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. Evidence of insurance shall be provided at registration.

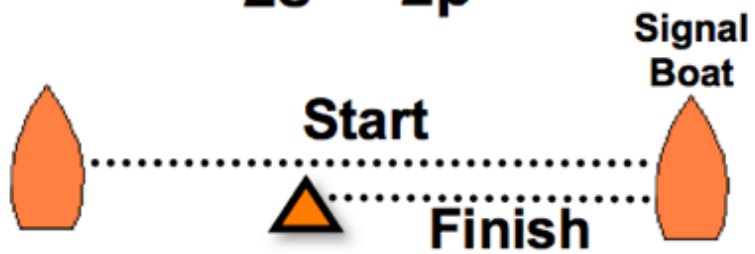
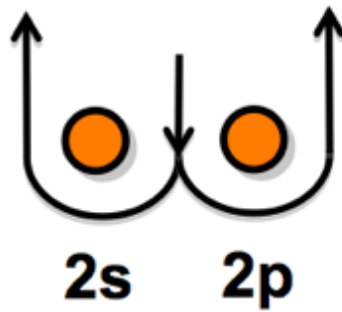


# Addendum # 1

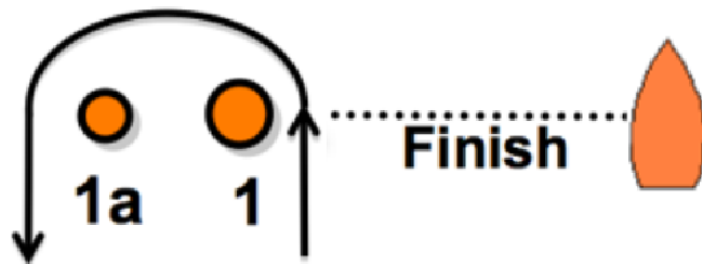
## Course 4:



**Course 4:**  
Start, 1, 1a,  
2s/2p, 1, 1a,  
Finish



**Course 5:**



**Course 5:**  
Start, 1, 1a,  
2s/2p, 1, 1a,  
2s/2p, Finish

