

# 2021 Etchells North American Championship

San Diego Yacht Club

October 1-3, 2021



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

The Organizing Authority is San Diego Yacht Club and Etchells fleet 13.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules. The IECA Rules and Regulations will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority may require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats. If required bow numbers will be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.4. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.5. No US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except RRS 61.4, prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2, 67, 76.1, and Appendix V1.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. In accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to WS Regulation 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by Person in Charge on hulls, spars, and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.
- 2.2. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2. A Corinthian division will be established. The awarding of the trophy will be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with WS Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code (Apply here: <https://www.sailing.org/classification>).
- 3.3. In accordance with IECA Appendix A – Championship Rules and Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2. Crew weigh-ins shall be done at registration during the times indicated below under schedule of events.
- 3.4. Competitors shall be weighed as a team wearing light clothing, minimum being outer wear shorts and t-shirt. There will be no mid-regatta weigh-in.

### **4. ENTRY AND FEES**

- 4.1. Entries shall be made online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14664> using the on-line entry form. Only on-line entries will be accepted.
- 4.2. Early Entry - If paid in full on or before September 15, 2021, the entry fee is \$450 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$550 per boat with a crew of 4.
- 4.3. No refunds after September 15, 2021. Refunds before September 15, 2021 will be 90% of entry fee paid.

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- 4.4 Entry after September 15, 2021 will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.5 The entry fee includes the fee for launching, hauling, and docking at the San Diego Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers the week of the event (September 20 through October 5, 2021).
- 4.6 Coach/Support boat Fee - At registration, a fee of \$100 per coach or support boat including one designated person responsible for each boat shall be provided at registration. The coach/support boat fee includes the social package for the responsible person.
- 4.7 Boats may arrive and remain at SDYC from September 20 through October 5, 2021 at no charge. Each Competitor is responsible for storage before or after these dates. Please contact the SDYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at (619) 758-6308 or ty@sdy.org for information and fees on vehicle and boat storage outside these dates.

## 5. SCHEDULE & EVENTS

5.1 Schedule:

Wednesday, September 29, 2021	1200 – 1800	Registration, safety inspection & weigh-in	
Thursday, September 30, 2021	0900 – 1200	Registration, safety inspection & weigh-in	
	1130	Tow departs	
	1400	Practice race	
	1600 – 1800	Registration, safety inspection & weigh-in	
	1800	All Etchells afloat	
Friday, October 1, 2021	1800	Competitors' Welcome Event	
	0730 – 0930	Supplemental crew weigh-in	
	0900	Competitor's Briefing	
	0930	Tow departs	
Saturday, October 2, 2021	1155	First warning	
	0900	Competitors' Briefing	
	0930	Tow departs	
Sunday, October 3, 2021	1155	First warning	
	After Racing	Haul-outs, awards	
	Monday, October 4, 2021	n/a	Complete haul-out and departures

- 5.2 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and two races are scheduled for Sunday. One additional 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.
- 5.3 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1500.

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## 6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 In addition to on-line entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires completion and inspection/delivery of the following:
- Valid Hull & Spar Measurement Certificate
  - Sails Declaration Form - indicating the sails to be used for the duration of the North American Championship including one main, two jibs and two spinnakers. The sails on the sail declaration form shall be identified by serial number and are the only sails to be used for the regatta.
  - Safety Equipment Inspection per IECA Appendix A 10(d).
  - Proof of Insurance - copy to be provided at or before registration.
  - WS Sailor Classification - To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) prior to registration. This can be obtained at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).
- 6.2 It is the responsibility of all competing boats to ensure compliance and adherence to the Etchells class rules. During competition, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination at any time.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration, as well as on the regatta website and posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 The official notice board is located on the east side (facing the water) of the SDYC Sailing Center, and informally at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14664>.

## 8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1 All races will be sailed in the Pacific Ocean roughly 2.5 nautical miles south on the Zuniga Jetty.
- 8.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the San Diego Yacht Club.
- 8.3 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
- 8.4 It is the intention that the courses will comply with the current IEA Appendix D – Championship Sailing Instructions except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 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.

## 11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Awards shall be provided to the top five boats in the regatta and top three Corinthian teams. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

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11.2 The North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

11.3 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian team.

## 12. TOWING

12.1 An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area if the wind is too light to sail. If available, tows will be made up in the Star Hoist Area and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately at 1130 on Thursday, September 31 and at 0930 on race days. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please be ready with tow lines on a timely basis.

## 13. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Coach and support boats as well as designated responsible person must be registered 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.

13.2 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 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

13.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats 10 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day (Discretionary Penalty). The 10-minute notification method will be identified in the Sailing Instructions. 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.

## 14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 A boat shall be afloat no later than 1800 on Thursday, September 30, 2021, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

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

## 15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

15.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

15.3 All competitors shall carry a VHF radio per the Etchells class rules (Discretionary Penalty).

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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.

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## 16. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 17. **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.