

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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Etchells Fleet 12

2016 Etchells North American Championship October 4-8, 2016 The San Francisco Yacht Club Belvedere, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA): The San Francisco Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 12

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 This regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5 The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising World Sailing Rule 20.4

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crews are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 ISAF Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org.
- 3.4 For the purpose of complying with Class Rule C.2.2 each boat's crew shall be weighed at Check-in or at other times posted.
- 3.5 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.6 The total combined weight of crewmembers for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4. ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats shall enter the regatta online at the event website:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2776>

4.2 All entries must be received no later than 1700 on October 3, 2016.

5. FEES

5.1 Early Entry – If paid in full on or before August 31, the entry fee is \$575 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$650 per boat with a crew of 4.

5.2 The entry fee is \$675 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$750 per boat with a crew of 4 for entries after August 31.

5.3 The entry fee includes hoist use, and docking at The San Francisco Club, and parking for boat trailers from September 30 to October 11.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Tuesday, Oct 4	0900-1100	Check-in and Weigh-in
	1700-1800	Check-in and Weigh-in
Wednesday, Oct 5	0900-1100	Check-in and Weigh-in
	1300	All boats afloat
	1400	Practice Race - First Warning
	1800	Welcome Reception
Thursday, Oct 6	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1200	First Warning
Friday, Oct 7	1200	First Warning
Saturday, Oct 8	1200	First Warning
	1800	Awards Ceremony, then Dinner

6.2 Check-in and Weigh-in will take place upstairs in the SFYC Sailing Center.

6.3 Eight races are scheduled: three each on Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on Saturday, October 8. In the case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial Warning Signal was made prior to 1500 hours, the Race Committee may display subsequent Warning Signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 In addition to on-line entry and payment, registration requires completion and delivery of the following forms at Check-in:

- 1) Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
- 2) Valid Sail Card
- 3) Sail Declaration
- 4) Safety Equipment Declaration
- 5) Current proof of insurance satisfying Section 19.1 hereof

6) Sailor Classification per World Sailing code #22 – if skipper and crew wish to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring.

7.2 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water 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.

7.3 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit. Substitutions will be permitted per IECA Appendix A.8(B).

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Check-in and also online by 1700 on Tuesday, October 4 at www.sfyc.org under On the Water>Racing>Schedule

9. VENUE

9.1 The San Francisco Yacht Club and harbor are located at 98 Beach Road in Belvedere, CA.

9.2 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle and/or Southampton Shoal. This area is between 4 and 7 NM from the harbor.

10. THE COURSES

The courses shall be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks, and will be described in the sailing instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at The San Francisco Yacht Club Race Office within the protest time limit.

11.3 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11.4 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS an arbitration hearing may be available prior to a protest. If offered, the rules of the arbitration system, and the RRS, which are changed as a result, will be identified in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during Check-in and display an identifying flag provided by the organizing authority.

13.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until the end of the last race of the day. Specific coach

and support boat instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions. All coach and support boats shall have at least one VHF radio onboard and shall actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

14. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall be kept at The San Francisco Yacht Club, at their assigned docks.
- 14.2 All boats shall be afloat before 1300 on October 5, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

15. PLASTIC POOLS

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

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry at least one marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal USA and international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request or provide assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first Warning Signal of the day until the end of the last race of the day.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may, but is not required to, use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 16.3 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 after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day, except as provided in Section 16.1, to request or provide assistance in an emergency, or otherwise only with the express permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Awards will be given to the top five boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 17.2 Awards will also be presented to the top three boats in the Corinthian Division.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.
- 18.2 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authority, The San Francisco Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who 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 practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 All boats competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, with appropriate Third Party Personal Injury Liability insurance of not less than US\$300,000. All insurance coverage shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- 19.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided at registration, as described in Section 7.1.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

SFYC Race Office: race@sfyc.org, (415) 789-5647

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