

2024 ETHELLS WEST COAST SPRING SERIES

SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CA

March through May 2024



AMENDED NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES [Amendment 1 4/3/24](#), [Amendment 4/4/24](#), [Amendment 3 5/7/24](#)

1. VENUE / AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The San Diego Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13 – San Diego, invites members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the 2024 West Coast Spring Series (WCSS). Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters off San Diego, south of Coronado and east of Point Loma in the Coronado Roads from March through May 2024. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Etchells Fleet 13 in conjunction with the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC).
- 1.2. Visiting competitors who would like storage for and/or launch their Etchells or other vessels associated with this series at SDYC must contact the Dockmaster's Office *at least two weeks* prior to arriving. Persons in charge should contact David Randell at (619) 758-6308 or dockmaster@sdyc.org to arrange for storage and billing.
- 1.3. Etchells storage is available at SDYC on a limited basis and will be assigned on a first to request, first accepted basis. Fees and membership in Fleet 13 may apply. Storage is only available to boats actively racing. Additional boat storage facilities in the vicinity to SDYC are available in the Point Loma area.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The 2024 International Etchells WCSS Regattas will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 40, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R only.
- 2.3. The Bill Bennett Memorial (March 16 - 17, 2024) and the Orca Bowl (May 18 – 19, 2024) are classified as "Open Events" under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class rules.
- 2.4. The Mid-Winters West (April 5-7, 2024) and the Pacific Coast Championships (Apr 27 - 28, 2024) in the WCSS are classified as "Sanctioned Events - Class C" under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules (<https://etchells.org/class/technical/rules-documents/rules>). The IECA Rules and Regulations will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.5. The OA may require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats, if required bow numbers are provided.
- 2.6. All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio capable of receive/transmit on assigned frequencies to be used exclusively for purposes of safety and Race Committee communications.
- 2.7. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The WCSS is open to members of the International Etchells Class. All skipper and crew are required to be appropriate 2024 members of the IECA to participate in any WCSS event.
- 3.2. A Corinthian division will be established. The division will be open to boats whose skipper and crew hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code at the time of the event. (Apply here: <https://www.sailing.org/classification>).
- 3.3. Boats should register and pay online in advance the prescribed entry fee for each regatta or the series as a whole by completing the online entry form. See NOR 4.0. Entries and full payment must be received no later than 1800 on the Wednesday preceding each regatta. Entries submitted later than the above dates and time may be accepted by the Organizing Authority subject to a \$50 late fee.

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- 3.4. The WCSS will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website (https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at weigh-in. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 March 16 – 17, 2024 Bill Bennett Cup (5 races)

Open event - Enter before March 11, 2024

March 16 – 0900 Skippers meeting
Daily – 0930 Tow out from La Playa Basin
Daily – 1125 First Warning
March 17 – 1430 No Initial warning after 1430
Entry Fee \$200
Entry Form <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16284>

4.2 April 5 – 7, 2024 Midwinters West Regatta (8 races)

Sanctioned Event - Class C - Enter before April 1, 2024

April 4–1500 to ~~1700~~
1900 Registration check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)
April 5 - 0800 to 0900 Registration check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)
April 5 – 0900 Skippers meeting
Daily – 0930 Tow out from La Playa Basin
Daily – 1125 First Warning
April 7 – 1430 No Initial warning after 1430
Entry Fee \$300 - enter prior to
Entry Form <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16285>
Enter prior to April 1, 2024

4.3 April 27 – 28, 2024 Pacific Coast Championship Regatta (5 races)

Sanctioned Event - Class C - Enter before April 22, 2024

April 26 – 1500 to ~~1700~~
1900 Registration check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)
April 27 – 0800 to 0900 Registration check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)
April 27 – 0900 Skippers meeting
Daily – 0930 Tow out from La Playa Basin
Daily – 1125 First Warning
April 28 – 1430 No Initial Warning after 1430
Entry Fee \$200.00
Entry Form <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16286>

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4.4 May 18 – 19, 2024 Orca Bowl Regatta (5 races scheduled)

Open event - Enter prior before May 13, 2024

May 17 – 1100 to 1700	Registration check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)
May 18 – 0800 to 0900	Registration check-in and crew weigh-in (SDYC)
May 18 – 0900	Skippers meeting
Daily – 0930	Tow out from La Playa Basin
Daily – 1125	First Warning
Entry Fee	\$250.00
Entry Form	https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16287

Social Schedule after racing:

March 16	Social & Debrief
March 17	Awards Presentation & BBQ
April 5	Social & Debrief
April 6	Social & Debrief
April 7	Awards Presentation
April 27	Social & Debrief
April 28	Awards Presentation
May 18	Debrief & BBQ
May 19	Awards Presentation

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. Registration for “Open Events” shall be as follows:

- 5.1.1. Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured, but shall be in compliance with IECA rules.
- 5.1.2. Sail declarations will not be required.
- 5.1.3. Competitor weigh-in will not be required.

5.2. Registration for “Sanctioned Events - Class C” events shall be as follows:

- 5.2.1. Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured, but shall be in compliance with IECA rules.
- 5.2.2. Each boat shall have a valid Sail Measurement Card, Hull Card, and insurance (see NOR 15.1). Insurance must be uploaded prior to registration to [<https://form.jotform.com/melanieaalbers/etchells-WCSS>]
- 5.2.3. Competitors will declare from their sail card which sails they will use. No more than 1 mainsail, 2 spinnakers and 2 jibs, which have been previously measured will be used. Competitors can declare sails by entering the list of sails to [<https://form.jotform.com/melanieaalbers/etchells-WCSS>]
- 5.2.4. Competitor’s weigh-in will be required at registration check-in. There shall be three or four persons on each boat and their total combined weight in light clothing (at minimum outer wear shorts and t-shirt) at the time of registration shall be no more than 285 kg. (628.32 pounds).

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available at registration, as well as on the regatta website and posted on the official notice board located on the east side (facing the water) of the SDYC Sailing Center.

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7. COURSES

7.1. The course configuration will be windward–leeward and may include offset marks and gates.

8. PENALTIES

8.1. Appendix V1 is in effect.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. For each individual regatta, the Low Point scoring system will apply. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This change RRS A2.
- 9.2. To qualify for the overall 2024 WCSS awards, boats must count their place in the Midwinters West Regatta, and any two of the other three individual regattas (Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta, Pacific Coast Championships, and Orca Bowl Regatta). Place scores from each individual regatta of the WCSS will be used with a Low Point Scoring System (1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc.). The boat with the lowest score will be declared the winner of the 2024 West Coast Spring Series.
- 9.3. For the overall 2024 WCSS scoring, in the event one or more boats are tied after applying one throw out, the tiebreak winner(s) will be determined from the lowest regatta score at the Midwinters West Regatta.
- 9.4. A Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who meet NOR 3.2.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. For each individual regatta, the top three overall boats and the top three Corinthian boats will receive awards.
- 10.2. For the overall 2024 WCSS, the top three overall boats, and the top three Corinthian boats will receive awards.

11. TOWING

11.1. An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area if the wind is too light to sail. If available, tows will be made up in the Star Hoist Area and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately 0930. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please be ready with tow lines on a timely basis.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat.
- 12.2. 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 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 12.3. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from 1120 each race day until racing has been concluded for the day. In the event of a postponement on shore, competitors shall have no communications with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats more than 90 minutes after the AP ashore is lowered. The time for AP down will be posted as a courtesy on the Notice Board located on the east side, of the Sailing Center. The Race Committee will make an announcement regarding this timing on the VHF Race channel. 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

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emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Race Committee.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. Hoisting facilities are available at SDYC. Boats shall be afloat no later than the warning signal of the first race for each regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without an approved written request to the Principal Race Officer and the Technical Committee. This changes RRS 45.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, illness, 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 death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. Proof of insurance shall be supplied with each entry by uploading the policy declaration page to by [<https://form.jotform.com/melanieaalbers/etchells-WCSS>]

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. The 2024 WCSS website (www.westcoastspringseries.com) will have links to entry forms for each regatta, the Notice of Regatta Series, Sailing Instructions, local housing information for San Diego, visiting boat and trailer storage details, SDYC information and more.

Etchells West Coast Spring Series

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Insurance & Sail Declaration

[Link to Jot Form per NOR 5.2.2, 5.2.3, and NOR 15.](#)

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