

# 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

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 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.
- 1.6 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.7 Boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the Organizing Authority.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at the event website:

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

#### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions on shore will be posted no later than 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 75 minutes’ in race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1

Wednesday, Oct 5	1400	Practice Race - First Warning
Thursday, Oct 6	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1200	First Warning
Friday, Oct 7	1200	First Warning
Saturday, Oct 8	1200	First Warning

- 5.2 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.

- 5.3 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.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a black Etchells class insignia on it.

## 7. RACING AREA

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.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by a numerical placard displayed on both sides of the race committee signal boat.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg, on a digital 8 style board visible from the stern of the boat.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, O, 2s and 2p will be red inflatable conical buoys. If Mark O is missing it shall be disregarded. If Mark 2s or 2p is missing boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11 will be yellow inflatable conical buoys.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow inflatable conical buoys, or anchored race committee boats displaying an orange flag.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on another race committee boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable conical buoy.

- 10.2 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start by VHF. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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. 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.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The leeward finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on another race committee boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable conical buoy.
- 12.2 The windward finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of Mark 1.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 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.’
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 should complete an acknowledgement form at the jury table at the base of the stairs in front of the Sailing Center within the protest time limit. The absence of a completed acknowledgement form will be considered as a penalty not taken in a hearing.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is 120 minutes.
- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 40 minutes after her starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the jury table at the base of the stairs in front of the Sailing Center, and in the SFYC Race Office. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered to the regatta table within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finishing boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as

witnesses. Hearings will be held in rooms as directed by the jury secretary and will begin as soon as practicable.

- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 62 and 66.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 Arbitration will be offered with the following procedures and rules:
- (1) An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
  - (2) Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the Jury is likely to decide:
    - (a) the protest is invalid;
    - (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule; or
    - (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rules, identifying the boats and the penalties.
  - (3) A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post-Race Penalty of 30%. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.
  - (4) If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the Jury in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 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.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her bow number until orally acknowledged by the race committee.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.3 VHF channel USA 65A will be the designated channel for communicating with competitors.

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

18.1 Substitution of competitors, or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Chief Judge or PRO. Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

18.2 After registration and until the completion of racing, no sail shall be re-cut or altered. Repairs to sails are permissible only upon written approval of the Chief Judge or PRO.

## **19. MEASUREMENT, EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 In addition to online 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 25 hereof.
- 6) ISAF Sailor Classification – if skipper and crew wish to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring.
- 7) Executed (by the Skipper) certification of compliance with class rules, the form of which will be provided at registration. (The Etchells class measurer will provide the form for this certification prior to the event for review.)
- 8) SFYC Liability Waiver

19.2 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.

19.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

20.1 Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during Check-in and display an identifying flag provided by the Organizing Authority.

20.2 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. All coach and support boats shall have at least one VHF radio onboard and shall actively monitor the race committee on channel USA 65A, and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

## **21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

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.

**22. 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.

**23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 The Race Committee may, but is not required to, use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 23.3 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 instruction 22.1, to request or provide assistance in an emergency, or otherwise only with the express permission of the Jury or the race committee.

**24. PRIZES**

- 24.1 Awards will be given to the top five boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 24.2 An award will also be presented to the top boat in the Corinthian Division.

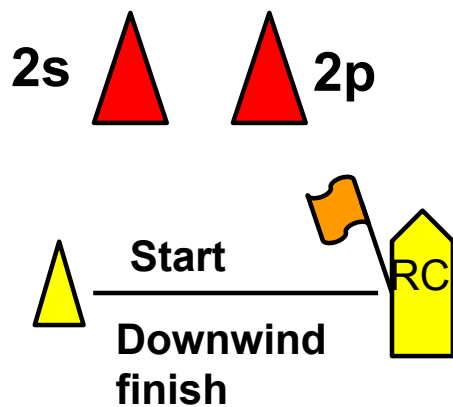
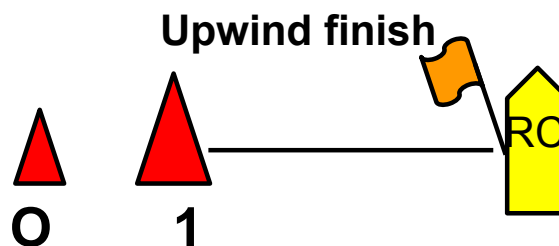
**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 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, Jury, 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.

**26. INSURANCE**

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.

## Attachment A – Courses



### Marks

- Marks 1, O, 2s and 2p are rounding marks.
- Marks 1 and O shall be left to port.
- Marks 2s and 2p, collectively, are a gate. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate.

### Courses

- 4 Start – 1 – O – 2s/2p – 1 – O – Finish Downwind
- 5 Start – 1 – O – 2s/2p – 1 – O – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind
- 6 Start – 1 – O – 2s/2p – 1 – O – 2s/2p – 1 – O – Finish Downwind