

**International Etchells Class
2018 North American Championship
September 13-15, 2018
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Station**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Chicago Yacht Club (CYC) in conjunction with the North American Etchells Class Association and Etchells Fleet 11.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the rules of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) as amended by these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 2.2 This regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the IECA Rules.
- 2.3 IECA Appendix A 8. B requiring weigh in is waived for this regatta. This changes Appendix A 8. B.
- 2.4 Skippers shall be Active members and crew Associate or Active members of the IECA.
- 2.5 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 61.4, 63.2, 67. (see Attachment B)
- 2.6 Appendix T1 and V1 will apply.
- 2.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.8 If there is a conflict between the NOR, rules or regulations, other than RRS, the SI's will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Belmont Clubhouse at the CYC. The Unofficial Notice Board will be at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=4801

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at the west end CYC Belmont.

- 5.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

Tuesday, Sept 11	Boat arrival at Belmont Station available 1500 – 1800 Registration & weigh-in
Wednesday, Sept 12	0900 – 1200 Registration & weigh-in 1500 – 1800 Registration & weigh-in 1400 Practice race 1800 Skipper's meeting 1800 All boats shall be afloat 1830 Welcome reception
Thursday, Sept 13	0730-1000 Supplemental crew weigh-in 1155 First warning 1700 Post-race gathering at CYC (casual)
Friday, Sept 14	0730-1000 Supplemental crew weigh-in 1155 First warning 1700 Post-race gathering at CYC (casual)
Saturday, Sept 15	1155 First warning 1500 (The Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls or postponements may be after 1500.) 1800 Dinner and Awards at CYC

7 CLASS FLAG

Etchells Class flag

8 RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan, approximately 2.0 NM East of the Red Nun Buoy outside Belmont Harbor.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will designate the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.
- 9.4 Mark 3S/3P is a gate. In the event one of the gate marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.5 Mark 2 is the offset mark adjacent to the windward mark. In the event one of the windward marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 3P and 3S will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 2 will be an orange sphere.
- 10.2 New marks 1, 3P and 3S, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a yellow tapered sphere or a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end start boat.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark OR a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end signal boat.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A.5.

11.3 As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to notify OCS boats by radio on VHF Channel 73. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). THE START

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12 Change of Course

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12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) to the new position and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.3 The RC may change the course by up to five degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line for Course 1 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the green inflatable port-end finishing mark located approximately 0.1 nautical mile to windward of mark 1.

13.2 The finishing line for Course 2 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a green inflatable mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix T1 and V1 will be in effect.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit 120 minutes from the starting signal.

15.2 If no boat has passed the Mark 1 within 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A.5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk, downstairs in Belmont Station. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within one hour of the docking time of the RC signal boat after the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.2 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the classroom, upstairs, at the junior barge at CYC.

16.3 Notices of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee will be filed within the protest time limit and posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 For breaches of the rules other than Parts 2 and 3, the Protest Committee may award a lesser penalty than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.

16.6 On the last day of the regatta, the time limit to reopen a hearing based upon an action or omission of the RC or Jury shall be 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.

17 SCORING

17.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

19.2 In the case of damage, boats and/or equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the RC. When the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start of the day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the RC. Written permission by the RC shall be obtained before the end of the Protest Time limit on the day in which the substitution takes place.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and SI's which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.

21 BOW NUMBERS

Boats shall display bow numbers during the event as provided by the OA and shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. These 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. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

22 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Coach and support boats must register with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat.

22.2 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the RC, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 73 and shall follow all instructions from the RC.

22.3 Support boats shall stay 150 yards outside areas where boats are about to race or are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This changes IECA Appendix A J. 11.

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

23.1 All boats shall be afloat no later than 1800 on Wednesday Sept 12, 2018, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal USA channels. This requirement supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA.

25 PRIZES

25.1. North American Champion, skipper and crew.

25.2. Second through fifth place overall, skipper and crew.

25.3. Top Corinthian teams, skipper and crew.

25.4. Individual race awards will be provided on a daily basis.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

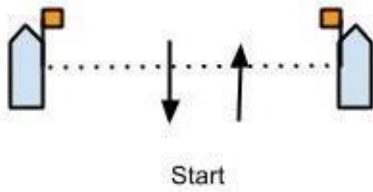
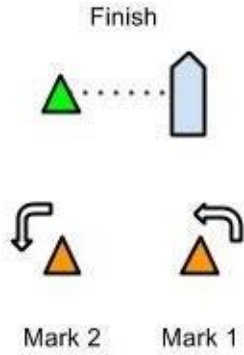
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

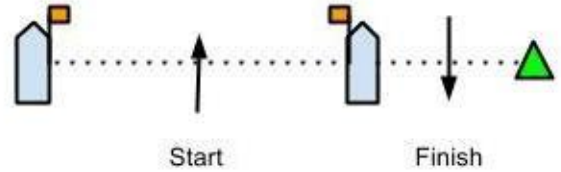
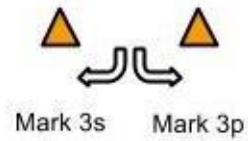
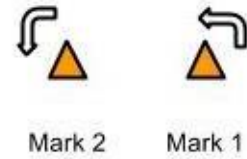
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

SI ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE 1



COURSE 2



Course 1 **Start, Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3 s/p, Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3 s/p, Finish (Upwind)**

Course 2 **Start, Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3 s/p, Mark 1, Mark 2, Finish (Downwind)**

SI Attachment B

Relevant US Sailing prescriptions

Rule 61.4 Add rule 61.4 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 63.2 After rule 63.2 add US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

(a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.

(b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

(c) The protest committee shall request redress for the other boats that participate in the hearing or request in writing to do so, making them parties to the hearing. It need not state a reason for such a request; this changes rule 62.2.

Rule 67 After rule 67 add US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

