



**2017 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES
WEST COAST SPRING SERIES
SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CA
March through May 2017**

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY:

- 1.1 The San Diego Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13 – San Diego, invites members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the 2017 West Coast Spring Series (the “WCSS” or the “Series”). Etchells Fleet 13 is the Organizing Authority, and the San Diego Yacht Club is the host. Sailing World is the Organizing Authority for the NOOD Regatta which will include the Etchells Class sailing the Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta as the WCSS #1 of 4 Series regattas. Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters off San Diego, south of Coronado and east of Point Loma in the Coronado Roads area from March through May 2017.
- 1.2 The Series will be managed by a regatta committee of the San Diego Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 13.
- 1.3 Visiting competitors who wish boat storage and launching facilities at the San Diego Yacht Club must contact the SDYC Dock master’s Office at (619) 758-6308 or ty@sdyc.org to arrange for storage.
- 1.4 Etchells boat storage is available at SDYC on a limited basis and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Fees may apply. Additional boat storage facilities in the close vicinity to SDYC are available in the Point Loma area. Those facilities should be contacted directly for their details.

2.0 RULES:

- 2.1 The 2017 International Etchells WCSS Regattas will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020.
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R only.
- 2.3 The NOR for the WCSS (this document) shall be applicable to the Etchells Class in the NOOD regatta.
- 2.4 Two of the regattas (the NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta and the Orca Bowl Regatta) in this Series 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.
- 2.5 Two of the regattas (the Mid-Winters West Regatta and the Pacific Coast Championship) in this Series are classified as “Sanctioned Events - Class C” under Appendix “A” of the International Etchells Class rules, requiring that all skippers and crew be currently registered and paid members of the International Etchells Class Association for the applicable membership year.
- 2.6 Advertising is restricted to the Etchells class rules Category A under ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.7 The International Etchells Class Rules will be in effect, including crew weight and sail card limitations.
- 2.8 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio to be used exclusively for purposes of safety and Race Committee communications. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is prohibited while racing during Sanctioned Events.



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3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 The 2017 WCSS is open to all registered boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Boats should register and pay online in advance the prescribed entry fee for each regatta by completing the online entry form for each of the four regattas. Please see below at 4.0 and 5.0.

4.0 ENTRY FEES:

- 4.1 The entry fees for each individual regatta are as follows: Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta (NOOD): \$140.00, the Mid-Winters West Regatta: \$240.00, Pacific Coast Championship: \$160.00, the Orca Bowl Regatta: \$160.00. 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 regattas. Entries submitted later than the above dates and times may be accepted by the Organizing Authority, and if accepted, will be subject to a \$50 late fee.
- 4.2 Boats can receive a discount of -\$90.00 if they register and pay before March 1, 2017 for all four of the regattas in the Series. To take advantage of the Series early entry discount of -\$90.00, (1) go to www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3006 to register and pay \$140.00 for the NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta separately and then (2) go to www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3018 (Mid-Winter's West Regatta) to enter and pay for all three remaining regattas in the Series by checking the boxes for all three regattas. Total fees for all three regattas is \$560.00 less the discount of -\$90.00 is \$470.00.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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March 18th and 19th, 2017 Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta Entry Form:	Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta (NOOD) Up to 9 races scheduled over 2 days in the Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3006	Skippers meeting 900 - March 18 th Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat. Debrief 1730 – Etchells Hoist Entry Fee: \$140.00
March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017 Friday, Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Mid-Winters West Regatta Entry Form:	Mid-Winters West Regatta Up to 11 races scheduled over 3 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3018	Skippers meeting 0900 – March 31 Coronado Roads off Point Loma Fri. Debrief 1730 – Jessop Room Entry Fee: \$240.00
April 29th & 30th, 2017 Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Pacific Coast Championship Entry Form:	Pacific Coast Championship Regatta Up to 9 races scheduled over 2 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3019	Skippers meeting 0900 - April 29 th Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat. Debrief 1730 – Jessop Room Entry Fee: \$160.00
May 20th & 21th, 2017 Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Orca Bowl Regatta Entry Form:	Orca Bowl Regatta Up to 9 races scheduled over 2 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3020	Skippers meeting 0900 – May 20 th Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat - Kjeld's Annual BBQ Cookout Entry Fee: \$160.00

6.0 REGISTRATION AND CREW WEIGH-IN:

- 6.1 Registration check-in will be held in the SDYC Spinnaker Room or alternative location, if necessary.
- 6.2 **Competitor's weigh in will be required at registration check-in.** There shall be three or four persons on each boat and their total combined weight in light clothing at the time of registration shall be no more than 285 kg. (628.32 pounds).
- 6.3 For the **NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta**, registration check-in and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Friday, March 17th from 1600 to 1800 hours and on Saturday, March 18th from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.4 For the **Mid-Winters West Regatta**, registration check-in and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Thursday, March 30th from 1600 to 1800 hours and on Friday, March 31st from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.5 For the **Pacific Coast Championship**, registration check-in and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Friday, April 28th from 1600 to 1800 hours and on Saturday, April 29th from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.6 For the **Orca Bowl Regatta**, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Friday, May 19th, from 1600 to 1800 hours and on Saturday, May 20th from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.7 **Bow Stickers** - Upon check-in, all registered entries will be assigned port and starboard sponsored bow stickers with individual bow numbers. To be scored in any Series regatta and the Series overall, each boat must have their assigned bow stickers properly affixed in the appropriate bow locations as provided in the Sailing Instructions throughout the entire Series. Replacement stickers may be provided with a written request approved by the Principal Race Officer and a Designated Class official.
- 6.8 **Measurement - For Sanctioned Events Only (Mid-Winters West and Pacific Coast Championship):**
 - 6.8.1 Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured, but shall be in compliance with IECA.
 - 6.8.2 Each boat shall present a valid Sail Measurement Card at registration check-in.
 - 6.8.3 Competitors, at the time of registration check-in, will declare from their sail card which sails they will use. No more than 1 mainsail, 2 spinnakers and 2 jibs, which have been previously measured will be used.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions for all regattas in the 2017 WCSS will be distributed at registration check-in. Extras copies of the SIs will be available at all skipper's meetings for the Series, as well as being posted prior to the first race of each regatta, on the 2017 WCSS website (www.westcoastspringseries.com), the SDYC website (www.sdyc.org) or at the link for each individual regatta.

8.0 COURSES:

- 8.1 The race course configuration will be windward-leeward and may include offset marks and gates.

9.0 PENALTIES:

- 9.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. This changes Rule 44.1.

- 9.2** However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty, each turn including one tack and one jibe.

10.0 SCORING:

- 10.1** For each individual regatta in the Series, the Low Point scoring system, *Rule A2*, will apply, except when fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes *Rules A2*.)
- 10.2** To qualify for the overall 2017 WCSS awards, boats must count their place in the Mid-Winters West Regatta, and any two of the other three individual regattas (NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta, Pacific Coast Championship and Orca Bowl Regatta). Place scores from each individual regatta of the Series 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 2017 West Coast Spring Series.

11.0 AWARDS:

- 11.1** For each individual regatta in the Series, the top three skippers and crew will receive awards.
- 11.2** For the overall 2017 WCSS, the top three boats qualifying for the Series will receive awards.
- 11.3** For the overall Series and each regatta, a Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who request to be classified as such. The top three Corinthian boats competing in that class will be awarded a trophy. To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must register as Corinthian class sailors at the online registration and certify that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible Category 1 sailors as defined by ISAF Regulation 22.

12.0 TOWING:

- 12.1** 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 attached in the towing area on a timely basis.

13.0 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 13.1** Support and coach boats shall register with the race committee prior to the skippers meeting for each regatta. Support boats may be given an identifying flag. The identifying flag shall be flown at all times during the regatta(s), and all support boats are required to monitor VHF 69 during the regattas. Additional rules pertaining to support boats may be supplied with the Sailing Instructions.

14.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

- 14.1** Hoisting facilities are available at the San Diego Yacht Club. 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 and a Designated Class official. This changes RRS 45.

15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

15.1 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 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.

16.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:

16.1 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 or upon registration check-in.** Insurance policy declaration page should be emailed to: boatinsurance@sdyc.org.

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17.0 WEBSITE / CONTACT INFORMATION:

17.1 The 2017 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, San Diego Yacht Club information and more.

17.2 Additional information about the **2017 West Coast Spring Series** may also be obtained from:

West Coast Spring Series
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Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta
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Mid-Winters West Regatta
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