



2010 Etchells Class U.S. National Championship



October 1-3, 2010
Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) and U.S. Etchells Class.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except the prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.2 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.3 This regatta is classified as a Category C Sanctioned Event under Appendix “A” of the International Etchells Class rules and all skippers and crews are required to be current members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4 The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows: All competing yachts shall carry a hand-held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communications.
- 1.5 For additional event information please go to <http://www.nyyc.org/etrchellsNationalsOCT//> or <http://etchellsna.org/schedule.html>.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is restricted to category pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all yachts of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Online registration at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=386>.
- 3.3 **Check-in:** All yachts shall register with the OA at the times listed in NOR 5.1.
- 3.4 **Liability Waivers:** All crew members are required to sign and submit the crew liability waivers available on the NYYC website (<http://www.nyyc.org/etrchellsNationalsOCT//>) by fax, mail or at registration. Waiver must be received prior to racing.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$225.
- 4.2 Additional fees may apply for boat storage at Sail Newport. Mast-up storage of boats – Hoists and dockage is available at Sail Newport. Visit www.sailnewport.org for online space reservation or call Kim Hapgood at 401-846-1983.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 5.1 | Friday, October 1 | 1400-1600 | Practice starts and races |
| | | 1700-1900 | Registration, NYYC Sailing Center |
| | | 1900-2000 | Cocktail Reception, NYYC Sailing Center, Smart Casual, Cash Bar |
| Saturday, October 2 | 0700-0800 | 0830 | Late Registration, NYYC Sailing Center |
| | | 0900 | Participants' Meeting, South Afofsin Pier (Fort Adams State Park) |
| | | 1000 | All boats must be in the water |
| | | 1800 | Warning signal |
| | | 1800 | Regatta Cookout, NYYC Sailing Center, Smart Casual, Cash Bar |
| Sunday, October 3 | 1000 | 1700 | Warning signal |
| | | 1700 | Post-race cocktails & Awards Ceremony at NYYC Harbour Court |

Please note denim (jeans) may not be worn at Harbour Court.

- 5.2 The Etchells Class U.S. National Championship will consist of up to eight races.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will endeavor not to begin a starting sequence after 1430 on Sunday. However, weather conditions and/or the progress of the event may govern the actual conclusion of racing.

6 MEASUREMENT

Yachts and crew will be required to conform to the rules of the International Etchells Class Association. Competitors will be required to declare which sails, from their sail card they will be using for the regatta at registration.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Participants' Meeting and may be posted on the regatta Web page at <http://www.nyyc.org/etrcchellsNationalsOCT//> prior to the event.

8 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI on Rhode Island Sound or in Narragansett Bay.

9 COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward courses and will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Windward offset marks and leeward gate marks may be used.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system is as described in the Class Rules. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of rules of Part 2 that occur within the *zone* of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 The Low Point Scoring Systems as described in Appendix "A" of the RRS will apply except if more than five (5) races are completed a boat may exclude her worst score.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

The use of support boats is limited as described in Class Rule 27. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority. Support boats will be given an identifying flag and assigned a number. The identifying flag shall be flown at all times during the regatta(s), and all support boats are required to monitor and comply with instructions given by the Organizing Authority.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes for first through fifth place will be presented at the Awards ceremony.

13.2 The International Etchells Class U.S. National Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regatta at the Awards Ceremony.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Crew Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release and the fully executed Crew Waiver Form shall be submitted by fax (401-846-3303), by mail or at check-in prior to racing. The Crew Waiver Form can be found on the regatta website at <http://www.nyyc.org/etrchellsNationalsOCT//>.

14.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, International Etchells Class and affiliated companies, and other sponsors 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. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge.

15. INSURANCE

Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance. It is the skipper's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to participating in the Etchells U.S. Nationals.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.nyyc.org/etrchellsNationalsOCT//> or contact the Sailing Office.

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17.2 North American Etchells Class Website: <http://etchellsna.org/schedule.html>

17.3 SN website: <http://www.sailnewport.org>

18.4 More Information about the U.S. Nationals may also be obtained from:
Steve Girling, Email: sgirlings@yahoo.com, Cell: 203-434-8122
Kurt Winkelmann, Email: Winkusa1002@aol.com, Cell: 917-690-4264

The primary goal of the Etchells Atlantic Championship Series is to organize and reinvigorate competitive Etchells sailing in New England in a manner that is attractive for all current and prospective participants. Your direct and indirect suggestions and ideas are much appreciated!