



2021 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
2540 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

REVISED NOTICE OF RACE

**The Notice of Race Has Been Revised To Be In Compliance With The
2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing and Current Covid 19 Health Precautions.**

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority. The Biscayne Bay Yacht Club is the host club and will provide the race committee.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rules and US Sailing prescriptions which apply are: rule 61.4, Appendix R, prescriptions to 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 88.2, and Appendix V and T. No other prescriptions apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Etchells Class will apply except as they may be changes by these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Advertising is restricted to International Etchells Category A, World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising.
- 1.5 The Mid-Winters East Regatta is a Class B, Etchells Class sanctioned event.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 For a conflict between the notice of race, sailing instructions, and any other rules of the regatta, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.8 An international jury will be constituted in accordance with rules 91(b) and Appendix N. The decisions of the jury will be final in accord with rule 70.5.
- 1.9 Except for rules in Part 2 and 3, the jury may impose discretionary penalties other than disqualification for breaking a rule.
- 1.10 All boats and support person's vessels shall have on board a portable VHF radio for safety and race committee communications. The race committee channel is 72.
- 1.11 Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Covid-19 Health Rules and Covid-19 testing requirements are posted on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The 2021 Series is open to all eligible International Etchells Class boats.
- 2.2 The Florida State Championship is as an Open Event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class rules except as amended by these sailing instructions. All skippers are required to be current Active members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.3 The Miami Mid-Winters East Regatta is designated a Class B event by the North American Etchells Association. All skippers are required to be active members of the Etchells Class Association and crew must be active or associate Members.

3. ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1 Entries shall be made online through Yacht Scoring.
- 3.2 Boats can be entered for an individual regatta or both regattas.
- 3.3 Entry fees for the regattas are:
 - 3.3.1 Florida State Championship, \$300. Enter on-line at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13127>
 - 3.3.2 Mid-Winter's East Regatta, \$500. Enter on-line at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13128>
 - 3.3.3 For the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 18:00 on the Sunday preceding the regatta. Late entries for a regatta may be accepted with a \$100 late fee.
 - 3.3.4 Payments can be made on-line through Yacht Scoring using a credit card or Pay Pal.

4. BOAT STORAGE

- 4.1 Competitors requesting boat storage at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) must submit a fully completed BBYC guest registration form and complete the Yacht Scoring Biscayne Bay Series entry including fee(s). Etchells storage at the club is limited to approximately 25 boats and will be assigned on a first to register and pay, first accepted basis. Entry fees do not include fees for boat and trailer storage. There are nearby launching/storage facilities. Contact them directly at: Shake A Leg Miami www.shakealegmiami.org , or US Sailing Center <https://usasailingcentermiami.org/> .

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Florida State Championship, March 26 - 28
 - Friday, March 26 Registration (NOR 6)
 - Saturday, March 27 Virtual skipper's meeting 0900
 First warning signal 1055
 - Sunday, March 28 First warning signal 1055
 Prize giving
- 5.2 Mid-Winters East Regatta, April 15 – 18
 - Thursday, April 15 Registration (NOR 6)
 - Friday, April 16 Virtual skipper's meeting 0900
 First warning signal 1055
 - Saturday, April 17 First warning signal 1055
 - Sunday, April 18 First warning signal 1055
 Prize giving
- 5.3 No more than three races may be held a day.
- 5.4 On the final day of a regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.
- 5.5 Details of prize giving will be posted on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Skippers, or a designated crew member, are required to check-in at the registration desk located on the open area on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse prior to each regatta before racing.
- 6.2 The registration desk will be open from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, Friday, March 26, and Thursday, April 15.
- 6.3 Skippers will present crew's Covid-19 test results, sign a compliance form and receive bow numbers.

7. MEASUREMENT.

- 7.1 There will be *scheduled* crew weigh-in for the Mid-Winter East Regatta on Thursday, April 15.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing instructions and amendments will be posted on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring.

9. VENUE

9.1 The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay approximately 3 nautical miles south of Dinner Key Channel mark #1.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with weather offset and leeward gate.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

11.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat racing shall not make voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

13. SCORING

13.1 The word "series" is replaced by "regatta" in rule A2.1.

13.2 Rule A2.2 will not apply.

13.3 For the Florida State Championship, 5 races are scheduled of which 3 races must be completed to constitute a regatta. If fewer than 5 races are completed, no race will be excluded.

13.4 For the Mid Winters East Regatta 8 races are scheduled of which 5 races must be completed to constitute a regatta. If fewer than 8 races are completed, no race will be excluded.

13.5 The score for the International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series shall be a boat's combined scores from the two regattas, with NO race excluded.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given for first through fifth place skipper and crew for each regatta.

14.2 First, second and third place prizes will be given for the 2021 International Etchells Biscayne Bay Series.

14.3 Additional prizes may be given.

15. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

15.1 In addition to rule 3, 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, race committee, 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 disease and 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.

15.2 Competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Florida and County of Miami-Dade guidelines and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Covid 19 Health Rules. These rules will be posted on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring. Failure to follow these important health safety rules may result in assessment of a discretionary penalty to their boat.

16. MANDATORY INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000/\$300,000. A copy of the insurance coverage page will be submitted at a boat's first registration.

17. WEBSITE/INFORMATION

17.1 Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) will provide additional information.

17.2 Official notice board website at Yacht Scoring: https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=13127

17.3 For inquiries about the 2021 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series:

Regatta Chairman; Jeff Nehms – racing@etchellsfleet20.org

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Regatta Committee Chairman; Bruce Harper – wbruceharpjr@hotmail.com

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