



2017 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
Coconut Grove, Florida

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY:

- 1.1 The Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 20 invites members and associates of the International Etchells class to the 2017 Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series. Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority, and the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club is the host. Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters of Biscayne Bay, between December 2016 through March 2017.
- 1.2 The series will be managed by the regatta committee of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 20.
- 1.3 Visiting competitors requesting storage and launching at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club must submit a fully completed BBYC Guest Registration Form along with their entry. Visiting Etchells storage at BBYC is limited to approximately 25 Etchells, and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Additional storage facilities close to BBYC are the US Sailing Center (www.usscmiami.org), and the Miami Shake-A-leg facility (www.shakealegmiami.org/regatta-hm). Those facilities should be contacted directly for storage details.

2.0 RULES:

- 2.1 The 2017 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016*.
- 2.2 **Only** the following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: *Rules* 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R.
- 2.3 All of the regattas in this series (Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, Florida State Championship, and the Mid-Winters Regatta) are classified as "open events" under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class rules, except that all skippers are required to be current members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.4 Advertising is restricted to the Etchells class rules Category A, under World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.5 The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows: All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The 2017 Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series is open to all International Etchells Class boats.

4.0 ENTRY FEES / ENTERING ONLINE:

- 4.1 The entry fees for each individual regatta are as follows: Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial, & Florida State Championships, \$195.00 each. Biscayne Bay Mid-Winters Regatta, \$395.00. For entering any one of the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 1800 hours on the Wednesday preceding each of the first 3 regattas, or by 1800 hours on Tuesday February 21, 2017, for the Mid-Winters regatta. Entries submitted later than the above dates may be accepted by the Organizing Authority, if accepted will be subject to a \$50 late fee.
- 4.2 Boats can register for the all four of the regattas in the series at a discount of -\$100.00 if entered and paid before November 1st, 2016. To take advantage of the full series early entry discount of -\$100.00 and enter all four of the regattas in the series at one time, go to the first scheduled regatta (Piana Cup) page on yachtscore.com (<http://www.yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2871>) and check the boxes for entering all four regattas.
- 4.3 On the yachtscore.com website payment page, fill in the amount you are paying. Payment can be made online using Pay Pal or credit card.

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5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 2017 ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY SERIES

December 10 & 11, 2016 Sat. & Sun.	Louis Piana Cup Regatta Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay Piana Cup & Series online entry and information at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2871	Skippers meeting 0900 on December 10 th 1 st Start 1100 daily
January 7 & 8, 2017 Sat. & Sun.	Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay Sid Doren Memorial online entry and information at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2872	Skippers meeting 0900 on January 7 th 1 st Start 1100 daily
February 4 & 5, 2017 Sat. & Sun.	Florida State Championship Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay Florida State Championship online entry and information at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2873	Skippers meeting 0900 on February 4 th 1 st Start 1100 daily
Feb. 24, 25, & 26, 2017 Fri., Sat., Sun.	Mid-Winters Regatta Up to 8 races scheduled over 3 days on Biscayne Bay Mid-Winters Regatta online entry and information at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2874	Skippers meeting at 0900 on February 24 th 1 st Start 1100 daily

6.0 REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN:

- 6.1 For the Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship regattas, boats are required to check in at the BBYC registration desk prior to each regatta. No official boat, rig or sail measurement, or crew weights will be taken, but complete crew lists must be supplied.
- 6.2 The BBYC registration desk will be officially open from **0900 to 1100** hours and from **1600 to 1700** hours on Fridays before each of the above regattas.

7.0 MID-WINTERS CREW WEIGH-IN:

- 7.1 For the 2017 Mid-Winters Regatta, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club from **0800 to 1100 hours**, and from **1600 to 1800** hours on Thursday, February 23rd. Late crew weigh-in will be available from 0800 to 0900 hours on Friday, February 24th.
- 7.2 For the Mid-Winters Regatta, all boats shall complete crew weigh-in and a compliance form before being eligible to be scored.
- 7.3 The North American Etchells Class considers the Miami Mid-Winters regatta a Class B event. All competing skippers and crewmembers must be current paid members of the Etchells Class.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions for all races in the 2017 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series will be distributed at registration. Copies will be available at all skippers meetings for the series, as well as being posted on the Etchells Fleet #20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) prior to the first race of the series.

9.0 COURSES:

- 9.1 The race course configuration will be Windward - Leeward with offset marks, and gates.

10.0 SCORING:

- 10.1 For each individual regatta in the series, rule A2 *The Low Point System* will apply. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, rule A2 is changed to "a boats score will be the total of her race scores".
- 10.2 To qualify for the overall 2017 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series prizes, boats must include their place in the Mid-Winters Regatta and any two of the other three individual regattas (Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, Florida State Championship). Place scores from each individual regatta of the series will be used with *The 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 overall winner of the 2017 Biscayne Bay Series.

11.0 PRIZES:

- 11.1 For each individual regatta in the series, the top five skippers and crew will receive prizes.
- 11.2 For the overall Etchells Biscayne Bay Series, the top three boats qualifying for the series will receive prizes.

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- 11.3 For the Mid-Winters Regatta a Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who request to be classified as such. The top three boats competing in the Corinthian class will be awarded trophies.
- 11.4 To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must sign up for the Corinthian class at the Mid-Winters weigh-in/registration desk and certify that the skipper and all crew are eligible category 1 sailors as defined by World Sailing Regulation 22.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 12.1 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 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 these events. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:

- 13.1 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.** Insurance policy declaration page should be emailed to kenbatzer@biscaynebayyachtclub.com, faxed to BBYC at 305-858-0489, or mailed to BBYC Etchells Series, 2540 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133.

14.0 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 14.1 Support and coach boats shall register with the race committee prior to the skipper's meeting for each regatta. Boats may be issued an identifying flag. The identifying flag if issued, shall be flown at all times during a regatta. Support boats are required to monitor VHF 72 during the regattas. Additional rules pertaining to support and coach boats may be included in the sailing instructions.

15.0 WEBSITE / INFORMATION:

- 15.1 The Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) will have the notice of race, entry information for the series, local housing information for Miami, visiting boat & trailer storage details, and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club information.
- 15.2 Information about the **2017 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series** may also be obtained from;

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