



September 8 - 10, 2011

The organizing authority is Etchells Fleet #4 and the host yacht club is the Eastern Yacht Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The “class rules” for purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Etchells Class Association Class Rules, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 The Championship is an ISAF Recognized Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class B event. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 1.4 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed, except that the Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.
- 1.5 Eligible boats shall register with the Organizing Authority on Wednesday, September 7 between 1200 and 1830 or Thursday, September 8 between 0800 and 0900.

All Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race, including crew weigh-ins, are required to be completed by 0900 on September 8.

2. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels (US).
- 2.2 The Race Committee's VHF channel will be 78.

2.3 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

2.4 No competitor shall make or receive radio, cell phone or computer communications commencing from the first Warning Signal of the day until the conclusion of the day's racing, except in the case of an emergency.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located inside the EYC Clubhouse, near the Front Desk.

3.2 The Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day on the Race Committee VHF channel 78 at 0900 each morning of the event.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes will be posted by 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than one (1) hour after the latest protest time limit on the day before they take effect (SI 16.2). In the event of no racing on a day, any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than 1700 hours on the day before they take effect.

4.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change on the Race Committee VHF Channel in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Committee Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flagpole located at Eastern Yacht Club.

5.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

5.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal. This modifies Race Signal Flag AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing is scheduled from Thursday, September 8 through Saturday, September 10.

6.2 The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1100 hours. Additional races to follow ASAP.

6.3 Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

6.4 The Race Committee Finishing Boat will signal its intent to run another race that day by displaying Code Flag "R" at the finish of a race. Code Flag "R" will be lowered with one sound one minute before the next Warning Signal is made.

6.5 On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1430 hours.

- 6.6 Informal practice starts and race are scheduled for 1300 on Wednesday, September 7. The practice location and other information will be posted on the Official Notice Board and on the event web site.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The primary racing area will be located approximately two miles from the tip of the Marblehead Neck bearing approximately 150 degrees magnetic.

8. CHECK IN

- 8.1 Prior to the first Warning Signal each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by the Race Committee Signal Boat when it is on station by passing close by on starboard tack and hailing their bow number. When a boat has been checked in, the Race Committee will hail the boat's bow number.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 Courses are as described below and in "ADDENDUM #1- COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS".

- 9.2 Course Designations:

COURSE # 4 - Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Finish

COURSE # 5 - Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Leeward Gate - Finish

- 9.3 The Windward Mark (W) and the accompanying Offset Mark (OS) shall be left to port.
- 9.4 Courses will be posted on the Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the Warning Signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the Starting Line to the first mark will be displayed.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Windward Mark (W) and the Leeward Gate will be Yellow Inflatable marks.
- 10.2 The Offset Mark (OS) will be a round ball. The offset mark will be laid to port of the Windward Mark, approximately 200 feet away.
- 10.3 A Leeward Gate will be used. The gate will be located to windward of the Starting Line. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with *RRS 26*.
- 11.2 The class flag will be the Etchells Insignia on a white flag.
- 11.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat. In the event that the Pin End Boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an inflatable mark.
- 11.4 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s) and will function as an extension of the Race Committee boat. Boats shall not pass between the Race Committee vessel and an inflatable buoy tethered to it.

11.5 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4.1)

12. RECALLS

12.1 In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers, bow numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on the Race Committee VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1 (a).)

12.2 The Race Committee may hail the bow numbers or sail numbers of boats that are over the line in the last one (1) minute of the starting sequence after the I or Z Flag has been lowered. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)

13. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a red inflatable mark unless the first change is for the final leg of Course 5, which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.

13.2 If the change is for a leeward leg, the new gate marks will be red inflatables, unless the first change is for the final leg of Course 4, which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.

13.3 The race committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes over the appropriate VHF channel.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The Finish Line for leeward finishes (Course 4) will be on the opposite side of the Signal Boat from the Starting Line. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby inflatable mark or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.

14.2 The Finish Line for windward finishes (Course 5) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby inflatable mark to port of the Committee Boat or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 outside the three boat length zone of any rounding or finishing marks, may take a One-Turn Penalty. However, for a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three boat length zone of any rounding or finishing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. (This changes RRS 44.1).

15.2 The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 or rule 31 will be at the discretion of the International Jury and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

15.3 If a breach of Class Rules is found, penalties shall be at the discretion of the International Jury, in consultation with a non-competing Class Representative.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes shall be abandoned.

- 16.2 For Course 4, the time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 2.5 hours from the starting signal and for Course 5 it will be 3 hours from the starting signal.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Office.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the International Jury Secretary within one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks.

Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

- 17.3 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the International Jury notice board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the International Jury may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the International Jury desk until excused by the International Jury.
- 17.4 Infringements of SI 8, 21 and 24 are not protestable by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.5. On the last scheduled day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.6. On the last scheduled day of the regatta a request for redress based on an International Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.8 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

18. ARBITRATION

- 18.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, a short arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 18.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a penalty after she has *finished* or retired and prior to the start of an arbitration hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c).
- 18.3 After a written protest is delivered to the International Jury desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the International Jury.
- 18.4 An appointed arbitrator may allow the *protest* to be withdrawn. This changes Rule 63.1.
- 18.5 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 shall receive a penalty score of 40% as calculated in rule 44.3 (c).

- 18.6 The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
- 18.7 The arbitrator will not be a member of the International Jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the International Jury and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS* Appendix "A" will apply.
- 19.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.
- 19.3 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers overall with the top finisher being presented with the Etchells North American Championship Perpetual Trophy. Prizes will also be awarded to the Corinthian Division.

21. BOW NUMBERS

- 21.1 All boats will be issued bow numbers at registration. Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the after part of the bow number to be no more than one meter from measurement point A (tip of the bow) and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20 mm. (3/4") below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between characters shall be 70 mm (2 3/4"). It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the bow numbers stay affixed in the proper position.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Competitors are responsible for the compliance of their support boats with these Sailing Instructions. Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority during event registration.
- 22.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions or equipment to and from any support boat from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day for that boat.
- 22.3 Support boats shall not approach closer than 300 feet to any boat that is racing, or to any layline that is in effect on a leg of the course and shall not be located directly above the finishing line for windward finishes or below the finishing line for leeward finishes.

Prior to the Warning Signal, support boats shall leave the racing and starting areas and may station themselves outside of either the pin boat or committee signal boat, but no closer to either end than 150 feet.

- 22.4 Support boats are required by the Race Committee to monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel and provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the Race Committee.

23. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

23.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Race Office upon returning to shore.

24. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

24.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1800 on September 7 and are to remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except according to the terms and with permission of the Regatta Chairman in the event of a required emergency repair.

25. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

25.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Regatta Chairman, and such requests shall be submitted to the Regatta Chairman for verification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew.

25.2. After registration until completion of racing, no sail shall be re-cut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Regatta Chairman.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1 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, including the OA, Race Committee, International Jury, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated 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 practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. 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 and to defend and hold them harmless from any liability or legal action brought or arising from this Regatta .

Regatta Co-Chairmen:	Mark Toso & Michael Jobin
Principal Race Officer:	Bruce Golison
Chief Judge:	Lynne Beal

ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT

Course: 4
Distance To W: 1.8
Heading To W: 120

COURSE # 4 (Leeward Finish)

Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Finish

● ●
(OS) (W)

● ●
(Leeward Gate)

Start ⌞ ----- ⌞ R/C ⌞ ----- ● Finish

COURSE # 5 (Windward Finish)

Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS -
Leeward Gate - Finish

(Finish)

● ●
(OS) (W)

● ●
(Leeward Gate)

Start ⌞ ----- ⌞ R/C

