

**2021 ETHELLES**  
**Canadian National Championships AT**  
**Oakville Yacht Squadron**  
97 Forsythe  
Oakville, Ontario, Canada  
**September 10-12<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Oakville Yacht Squadron and Etchells Fleet 1

**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 C 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 All competing boats shall carry an operating, handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.4 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 The official notice board is located on the east side of the Oakville Yacht Squadron.
- 2.2 Any Notice posted online on Yacht Scoring will also be deemed official.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 3.1 Any change to the SI's will be posted on the official notice board and on Yacht Scoring before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect
- 3.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted on the official notice board and on Yacht Scoring by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the OYS flagpole located on the east lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### 5. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Registration and Weigh-In formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race must be completed by 0900 hours on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND RACING

- 6.1 Schedule:

Thursday, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	1300– 18:00 1800 2030- 2100	Registration, Weigh-in and Launching Practice Race Late Check-in
Friday, Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	0800-0900 0900 1055 1730	Last Chance crew weigh-in Competitors’ Briefing and All Boats Must be Afloat. 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Fleet Social and Dinner at OYS
Saturday, Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	1055 1800	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal Dinner at OYS
Sunday, Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	1100 1500 1700	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal No Warning Signal After Awards Presentation at OYS

- \* The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with any provincial, local, or OYS regulations or directives related to COVID-19. Any changes to the event activities or procedures will be communicated via addendums. Any boat that

cannot travel to the event due to changing travel restrictions will receive a full refund.

- 6.2 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and Saturday and two Races on 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.
- 6.3 When more than one (1) race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon the RC will announce on the VHF channel 72 the time for the next warning.
- 6.4 On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours.

## **7. CLASS FLAG**

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

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1 All races will be sailed in the waters South of Oakville Harbour on Lake Ontario
- 8.2 The specific location for the starting area will be communicated at the Competitor's Briefing.

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
- 9.2 The diagram in Addendum 1 show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The RC signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the Starting Line to Mark 1.
- 9.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If there is only one leeward mark it shall be left to Port.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 All Weather Marks, Gates and Leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Offset marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing lines are described in 11.2 and 13.1, respectively.
- 10.4 Should only one leeward mark be present, it shall be rounded to port.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

- 11.2 The Starting Line will be between an orange flag on the RC vessel and an orange tetrahedron. Note that this is a change to RRS.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A.5.
- 11.4 As an unofficial race committee action, the RC will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by bow number or sail number on VHF Channel 72 as a courtesy to competitors after all boats have started. For Black Flag starts, the sail numbers of offending boats will be called out before the next warning signal if the race is recalled or abandoned. The official list of race committee actions will be posted on the notice board.

## **12. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. 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. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the RC vessel and an orange tetrahedron.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty except if the breach of RRS Part 2 is within the zone then it shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit for all courses will be 3 hours from the starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race will stand.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark 1 hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at OYS. Protests shall be delivered there within 60 minutes of the RC Boat arriving to shore. This time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 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 designated room at OYS or via web video conference.

- 16.3 Notices of protests by the RC or the PC will be posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.4 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 16.5 For infringements of the rules other than Part 2, the PC may award a lesser penalty than DSQ.
- 16.6 For purposes of RRS 64.4 (b), the “authority responsible” is the Class International Governing Committee.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 6.1, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides.
- 16.8 On the last day of the regatta:
- (a) a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) a request for reopening a hearing held on the last day shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day;
  - (c) the time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the RC or PC shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted. This changes RRS62.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 Three races will constitute a regatta.
- 17.2 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply
- 17.3 When five (5) races or less have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 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.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC, and such requests shall be submitted to the RC for verification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and SI’s which may include RRS 50 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.
- 20.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. CREW WEIGHING**

- 21.1 The individual weights of each crew member and the total combined crew weight of the entire crew, including skipper, shall be determined prior to racing.
- 21.2 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.

## **22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 22.1 A boat shall be afloat no later than 18:00 on Thursday, September 9th, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 22.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.
- 22.3 Priority will be given to out of town boats at the conclusion of the event to haul out.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be Channel 72.
- 23.3 All competitors shall carry a VHF radio per the Etchells class rules.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1 Awards shall be provided to the top three boats in the regatta. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## **26. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **27. FURTHER INFORMATION**

The event website can be located via Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)).

**ADDENDUM #1: COURSE**



