



**2023 Etchells Canadian National Championship  
And  
Great Lakes Championship Regatta**



**September 29th - October 1st, 2023**

**Oakville Yacht Squadron**

97 Forsythe Street  
Oakville, Ontario  
L6K 0A3

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The Oakville Yacht Squadron (OYS) is the Organizing Authority for this Regatta.**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR), Sailing Instructions (SIs) or other additional document that is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**1 RULES**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing with Sail Canada Prescriptions.

1.2 The International Etchells Class Association (IECA) rules will apply. The Regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the IECA.

1.3 The Jury May impose suitable penalties, Other than Disqualification, for violations of non-part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2

1.4 This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website

([https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code\\_of\\_Conduct\\_Approved\\_2023.07.25.pdf](https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf)).

Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event..

## 2 ADVERTISING

2.1 In accordance with WORLD SAILING Regulation 20.5.1 no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to WORLD SAILING Regulation 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by the person in charge on hulls spars and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. [DP]

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72

3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells class.

4.2 All competitors shall be active members of the IECA, and Shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class.

4.3 The total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper will be determined during registration prior racing and shall comply with On Design Rule C2.2.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by registering and paying online at <https://www.oysgn.com/etchells-great-lakes-championship-regatta/> no later than September 25th, 2023.

4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority if accompanied by a late fee of \$75.00.

4.6 Eligible boats shall check in with the Organizing Authority at the Oakville Yacht Squadron on Thursday September 28th from 15:00 - 20:00 or Friday September 29th from 0800-0900.

4.7 In addition to on-line entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires completion and inspection/ delivery of the following:

- 1) Proof of Insurance
- 2) Completed Crew Weigh-In Form.

## 5 FEES

5.1 Registration Fees are set at US 200.00 or CDN 250.00 per boat.

## 6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Check in and weigh in September 28, 2023. 15.00 - 20.00. September 29, 2023 08.00 - 09.00.

6.2 Registration online is now open, using the following link:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16245>

6.3 Dates of racing:

SERIES/ACTIVITY	DATES
Online Registration	Opens June 23, 2023

<b>In Person Registration/ Weigh in</b>	Begins September 28 15.00-20.00, 2023
<b>Course Racing</b>	September 29,30 and Oct 01, 2023.
<b>Dinner at OYS Following Racing and BYOB following racing - Courtesy of Fleet 1</b>	September 29, 2023 September 30, 2023
<b>Awards</b>	October 01, ASAP after racing

6.4 A Maximum of four 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 Ten (10) race completed.

6.5 Out of town boats will be given priority at the hoists on Sunday.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available and or before September 25th, 2023.

## **8 VENUE**

8.1 The Racing Area will be on Lake Ontario with the starting area approximately 1NM south of the Oakville Harbour Lighthouse

## **9 COURSES**

9.1 Courses to be raced will be outlined in the sailing instruction supplements.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.

11.2 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boats worst score shall be dropped from the total score.

## **12 SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat.

12.2 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.

12.3 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 Organising 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 Jury or the Race Committee.

## **13 MOORINGS**

13.1 Boats will be stored on the visitor dock at OYS

## **14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

14.1 All boats shall be afloat by 0900 on Friday September 29th and shall not be hauled out for the duration of the event except with advance written permission of the race committee. [DP]

14.2 In order to comply with OYS Health and Safety Requirements, only certified members with Crane Training shall operate the hoist.

## **15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

16.1 All competing boats shall carry an operating, handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication. [DP]

16.2 The Race Committee may use the radios to broadcast race information to the competitors.

16.3 The use of 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 on each race day until the boat had completed its day's racing. Except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or flotation of the boat. [DP]

## **17 PRIZES**

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 finishers. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18. 1 RRS 3 states: *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'* By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **19 INSURANCE**

19.1 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.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

20.1 For further information contact:

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