



# Etchells Pacific Coast Championship

March 5 & 6, 2022

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing and as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 1.2. To be eligible to race a boat shall enter by meeting the eligibility and entry requirements set forth in the Notice of Race for the 2022 International Etchells West Coast Spring Series.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the east side, facing the water, of the Sailing Center at the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC).

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board not later than 0915 on the day of the first race to which such changes apply. At the same time, Flag L, accompanied by a sound signal, will be displayed.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC flagpole.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the Race Committee (R/C) signal boat displays Flag L over A with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the R/C boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. The RC will monitor VHF Channel 69 for any radio traffic.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. A maximum of 6 races are scheduled for the weekend.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for the first class is 1130 each day.

### 7. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flag for the Etchells will be a White flag with black Etchells logo

### 8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The starting area will be in the Coronado Roads approximately 2.0 nm bearing 110 degrees mag. from Zuniga Jetty Light Z.

### 9. CHECK IN

- 9.1. Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the R/C located on a vessel near Mark S and displaying the Flag L by passing close aboard on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the R/C will hail the boat's sail number.

### 10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The following signals will be posted athwart-ship from the R/C vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line: The number of the course to be sailed will be a white number posted on a black placard.  
The distance to Mark 1 will be black numbers posted on a white board located under the Course #.  
The approximate bearing to Mark 1 will be black numbers posted on a white board located on the railing either side of the signal boat bridge.



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- 10.2. The course will be selected from the Course Chart. Mark 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 2 is a gate.
- 10.3. In the event the leeward gate "2g" is replaced by a single mark, boats shall leave the mark to port.

### 11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1 & 2g will be yellow cones. Mark 1a will be a green tetrahedrons. Mark S will be a white cylinder. Mark F, when used, will be a small orange tetrahedron.
- 11.2. New Marks, when used as described in SI 14, will be orange tetrahedrons, except Mark 1a which will be a red cone w/ black cap.

### 12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C vessel at the starboard end of the start line and the course side of Mark S or an RC vessel with an orange flag on the port end of the line.
- 12.2. Boats failing to start within four minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

### 13. RECALLS

- 13.1. As a courtesy, the RC will hail boats OCS on VHF Channel 69 or by loud hail using bow number or sail number. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

### 14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the R/C 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."
- 14.2. The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes rule 33.

### 15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an R/C vessel and the course side of a Mark as illustrated on the course chart.

### 16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1. The time limit is 1700, if no boats have finished. Any boat racing and not finished by 1700 will be scored DNF for that race. *This modifies RRS 35.*

### 17. PENALTIES

- 17.1. Appendix T – ARBITRATION is in effect.
- 17.2. Appendix V1 – PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT is in effect. V1 says: "RRS 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule(s) of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule(s) of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

## **18. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 18.1. *RRS 61 is modified to add the additional requirement:* A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the R/C upon finishing or retiring and obtain R/C acknowledgment.
- 18.2. Request for Hearing forms may be provided at the Official Regatta Notice Board and shall be lodged at the Dockside Room in the Sailing Center within one (1) hour of the docking time of the R/C finishing boat after the final race of the day. Alternately, a clear photo of both sides of a Request for Hearing form, or electronic form from the US Sailing Rules App may be emailed to [Protests@sdyc.org](mailto:Protests@sdyc.org) within the same timeframe. The docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 18.3. Hearings will be heard by an Arbitrator, and if necessary, a protest committee in person, and in the approximate order of receipt. The approximate order and time of hearings will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board identifying protesting and protested boats. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and attend the hearing in a timely manner with all parties and witnesses in order. The Arbitrator or Protest Committee is not responsible for searching for parties or their witnesses.
- 18.4. Hearings not settled by Arbitration will be heard by a protest committee and will be scheduled in agreement with parties to the hearing.

## **19. WITHDRAWAL**

- 19.1. A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any R/C vessel, by hail or VHF Ch 69, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area, and if not successful, shall notify the Security Gate of SDYC (619-758-6322) as quickly as possible.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1. A boat's ODW series score shall be the total of her race scores. No scores shall be excluded.
- 20.2. For Etchells PCC/WCSS score, WCSS NOR 9.1 will apply: "For each individual regatta in the Series, the Low Point scoring system, Rule A2, will apply, except when fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes Rules A2.)"
- 20.3. One completed race shall constitute a series.

## **21. TOWING**

- 21.1. An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area. If available, tows will be made up in the Star Hoist Area and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately 0930 each day. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come first served basis.

## **22. COMMUNICATION**

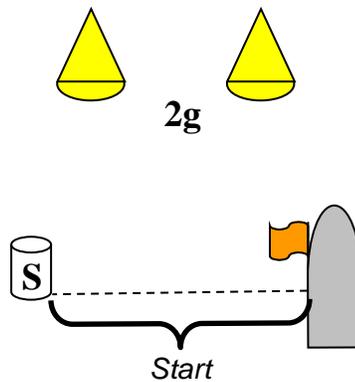
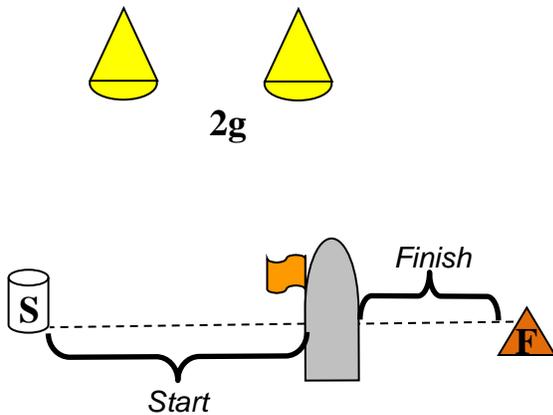
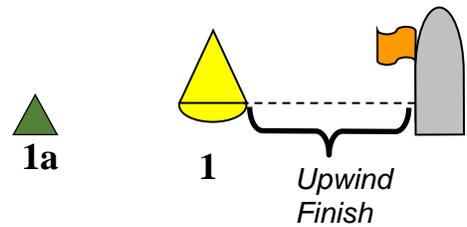
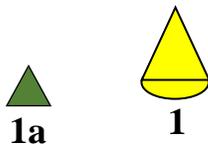
- 22.1. The RC will monitor VHF 69 for radio traffic regarding the regatta. Please contact them in the event of an emergency requiring outside assistance or to notify the RC of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per SI 19.1.

## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 – Decision to Race – "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." San Diego Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the regatta.

Course Chart

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
		3	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish
4	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish	5	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish



SDYC aspires to host its 2021 sailing season in accordance with Intl' Green Regatta guidelines: Use reusable drink containers instead of throwaway plastic bottles; **Recycle** trash to the greatest extent possible; Use water sparingly to wash boats; Use green cleaning products; **Respect** the ocean.