



# 2011 International Etchells Long Island Sound Championship

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich CT

May 20-22, 2011

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 This event is an Etchells Class C event.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Club's front lobby.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club's main flagpole
- 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

Saturday, May 21	0900	Competitors Briefing
	1100	Warning, first race
Sunday, May 22	1000	Warning, racing resumes
	1500	No warning after 1500

As many races will be run within the time permitted as possible.

### 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be numeral pennant 1.

### 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The expected racing area will be Long Island Sound, south of Captains Islands
- 7.2 If by 0930 Saturday and 0830 Sunday, the race committee plans to hold racing inside Captains Harbor (north of Captains Islands) code flag C will be displayed from the Club's main flagpole with one sound signal at 0930 and 0830 respectively. The race committee will make a VHF call announcing the change in to the racing area.

### 8. COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be windward-leeward. A windward offset mark will be used; leeward gates will not unless signaled.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display:
  - The approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg
  - The number of legs to be sailed
  - If the letter "G" is displayed, the leeward mark will be a set of gate marks. In the event "G" has been posted but one of the gate marks is missing, the leeward mark is to be left to port.

### 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons
- 9.2 The offset mark will be a colored ball.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE CONSIDERED OBSTRUCTIONS**

If racing is held inside Captains Harbor, Appendix A identifies areas that are deemed to be obstructions.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course-most side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

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

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 If the course change involves repositioning the windward mark, there will be no accompanying offset mark.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and the course-most side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 If the finish boat is displaying code flag "R", another race will be started as soon as practical.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that except for rule 18 infractions, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 30 minutes after the start, the race will be abandoned. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (see 17. SCORING) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be at the Club's front desk located in the front lobby of the main clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located off the front lobby, beginning as soon as practical.

## **17. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.

- 17.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.
- 17.3 Boats scored Time Limit Expired per instruction 15.2 shall be scored point equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus two but no worse than last.

## **18. SAFETY**

- 18.1 Prior to the each day's first warning signal, boats shall check in with the race committee by sailing close aboard the signal boat and receive acknowledgement from the race committee.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Once racing has commenced, no boats shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

## **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats may use the radio to report protests and must use the radio to report retirement from racing using VHF channel 72.
- 20.2 No other transmissions (VHF, cellular or other) are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 20.3 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 72 to advise competitors of race information including OCS.

## **21. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

All yachts competing are required to certify that they carry current Third Party Property Liability insurance. Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party personal injury claims. It is strongly recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate Third party Personal Injury Liability insurance not less than \$300,000.

# Appendix A

The shaded areas below are deemed to be obstructions.

