

International Etchells Class North American Championship

Chicago Yacht Club

September 18-21, 2014

Belmont Station, Chicago



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules.

1.3 Appendix T1 is in effect: A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she 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.

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 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

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 aft part of the bow number to be no more than one (1) meter from measurement point A (tip of bow) 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 the characters shall be 70mm. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the bow numbers stay affixed in the proper position.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event website and, as a courtesy, on the notice board located on the lower level of the Belmont Station main barge.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions on shore will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 Flag L will be flown to signify any posting.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule:

Tuesday, Sept 16		Boat arrival at Belmont Station available
Wednesday, Sept 17	1300 – 1800	Registration & weigh-in
Thursday, Sept 18	0900-1200	Registration & weigh-in
	1300	Practice Race
	1800	Skipper's meeting
	1830	Welcome Reception
Friday, Sept 19	0730-0800	Supplemental crew weigh-in
	1055	First warning
	1700	Post-race gathering at CYC (casual)
Saturday, August 9	1055	First warning
	1700	Post-race gathering at CYC (casual)
Sunday, August 10	1055	First warning

Awards presentation after racing

6.2 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and two races are scheduled for Sunday. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races completed.

6.3 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.

6.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be held in the waters of Lake Michigan off Belmont Harbor.

7.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum 1 show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark.

8.3 The leeward mark will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Original turning marks will be orange inflatables.
- 9.2 The starting mark will be a green inflatable mark. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable mark. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active weather mark.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat on the port end of the line.
- 10.2 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 race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 73. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>
4	2 Hours	45 minutes
5	2.5 Hours	45 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms will be available at the race committee office, located on the lower level of the Belmont Station main barge, or on the event website. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered to this location within the appropriate time limit

or submitted to the protest committee by email at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org within the appropriate time limit.

- 14.2 The protest time limit is sixty minutes after the race committee finishing boat docks after the last race of the day.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of requests for redress will be posted as soon as practicable. Hearings will be held in rooms as directed by the jury secretary and will begin at the time posted.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 2, 14, 17.3, 17.4, 18, 19 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 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. This changes Appendix A2.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND CHECK IN/CHECKOUT

- 16.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee boat that is displaying flag L and hail her bow number until orally acknowledged by the race committee.
- 16.2 Within one (1) hour of the official race committee docking time, the person in charge of each boat shall sign the fleet roster sheet located on the bulletin board located outside the race committee office on the lower level of the Belmont Station.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.4 VHF channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee, and such requests shall be submitted to the protest committee for certification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew.
- 17.2 After registration and until the 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 Protest Committee.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

A boat shall be afloat no later than 1800 on Thursday, September 17, 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 the regatta chairman.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices

21 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Coach and support boats must register with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority.

Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.

21.2 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 16 and 73 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

21.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organizing Authority considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

21.4 Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 meters below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until five minutes after the start of any race.

After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing. Coach and support boats shall not go above the weather marks or the Course 1 finishing line or below the leeward marks or the Course 2 finishing line at any other time while boats are racing.

21.5 Any breach of SI 22.1, 22.2, 22.3 or 22.4 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the Jury.

21.6 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Race Committee, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 73 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the notice of race.

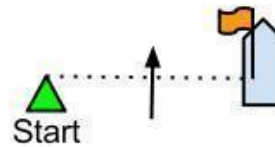
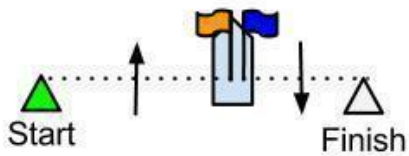
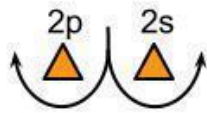
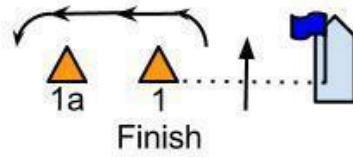
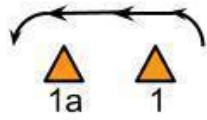
23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM 1 - COURSES



Course 4	Course 5
Marks shall be rounded in the order of Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, Finish.	Marks shall be rounded in the order of Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, Finish.