

2025 ETHELLS WEST COAST SPRING SERIES

SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CA

January through April 2025



NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

The San Diego Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13 – San Diego, invites members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the 2025 West Coast Spring Series (WCSS). Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters off San Diego, south of Coronado and east of Point Loma in the Coronado Roads from January through April 2025. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Etchells Fleet 13 in conjunction with the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. 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). 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.
- 1.3. The [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) that will apply: the preamble to Part 5, 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, and APPENDIX V.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.5. [NP] Bow numbers may be assigned and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA) to each participating boat prior to completing registration. If assigned they shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the series. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC).
- 1.6. For the purposes of Class Rule C.10.2.(b), not more than 1 mainsail, 2 headsails and 2 spinnakers shall be declared for each appropriate event. All sails being used at each event must exhibit the same sail number.
- 1.7. If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing an event, the Skipper may petition OA for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.8. [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.9. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes to RRS 64.1.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the event websites and posted on the unofficial notice board located on the east side (facing the water) of the SDYC Sailing Center.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at the corresponding Yacht Scoring Event page (See NoR 5).
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF Marine Channels.

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- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b). The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] 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 from 10 minutes before the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2. The event is open to members of the International Etchells Class. All skippers are required to be registered 2025 Owner members and crew are required to be registered 2025 Owner or Non-Owner members of the IECA. Membership can be obtained at <http://www.etchellsfleet13.com>.
- 4.3. Boats must enter online, and paid in full, no later than 1800 hours two weeks prior to the first race day of each event.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, and subject to a \$100 late fee.
- 4.5. A Corinthian division will be established. The division will be open to boats whose skipper and crew hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code (<https://www.sailing.org/classification>).

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Registration for the Pacific Coast Championships (Feb 22-23, 2025) and Mid-Winters West (March 28-30, 2025) will require the following before the close of Check-in. Please have all your paperwork complete before weighing in:
 - 5.1.1. All crew must be registered in YachtScoring including name, email and phone number
 - 5.1.2. Code of Ethics digitally signed by all crew (NoR 1.2)
 - 5.1.3. Sails Declaration completed online (NoR 1.6)
 - 5.1.4. Crew must be current members of the IECA (NoR 2.2)
 - 5.1.5. For Corinthian teams, a valid World Sailing IDs must be entered in YachtScoring (NoR 2.7)
 - 5.1.6. Safety Equipment declaration complete online
 - 5.1.7. Crew Weigh-In complete (NoR 4.6)
 - 5.1.8. Proof of liability Insurance provided (NOR 15)
- 5.2. Registration for the Bill Bennett Memorial (January 18-19, 2025) and the Orca Bowl (April 26-27, 2025) will require the following before the close of Check-in. Please have all your paperwork complete before weighing in:
 - 5.2.1. All crew registered in YachtScoring including name, email and phone number to check-in.
 - 5.2.2. Code of Ethics digitally signed by all crew (NoR 1.2)
 - 5.2.3. Valid World Sailing Sailor Classification entered in YachtScoring (NoR 4.7) prior to check-in.
 - 5.2.4. Crew must be current members of the IECA (NoR 2.2)
 - 5.2.5. Proof of liability Insurance provided (NOR 15)

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6. SCHEDULE & FEES

6.1. Entry fees include boat and trailer parking from January 1, 2025, through May 7, 2025, towing to race venue, use of hoists, and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. Visiting competitors who would like storage for and/or launch their Etchells or other vessels associated with this series at SDYC must contact the Dockmaster's Office *at least two weeks* prior to arriving. Persons in charge should contact David Randell at (619) 758-6308 or dockmaster@sdyc.org to arrange for storage and billing.

6.3 January 18-19, 2025

Bill Bennett Cup (5 races)

Jan 4 - 1800

Entry Deadline

Jan 18 – 0800 to 0900

Check-in

Jan 18 – 0900

Skippers meeting

Daily – 0930

Tow out from La Playa Basin

Daily – 1125

First Warning

Jan 19 – 1430

No Initial warning

Entry Fee

\$300

Entry Form

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16269>

6.4 February 22-23, 2025

Pacific Coast Championship (5 races)

Feb 8 - 1600

Entry Deadline

Feb 21 – 15:30 to 18:30

Check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)

Feb 22 – 0800 to 0900

Check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)

Feb 22 – 0900

Skippers meeting

Daily – 0930

Tow out from La Playa Basin

Daily – 1125

First Warning

Feb 23 – 1430

No Initial warning

Entry Fee

\$300

Entry Form

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16970>

6.5 March 28-30, 2025

Midwinters West Regatta (8 races)

Mar 14 - 1600

Entry Deadline

Mar 27 – 15:30 to 18:30

Check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)

Mar 28 – 0800 to 0900

Check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)

Mar 28 – 0900

Skippers meeting

Daily – 0930

Tow out from La Playa Basin

Daily – 1125

First Warning

Mar 30 – 1430

No Initial Warning after 1430

Entry Fee

\$450

Entry Form

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16971>

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6.6 April 26-27, 2025	Orca Bowl Regatta (5 races scheduled)
Apr 12 - 1600	Entry Deadline
Apr 26 – 0800 to 0900	Check-in
Apr 26 – 0900	Skippers meeting
Daily – 0930	Tow out from La Playa Basin
Daily – 1125	First Warning
Apr 27 – 1430	No Initial warning after 1430
Entry Fee	\$350
Entry Form	https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16972

7. COURSES

7.1. The course configuration will be windward–leeward and may include offset marks and gates.

8. PENALTIES

8.1. Appendix V1 is in effect.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. For each individual regatta, the Low Point scoring system will apply. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 9.2. To qualify for the overall 2025 WCSS awards, boats must count their place in the Midwinters West Regatta, and any two of the other three individual regattas (Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta, Pacific Coast Championships, and Orca Bowl Regatta). Place scores from each individual regatta of the WCSS will be used with a Low Point Scoring System (1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc.). The boat with the lowest score will be declared the winner of the 2025 West Coast Spring Series.
- 9.3. For the overall 2025 WCSS scoring, in the event one or more boats are tied after applying one throw out, the tiebreak winner(s) will be determined from the lowest regatta score at the Midwinters West Regatta.
- 9.4. A Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who meet NOR 4.5.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. For each individual regatta, the top three overall boats and the top three Corinthian boats will receive awards.
- 10.2. For the overall 2025 WCSS, the top three overall boats, and the top three Corinthian boats will receive awards.

11. TOWING

- 11.1. 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 0930. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please be ready with tow lines on a timely basis.

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12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA 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 10 minutes before the first Warning Signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day. In the event of a postponement on shore, competitors shall have no communications with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats more than 90 minutes after the AP ashore is lowered. The time for AP down will be posted as a courtesy on the Notice Board located on the east side of the Sailing Center. The Race Committee will make an announcement regarding this timing on the VHF Race channel. 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.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. Hoisting facilities are available at SDYC. Boats shall be afloat no later than the warning signal of the first race for each regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without an approved written request to the Principal Race Officer. This changes RRS 45.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, illness, and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. Proof of insurance shall be supplied with each entry by uploading the policy declaration page.

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16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. The 2025 WCSS website (www.westcoastspringseries.com) will have links to entry forms for each regatta, the Notice of Regatta Series, Sailing Instructions, local housing information for San Diego, visiting boat and trailer storage details, SDYC information and more.

Etchells West Coast Spring Series

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