



International Etchells Class 2013 North American Championships



**New York Yacht Club
Newport, Rhode Island**

June 20-22, 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2013 Etchells North America Championships is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 8. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club. The regatta website is <http://nyyc.org/>.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply: RRS 40, 68, 70.5(a) and 76.1, and 76.3.
- 1.3 The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ADVERTISING.

- 2.1 In accordance with International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by the Person in Charge on hulls, spars and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.
- 2.2 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2 All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form and the entry fee payment through the event website. No entry is final until verified by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 3.4 In accordance with IECA Appendix A – Championship Rules and Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2, the crew shall consist of three or four persons and their total combined weight shall be no more than 285 kg. Crew weigh-ins will be done at Registration during the times indicated below.
- 3.5 A Corinthian division will be established. The awarding of the trophy shall be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and hold valid Group 1 classification in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code.

4 ENTRY FEES.

- 4.1 Early Entry - If paid in full on or before June 1, 2013, the entry fee is \$500 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$575.00 per boat with a crew of 4.
- 4.2 The entry fee is \$600 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$675.00 per boat with a crew of 4 for entries received after June 1, 2013.

- 4.3 The entry fee includes the fee for the social events at New York Yacht Club and dockage at the Alofsin Piers at Fort Adams for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

5 ADDITIONAL FEES

- 5.1 Storage, trailer storage, hoist costs and additional nights of dockage are the responsibility of each competitor. Sail Newport is offering a special discount to competitors in the North Americans including a special monthly rate that would cover the NYYC Annual Regatta (June 15-16), the North Americans (June 20-22) and the Sail Newport Regatta (July 12-14). More information will be posted on the regatta website.
- 5.2 A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase for guests to attend the social events. Pricing will be posted on the regatta website.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

6.1 Wednesday, June 19

1200-1800	Registration/measurement
1400	Practice Race
1800	Skipper's Meeting
1800	All boats must be in the water
1830	Opening Reception at New York Yacht Club (smart casual attire)

Thursday, June 20

1100	Warning signal for first race. Additional race(s) to follow ASAP.
1800	Post-race gathering at New York Yacht Club (casual attire).

Friday, June 21

1100	Warning signal for first race. Additional race(s) to follow ASAP.
1800	Post-race gathering at New York Yacht Club (casual attire)

Saturday, June 22

1100	Warning signal for first race. Additional race(s) to follow ASAP.
1700	Dinner & Awards ceremony at New York Yacht Club (smart casual attire).

- 6.2 Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion. On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400 hours. The Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1400.

7 MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall present valid original Sail Measurement and Hull & Spar Measurement Certificates at registration. All boats and competitors are expected to comply with the IECA Rules.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Sailing Instructions shall be made available at registration, as well as on the regatta website and posted on the Official Notice Board at New York Yacht Club.

9 VENUE and RACING AREA.

- 9.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Rhode Island Sound and/or Narragansett Bay.
- 9.2 Regatta headquarters will be at New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, RI.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be windward - leeward courses.
- 10.2 It is the intention that courses will comply with the current IECA Appendix D – Championship Sailing Instructions except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

- 11.2 When less than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 Awards shall be provided to the skipper and crew of the top three boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the OA.
- 11.5 Awards will also be given in the Corinthian Division.

12 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS.

- 12.1 Support boats must register with the OA during registration and display any identifying flags provided by the OA.
- 12.2 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 until the end of the last race of the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. All coach and support boats shall have a VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the Race Committee channel and assist the Race Committee in matters of safety as requested.
- 12.3 Dock space will be available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at the Alofsin Piers for registered support boats.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS.

All boats shall be afloat no later than 1800 on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee Chairman or Regatta Chairman.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 14.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

- 15.1 All competitors shall complete and submit an online liability and media waiver prior to the close of registration.
- 15.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

16 INSURANCE

All yachts are required to show proof of current insurance at registration. Each skipper and co-skipper is liable for any and all damages and personal liability. It is recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate and adequate Liability Insurance of not less than \$300,000.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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