



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS  
 2019 Etchells United States National Championship  
 September 20-22, 2019  
 American Yacht Club  
 Rye, NY



Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 1.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECS) Rules.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. The US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply.
- 1.5. The Race Committee shall use VHF radio for safety purposes and communications with competitors. All other communications via VHF by competitors is strictly prohibited from the time of the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is similarly prohibited.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which will be located on the front porch of the Junior American Yacht Club Building.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 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 at American Yacht Club's flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 Preamble.

### 5. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. The race committee will monitor and communicate its intentions via VHF 78a.
- 5.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. **[DP]**

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

<b>Friday</b> September 19	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post-Race Gathering AYC
	1900	Formal dinner
<b>Saturday</b> September 20	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post-Race Gathering AYC
<b>Sunday</b> September 21	1025	First Warning Signal
	1430	No Warning Signal after 1430
	Immediately following racing	Prize Giving AYC

6.2. Eight races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.

6.3. Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.

## 7. Class Flag

The class flag shall be the Etchells class flag.

## 8. RACING AREA

Racing Area will be in Western Long Island Sound in the vicinity of American Yacht Club. Regatta headquarters will be at the American Yacht Club.

## 9. THE COURSES

9.1. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course, the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark on the course board.

9.2. SAMPLE COURSE BOARD (showing a bearing to the first mark of 210 degrees, 1.0 nm distance to the first mark and course 4 for the race:

Bearing	Range	Division	Course
2	1		4
1			
0			

9.3. Course will be designated as follows:

3 - windward, offset mark, leeward, finish to windward.

4 - windward, offset mark, leeward, windward, offset mark, finish to leeward.

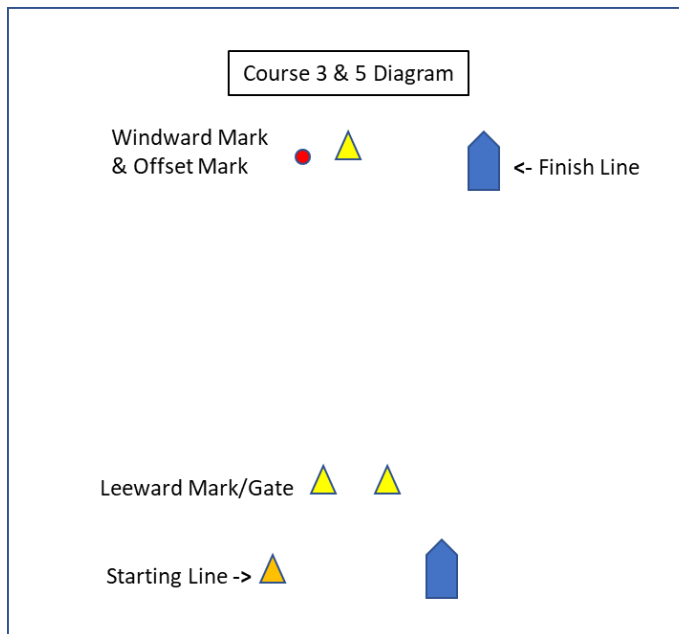
5 - windward, offset mark, leeward, windward, offset mark, leeward, finish to windward.

9.4. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port.

9.5. 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.

9.6. A single leeward mark shall be left to port.

## 9.7. Course Diagrams



### 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Windward and Leeward marks will be inflated yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2. The offset mark will be a red ball.
- 10.3. New marks as provided in SI 12 shall be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.4. The starboard end starting mark shall be the race committee signal vessel and port end mark shall be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 10.5. The starboard finish mark shall be a race committee vessel. For Course 4 the port finish mark shall be an orange inflatable tetrahedron, for courses 3 & 5 the port finish mark shall be the windward mark.

**11. THE START**

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A.4 and A.5.
- 11.3. The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by sail number by radio on VHF Channel 78.A. 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.

**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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form and submit it to the jury desk, the location of which will be posted on the Official Notice Board, within the protest time limit.

**15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 2 ½ hours.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first windward mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This modifies RRS 35, A4 & A5.

**16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the jury desk, the location of which will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the jury desk within 1 hour of the race committee signal vessel docking at American Yacht Club. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.2. 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, the location of which will be posted on the Official Notice Board, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.3. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

**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.
- 17.3. 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 Race Committee as soon as possible.[DP]

**19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.
- 19.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or the Jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20. BERTHING & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 20.1. All boats shall be kept at American Yacht Club.
- 20.2. All boats shall be afloat before 2030 on September 19 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

**21. PLASTIC POOLS**

- 21.1. Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

**22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. Awards shall be given to the top 3 boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 22.2. Awards will also be presented to the top 3 boats in the Corinthian Division.

**23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.
- 23.2. By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, agents and sponsors will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees,

employees, agents and/or sponsors, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

## 24. FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGATTA OFFICIALS

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## **APPENDIX 1 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

1. Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat.
2. All registered coach and support boats will carry on board while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channel 78A, monitor communications and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee if directed to do so, including but not limited to towing or assisting boats not associated with them.
3. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organizing Authority considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. 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 emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.
4. Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 yards below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until five minutes after the start of any race. After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 yards outside areas where boats are racing. Coach and support boats shall not go above the weather marks or the Course 3 and 5 finishing line or below the leeward marks or the Course 4 finishing line at any other time while boats are racing.
5. Any breach of SI Appendix 1 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification, or some other penalty as determined by the Jury.