



International Etchells Class North American Championship
Chicago Yacht Club
September 18-21, 2014
Belmont Station, Chicago



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.3 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than rule, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes rule 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 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 active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.3 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 may be done at Registration during the times indicated below.
- 3.4 A Corinthian division will be established. The awarding of the trophy will be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and hold a valid Group 1 classification in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code.
- 3.5 Eligible boats shall enter online at the event website:
www.chicagoyachtclub.org/2014etchellsnac
- 3.6 In addition to on-line entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires completion and delivery of the following forms available on the CYC website at
 - 1) Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
 - 2) Valid Sail Card
 - 3) Safety Equipment Declaration
 - 4) Current insurance registration
 - 5) ISAF Sailor Classification – If skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring

4 FEES

- 4.1 Early Entry – If paid in full on or before August 1 , the entry fee is \$500 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$575 per boat with a crew of 4.
- 4.2 The entry fee is \$600 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$675 per boat with a crew of 4 for entries after August 1 .
- 4.3 The entry fee includes the fee for launching, hauling, and docking at Belmont Station, and parking for boat trailers for September 16-21.
- 4.4 Additional Fees – Storage requirements before and after the event dates of September 16-21, will be the responsibility of each competitor. More information will be posted on the regatta website.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 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
	0955	First warning
	1700	Post-race gathering at CYC (casual)
Saturday, Sept 20	0955	First warning
	1700	Post-race gathering at CYC (casual)
Sunday, Sept 21	0955	First warning
		Awards presentation after racing

- 5.2 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 eleven (8) races completed.
- 5.3 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 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat shall present valid Sail Measurement and Hull & Spar Measurement Certificates at registration.
- 6.2 Scanned forms and digital signatures will be accepted and can be uploaded to the event website for registration.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration, as well as on the regatta website and posted on the on the notice board at the Belmont Station.
- 7.2 The official notice board will be the event website.

8 VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.
- 8.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.
- 8.3 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
- 8.4 It is the intention that the courses will comply with the current IEA Appendix D – Championship sailing instructions except as modified by the sailing instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 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. This changes rule 44.1
- 9.2 Rule T2 will apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 When less than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 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 PRIZES

- 11.1 Awards shall be provided to the top five boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 11.2 Awards will also be given to the top three boats in the Corinthian Division.

12 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.
- 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.

13 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.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 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.

- 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 skippers meeting and posted on the official notice board.

15 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.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 The event website can be found on the CYC website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/2014etchellsnac
- 18.2 For further information please contact:
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