



2018 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
Coconut Grove, Florida

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY:

- 1.1 The Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 20 invites members and associates of the International Etchells class to the 2018 Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series. Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority and the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club is the host. Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters of Biscayne Bay between December 2017 through March 2018.
- 1.2 The series will be managed by the Biscayne Yacht Club Regatta Committee.
- 1.3 Visiting competitors requesting storage and launching at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club must submit a fully completed BBYC Guest Registration form along with their paid entry. Visiting Etchells storage at BBYC is limited to approximately 25 Etchells, and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Additional storage facilities close to BBYC are the US Sailing Center (www.usscmiami.org), and the Miami Shake-A-leg facility (www.shakealegmiami.org/regatta-.htm). Those facilities should be contacted directly for storage details.

2.0 RULES:

- 2.1 The 2018 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 **Only** the following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: *Rules* 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R.
- 2.3 Advertising is restricted to the Etchells class rules Category A under World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.4 The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows: All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The 2018 Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series is open to all International Etchells Class boats.
- 3.2 The first three regattas in this series (Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship) are classified as Open Events under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Rules. All skippers are required to be current paid members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 3.3 The North American Etchells Class considers the Miami Mid-Winters Regatta a Class B event. All competing skippers and crewmembers must be current paid members of the Etchells Class Association for this regatta.

4.0 ENTRY FEES:

- 4.1 Boats can register for the full Biscayne Bay Regatta Series at a discount of -\$100.00 off the regular entry fee of \$980.00 if entered and paid before November 1st, 2017.
- 4.2 To take advantage of the \$100.00 early series entry discount, go to the Piana Cup Regatta page on [yachtscoring.com \(https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4367\)](https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4367) and check the boxes for entering all four regattas, and the box for the \$100.00 series discount. Payment can be made online using Pay Pal or credit card.
- 4.3 The entry fees for each individual regatta are as follows: Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial, & Florida State Championships, \$195.00 each. Biscayne Bay Mid-Winters Regatta, \$395.00. For entering any one of the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 1800 hours on the Wednesday preceding each of the first 3 regattas, or by 1800 hours on Tuesday February 27, 2018, for the Mid-Winters Regatta. Entries submitted later than the above dates may be accepted by the organizing authority, and if accepted will be subject to a \$50 late fee.

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5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 2018 ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY SERIES

December 9 & 10, 2017 Sat. & Sun.	Louis Piana Cup Regatta Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay Enter the Piana Cup and/or full 2018 series online at: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4367	Skippers meeting 0900 on December 9 th 1 st Start 1100 daily
January 6 & 7, 2018 Sat. & Sun.	Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay Enter the Sid Doren Memorial Regatta online at: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4368	Skippers meeting 0900 on January 6 th 1 st Start 1100 daily
February 3 & 4, 2018 Sat. & Sun.	Florida State Championship Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay Enter the Florida State Championships online at: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4369	Skippers meeting 0900 on February 3 rd 1 st Start 1100 daily
March 2, 3, & 4, 2018 Fri., Sat., Sun.	Mid-Winters Regatta Up to 8 races scheduled over 3 days on Biscayne Bay Enter the Mid-Winters Regatta online at: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4370	Skippers meeting at 0900 on March 2 nd 1 st Start 1100 daily

6.0 REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN:

- 6.1 For the Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship regattas, boats are required to check in at the BBYC registration desk prior to each regatta before racing. No official boat, rig, sail measurements, or crew weights will be taken, but complete crew lists must be supplied.
- 6.2 The BBYC registration desk will be officially open from **0900 to 1100** hours and from **1600 to 1700** hours on each Friday before the above regattas.

7.0 MID-WINTERS CREW WEIGH-IN:

- 7.1 For the 2018 Mid-Winters Regatta, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club lobby on Thursday, March 1st from **0800 to 1100** hours and from **1600 to 1800** hours. Late crew weigh-in will be available from 0800 to 0900 hours on Friday, March 2nd.
- 7.2 For the Mid-Winters Regatta, all boats shall complete crew weigh-in and a compliance form before being eligible to be scored.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 8.1 The sailing instructions for all races in the 2018 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series will be distributed at registration. Copies will be available at all skippers meetings for the series, as well as being posted on the Etchells Fleet #20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) prior to the first race of the series.

9.0 COURSES:

- 9.1 The race course configurations will be Windward - Leeward with offset marks, and gates.

10.0 SCORING:

- 10.1 For each individual regatta in the series, rule A2 *The Low Point System* will apply. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, rule A2 is changed to; *a boats score will be the total of her race scores*.
- 10.2 To qualify for the overall 2018 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series prizes, boats must include their place in the Mid-Winters Regatta and any two of the other three individual regattas (Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, or Florida State Championship). Place scores from each individual regatta of the series will be used with *The 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 overall winner of the 2018 Biscayne Bay Series.

11.0 PRIZES:

- 11.1 For each individual regatta in the series, the top five skippers and crew will receive prizes.
- 11.2 For the overall Etchells Biscayne Bay Series, the top three boats qualifying for the series will receive prizes.

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- 11.3 For the Mid-Winters Regatta, a Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who request to be classified as such. The top three boats competing in the Corinthian class will be awarded prizes.
- 11.4 To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must sign up for the Corinthian class at the Mid-Winters weigh-in/registration desk and certify that the skipper and all crew are eligible category 1 sailors as defined by World Sailing Regulation 22.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 12.1 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 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 these events. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitors participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$300,000. Each skipper is liable for any and all damages and personal liability. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

14.0 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 14.1 *Support Persons* shall register with the race committee prior to the skippers meeting for each regatta, and may be provided with identifying flags to be displayed on their vessels. *Support Persons* are required to monitor the race committee channel VHF 72 during the regattas.
- 14.2 Dock space at BBYC is severely limited during regattas and dockage is reserved solely for BBYC member boats, competing Etchells, and race committee boats. Support Persons may not launch or moor vessels at BBYC docks (with the exception of the western seawall), or store trailers at BBYC during regattas.

15.0 WEBSITE / INFORMATION:

- 15.1 The Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) and the yachtscoring.com regatta pages will have the notice of race, entry forms, sailing instructions, local housing information for Miami, visiting boat & trailer storage details, and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club information.
- 15.2 Additional information about the **2018 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series** may be obtained by contacting;

Regatta Chairman;
Ken Batzer - Phone 954-275-0839 **or**
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