



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
12th Annual Coral Reef Cup
Coral Reef Yacht Club
March 16-18, 2018



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1, and appendix "R" only will apply. These prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3. The International Etchells Class Rules are amended in that all competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving US VHF channels. The race committee channel is 71.
- 1.4. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 1.5. In the event of conflict, these sailing instructions and any amendments to them will take precedence over the notice of race. (This changes Rule 63.7.)

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the breezeway adjacent to the Angler's Reef Grille at Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC).

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coral Reef Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

- 5.1. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100 hours.
- 5.2. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day flag "R" will be displayed on the finish boat. If no more races are to be sailed that day the finish boat will display flag "H".
- 5.3. On the final race day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6. **CLASS FLAG:**

- 6.1. The class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white flag.

7. **RACING AREAS:**

- 7.1. Races will be on Biscayne Bay in an area from 1 to 3 nm south of Dinner Key Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 4sec 16ft 5M).
- 7.2. All boats are required to check in prior to their first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal boat until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats should not use VHF radio to check in. A boat failing to check in will be scored DNC for its first race of the day without a hearing. (This changes Rule A4.2)

8. **COURSES:**

- 8.1. Courses are described below, and are illustrated in **ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS**.

8.2. **COURSE DESIGNATIONS:**

- COURSE #2** – Start, Windward, Finish (leeward).
- COURSE #3** – Start, Windward, Leeward, Finish (windward).
- COURSE #4** – Start, Windward, Leeward, Windward, Finish (leeward).
- COURSE #5** – Start, Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Finish (windward).

9. **MARKS:**

- 9.1. Windward mark "1" will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 9.2. Mark "O" will be a three (3) foot orange Tomato.
- 9.3. Mark "O" will be positioned approximately 7 boat lengths at a 90° angle to port of mark "1".
- 9.4. Leeward gate marks "2s" and "2p" will be orange inflatable cylinders.
- 9.5. Start/Finish mark, if used, will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
- 9.6. When a leeward gate is employed, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either the port or starboard leeward gate mark is missing, the remaining single leeward mark shall be left to port.

10. **THE START:**

- 10.1. Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or the course side of a yellow inflatable Mark.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. (This changes Rule A4.)

11. **11.RECALLS:**

- 11.1. 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 bow number, sail number, or name of the vessel on VHF channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes Rule 60.1(b))

12. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark(s) or finish line, although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13. **THE FINISH:**

- 13.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing Mark.

14. **PENALTY SYSTEM:**

- 14.1. If a boat takes a penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 her penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty, but if she breaks a rule of Part 2 within the *Zone*, the penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty. (This changes Rule 44.1)
- 14.2. Alternatively, a boat may take a Scoring Penalty in compliance with Rule 44.3(c) for breaking a rule of Part 2 prior to a jury hearing by acknowledging in writing breaking a rule. If approved by the jury, the penalty shall be 20% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 5 places nor worse than DNF. Rules 44.3(a) and (b) will not apply.

15. **TIME LIMITS:**

- 15.1. If no boat rounds the windward mark (1) within 45 minutes or finishes within two hours of the start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). A TLE score for all boats still competing when the time limit expires shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes Rule 35, Appendices A4 and A5).

16. **PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

- 16.1. Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident in the racing area should radio their intention to the race committee immediately after finishing or retiring from the race concerned, naming any other boat(s) involved, and await an acknowledgement.
- 16.2. Protest forms will be available at the protest desk in the lobby of CRYC.
- 16.3. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit of one (1) hour after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 16.4. Notices of protests and the hearing schedule will be posted on the protest board adjacent to the protest desk at CRYC within 10 minutes after the protest time limit.

- 16.5. Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will also be posted on the official notice board no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1b.
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based upon a protest committee decision or scoring, including starting penalties, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the information was posted, or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2
- 16.7. In accordance with RRS 64.1, The protest committee may impose penalties of less than DSQ for breaking rules other than RRS Parts 2 and 3.

17. SCORING:

- 17.1. The **Low Point System**, as provided in Rule A4 will apply, except as changed in section 14.2 of these sailing instructions and as follows:
- 17.2. Up to eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race must be scored to constitute a regatta. This changes NOR 11.1.
- 17.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes Rule A2.)

18. BOAT IDENTIFICATION:

- 18.1. The race committee will assign bow numbers to each participating boat.
- 18.2. The numbers will be available at registration.
- 18.3. The numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner; The leading edge of the forward number will be 22 inches aft of the stem and 1 inch below the deck. The leading edge of the aft number will be 3 inches aft of the aft edge of the forward number and 1 inch below the deck.
- 18.4. All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION:

- 19.1. Boats will be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of the regatta and shall not be hauled during the regatta except with written permission and complete compliance with the instructions of the principal race officer or the chief judge of the event.

20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS:

- 20.1. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first Class to start until the time the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.2. Support Persons shall register with the race committee prior to the skippers meeting, and may be provided with identifying flags to be displayed on their vessels. Support Persons are required to monitor the race committee channel VHF 71 during the regatta. All Support Persons shall conform to Coral Reef Yacht Club Policy and rules for Support Persons.
- 20.3. Dock space at CRYC is severely limited during regattas and dockage is reserved solely for CRYC member boats, competing Etchells, and race committee boats. Support Persons may not launch or moor vessels at CRYC docks, or store trailers at CRYC during the regatta.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Trophies will be awarded to the first (1st) through fifth (5th) place in an awards ceremony at the Coral Reef Yacht Club approximately 1½ hours after the race committee signal boat docks following the final race of the regatta.
- 21.2. The Coral Reef Cup Perpetual which remains in CRYC custody shall be awarded to the first place boat.

ADDENDUM #1

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT

Sail Course #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish)

With (90°) offset at the weather mark, and leeward **Gate**
 The Weather mark(s) approx. **1.2 nm** from start at **120°** magnetic.

4
120°
1.2 nm

COURSE # 2



Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 0 to port)
 Leg 2 – Finish (to leeward)



Start/Finish ----- R/C

COURSE # 4



Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 0 to port)
 Leg 2 – Leeward (gate "2s/2p")
 Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 0 to port)
 Leg 4 – Finish (to leeward)



Start/Finish ----- R/C

COURSE # 3

Finish ----- R/C



Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 0 to port)
 Leg 2 – Leeward (gate "2s/2p")
 Leg 3 – Finish (to windward)



Start ----- R/C

COURSE # 5

Finish ----- R/C



Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 0 to port)
 Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
 Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 0 to port)
 Leg 4 – Leeward (gate)
 Leg 5 – Finish (to windward)



Start ----- R/C