

2020 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2019 PIANA CUP REGATTA, 2020 DOREN MEMORIAL REGATTA, 2020 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 2020 MID-WINTERS REGATTA.

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the host club, and the BBYC regatta committee is designated as race committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions that will apply are: RRS **40, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1**, and Appendices **R** and **V**. No other prescriptions are applicable. These prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Etchells Class will apply except as changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 The 2020 Mid Winters Regatta is a Class B sanctioned Etchells Class Event.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the first floor of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. Notices and race documents will also be posted on the appropriate yachtscore.com regatta event page:
<https://www.yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9586>

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND SAFETY

- 3.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. In the Mid-Winter Regatta, an Etchells B Class sanctioned event, watches that include a GPS function (and similar devices) are not allowed on a boat during racing.
- 3.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "Etchells Race Committee". VHF channel 72 will be used to communicate with Competitors whilst afloat.
- 3.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF or hail before leaving the race area.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
- 5.2 Flag **AP** displayed ashore means that racing has been postponed. The first warning signal of the day will be made not less than 60 minutes after this signal is removed ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1	December 7 & 8, 2019	Piana Cup Regatta	Up to 5 races are scheduled
	January 11 & 12, 2020	Doren Memorial Regatta	Up to 5 races are scheduled
	February 8 & 9, 2020	Florida State Championship	Up to 5 races are scheduled
	February 28 – March 1, 2020	Mid-Winters East Regatta	Up to 8 races are scheduled

- 6.2 There will be a competitor's meeting on the BBYC south lawn at 0900 on the first day of each regatta.
- 6.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.
- 6.4 On the final day of a regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.
- 6.5 If the RC intends to start another race on the same day flag **R** will be displayed on the finish vessel. If no more races are to be sailed that day the finish vessel will display flag **H**.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white flag.

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1 Races will be on Biscayne Bay in an area from 3 to 4 nm south of Dinner Key Channel Marker "1". A chart of the racing area will be posted on the official notice board.
- 8.2 All boats are required to check in prior to their first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel until acknowledged by the RC. Check in will not be accepted by VHF. A boat failing to check in will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

9. COURSES

9.1 See **ADDENDUM – COURSES**

9.2 Course designations:

COURSE #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish).

COURSE #5 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

10. MARKS

10.1 Windward mark **1** will be an orange 5 ft. inflatable cylinder. Windward mark **1a** will be a 5 ft. yellow inflatable mark. Windward mark **1b** will be a 3 ft. inflatable orange cylinder.

10.2 Yellow mark **1a** will be positioned approximately 4 boat lengths upwind from orange mark **1**. Orange mark **1b** will be positioned approximately four boat lengths from, and at 90 degrees to port, from mark **1a**. Marks **1**, **1a**, and **1b** will be left to port in that order before proceeding to the next mark.

10.3 Leeward gate marks **2s** and **2p** will be yellow 5 ft. inflatable cylinders.

10.4 If a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line vessel.

11.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This Changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. RECALLS

12.1 If any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast by VHF radio her bow number (Or if identified by sail number broadcast "sail number ..."). Failure to make a broadcast, or delay will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.2 Individual Recall, RRS 29.1, is changed deleting words "four minutes" to be replaced with "five minutes".

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark(s) or finish line, although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on RC vessels.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the windward offset mark **Q** within 45 minutes, or sails the course and finishes within 120 minutes of the start shall be abandoned. All competing boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish the race shall be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). A TLE score will be one more point than the number of boats that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35 & A4.1.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 A boat that takes a penalty or retires under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time.

17. PROTESTS, ARBITRATION, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident in the racing area should notify their intention to the RC immediately after finishing or retiring from the race concerned, naming any other boat(s) involved, and await an acknowledgement. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17.2 Protest forms will be available at the jury desk at BBYC. Protests will be delivered to the jury desk within the protest time limit of 90 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day.

17.3 Properly completed and accepted protests, hearing schedule, and protest results will be posted on the official protest board adjacent to the jury desk at BBYC. As a courtesy, protests may also be posted online on the appropriate yachtscoring.com regatta web page.

17.4 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be offered prior to a protest hearing. After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to a protest committee in accordance with RRS 63.

17.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee, but will be permitted to observe the testimony from the protestor and protested and offer testimony if called upon by the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply, except as follows:
- 18.2 Up to five (5) races are scheduled for the Piana Cup, Doren Memorial, and the Florida State Championship regattas, of which one (1) race must be scored to constitute a regatta.
- 18.3 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled for the Mid-Winter Regatta, of which three (3) races must be scored to constitute the regatta.
- 18.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been scored in a regatta, the boats score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5 For the Etchells Biscayne Bay Series prizes, a boat's score will be her score from the Mid-Winter's East Regatta added to her lowest total scores in two (2) of the other three regattas (Piana Cup, Doren Memorial, or Florida State Championship).
- 18.6 The word "series" in RRS A4.2 is changed to "regatta".

19. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 19.1 The RC will assign bow numbers to each participating boat. All boats will be issued new 15" bow numbers at registration.
- 19.2 Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the after part of the aft bow number to be no more than one meter from the hull datum point as defined in Class Rule D.2.4 (a) and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20mm below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between numbers shall be 70mm.
- 19.3 All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

- 20.1 Boats will be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of each regatta and shall not be hauled during the regatta except with written permission of the RC or the Protest Committee.

21. SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 21.1 *Support Persons* in order to have access to the club shall register themselves and their vessels with the RC prior to the competitor's meeting for each regatta.
- 21.2 For the Piana Cup, Doren Memorial, and the Florida State Championship regattas: Except when participating in an emergency incident or rescue operation all registered support boats shall stay at least 200 feet away from any boat racing and will stay outside the race area from when the warning signal is displayed until all boats have finished. Between races, coach and support boats may approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats without permission of the RC.
- 21.3 For the Mid-Winter Regatta: Except when participating in an emergency incident or rescue operation all registered support boats shall stay at least 200 feet away from any boat racing and will stay outside the race area from when the first warning signal of the day is displayed until all racing boats have finished the last race of each day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats without permission of the RC.
- 21.4 For the purposes of identifying the race area, this shall be determined as any part of the course bound by racing marks, start and finish lines and relevant lay lines between race marks extending to 200 feet from all these points. The RC or Judges may warn a vessel who in their opinion is about to infringe these requirements on the race by VHF radio before acting under RRS 3, 60.3(d) or 64.4.
- 21.5 *Support Persons* agree to monitor the RC VHF channel during the regattas and to assist if requested to do so.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be given for first (1st) through fifth (5th) place skipper and crew for each regatta. The prize giving ceremony will be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club approximately two hours after the RC signal vessel docks following the final race of each regatta.
- 22.2 A Corinthian Class will be constituted for each regatta. To qualify for the Corinthian Class, skippers must certify at the registration desk that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible Category 1 sailors, as defined in the World Sailing Regulation 22. Scores will be determined from fleet scores. Boats entered in the Corinthian Class are eligible for fleet prizes.
- 22.3 The International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series overall prizes for first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place will be given at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club following the final race of the series.

23. DISCLAIMER

- 23.1 In addition to RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s), and an owner's 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, RC, 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 participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

COURSE ADDENDUM

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL VESSEL

Course #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish)

1 + 1a (vertical) + **1b** (90° offset) at the weather mark, and leeward **Gate**.

Weather mark(s) approx. 120° magnetic at 1.2 nm from the start.

4
120°
1.2 nm

COURSE 4:

'1b'   '1a'

 '1'

Wind ↓

Leg 1 – Windward (**1 + 1a + 1b** to port)

Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)

Leg 3 – Windward (**1 + 1a + 1b** to port)

Leg 4 – Leeward (Finish)

'2s'   ' 2p'

 ----- Start / Finish

COURSE 5:

'1b'   '1a'

 '1'

Wind ↓

Leg 1 – Windward (**1 + 1a + 1b** to port)


Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)

Leg 3 – Windward (**1 + 1a + 1b** to port)

Leg 4 – Leeward

Leg 5 – Windward (Finish)

'2s'   ' 2p'

 ----- Start / Finish