



# 2012 Etchells Class New England Championship



June 16-17, 2012  
Newport, Rhode Island

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. The event website can be found at [http://nyyc.org/yachtracing/event\\_325](http://nyyc.org/yachtracing/event_325).

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except the US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.2 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.3 This regatta is classified as a Category C Sanctioned Event under Appendix "A" of the International Etchells Class rules and all skippers and crews are required to be current members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4 The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows: All competing yachts shall carry a hand-held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communications.
- 1.5 While *racing*, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats. This prohibition includes mobile telephones, text, email and data connections.
- 1.6 All skippers and crew shall submit an online Waiver of Liability (including the Etchells Class Declaration Form) to be scored in the regatta.
- 1.7 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

### **2 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 2.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court. This information may also be posted on the event website.
- 2.2 Flag signals will be flown from western arm of the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 2.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. Flag "Lima" will be flown to signify such posting.
- 2.4 When Pennant "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than one hour" in Race Signal "AP".
- 2.5 Signals designating the rendezvous locations will be displayed at 0830 on Saturday and Sunday from the flagpole at Harbour Court. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the locations as described in SI 4 at that time over VHF Channel 72. The failure to make this announcement or for a yacht to hear this announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 2.6 After the rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements have been made, the Race Committee will monitor and communicate on VHF channel 72.

### **3 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 3.1 The Race Committee will attempt to run up to 8 races. One completed race constitutes a series.
- 3.2 The first warning signal is scheduled each day at 1000.
- 3.3 The Race Committee will endeavor not to make a warning signal after 1430 on Sunday; however, weather conditions or the progress of the regatta may govern the actual conclusion of racing.

### **4 RACING AREAS**

The rendezvous areas will be signaled in accordance with SI 2.5 as follows:

Flag "A" - rendezvous southwest of R"2", Brenton Point

Flag "R" - rendezvous south of Halfway Rock, East Passage, Narragansett Bay

### **5 COURSES**

- 5.1 The course is a windward/leeward course with a windward offset mark.
- 5.2 The course will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat on a white board as "W" accompanied by a numeral indicating the number of legs to be sailed (example "W4"). The distance between the windward mark and the offset mark shall not count as a leg for the purposes of indicating the number of legs.
- 5.3 The bearing and distance to the first mark will be displayed below the course on the white board.
- 5.4 Marks, including the windward offset mark, shall be rounded in order and left to port, except that a leeward gate shall be rounded as described in RRS 28.1(c). If only one leeward mark is set, it shall be rounded to port.
- 5.5 The leeward gate or mark will be set approximately 0.10 NM to windward of the Race Committee signal boat.

### **6 MARKS**

- 6.1 Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be an orange sphere.
- 6.2 A new mark as provided for in SI 9 will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 6.3 The starting mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 6.4 The finishing mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

### **7 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

The race committee will assign bow numbers to each participating boat. The numbers will be available at registration. The bow numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner:

- a) The leading edge of the forward number shall be 22" aft of the stem and 1" below the deck.
- b) The leading edge of the aft number shall be 3" aft of the aft edge of the forward number and 1" below the deck.
- c) All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.

### **8 THE START**

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 8.3 In the event of an individual recall, the bow numbers or other identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced verbally and/or on VHF channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 60.1(b).
- 8.4 A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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 with an original mark.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- a) For a course with an odd number of legs, the finishing line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to windward of the windward mark.
  - b) For a course with an even number of legs, the finishing line will be located approximately 0.1 NM to leeward of the leeward mark unless the finishing line has been moved in accordance with SI 9.
- 10.2 If a subsequent race is to be sailed, the Race Committee will attempt to announce the anticipated time of the warning signal for subsequent races on VHF Channel 72.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 If no boat has passed the first windward mark within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 11.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within two and one-half (2.5) hours of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and *finishes* will be scored TLE. A TLE score for all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be two more points than the number of boats that have *finished* within the time limit. (This changes rules 35, A 4.1 and A 4.2.)

## 12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Written protests or requests for redress shall be submitted to the Jury secretary in the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible, but not later than one hour after the Race Committee signal boat has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.2 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.3 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 12.4 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 12.5 Rule 63.5 is changed by adding, "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."
- 12.6 Breaches of SIs 7, 14, 15.2 and 18.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 12.7 A violation of SI 18.2 will be considered "a gross breach of a *rule*" under rule 69.1(a).
- 12.8 On the last scheduled day of racing only, a written request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary:
- a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee's decision on the previous day; or
  - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee's decision on that day; or
  - c) If no races are held on the last scheduled day of racing, within one hour after racing has been abandoned.
- This changes rule 66.

- 12.9 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered in writing no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

### **13 SCORING**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except that if six or more races are completed, each yacht's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.

### **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

### **15 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 15.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 15.2 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 72 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 15.3 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 OA 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 International Jury or the Race Committee.
- 15.4 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 (odd-leg) finishing line or below the leeward marks or the (even-leg) finishing line at any other time while boats are racing.
- 15.5 Any breach of SI 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 or 15.4 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 International Jury.
- 15.6 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Race Committee, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 72 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

### **16 PRIZES**

Prizes for first through third place will be presented at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 17.

### **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1 Crew Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall complete and submit a liability waiver/media release prior to racing. The Crew Waiver Form can be found on the regatta website.
- 17.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, International Etchells Class and affiliated companies, and other sponsors 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. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge.

### **18 NOTES**

- 18.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and vessels in the navigation channel restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

18.2 In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area to the east of a line defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.

18.3 Newport Tides

Day	Date	High Tide	Low Tide	High Tide
Saturday	June 16	0622	1127	1844
Sunday	June 17	0706	1210	1923

18.4 All times herein are Eastern Daylight times. Distances used herein are expressed in nautical miles (when not otherwise defined) and are approximate.

## 19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information, please visit the regatta website or contact the Sailing Office.

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Tel: 401/845-9633; Fax: 401/846-3303; Email: Beth Duggan - [dugganb@nyyc.org](mailto:dugganb@nyyc.org)

19.2 Etchells North American Class Website: <http://etchellsna.org/>

19.3 Sail Newport website: <http://www.sailnewport.org>

19.4 More Information about the New England Championship may also be obtained from:

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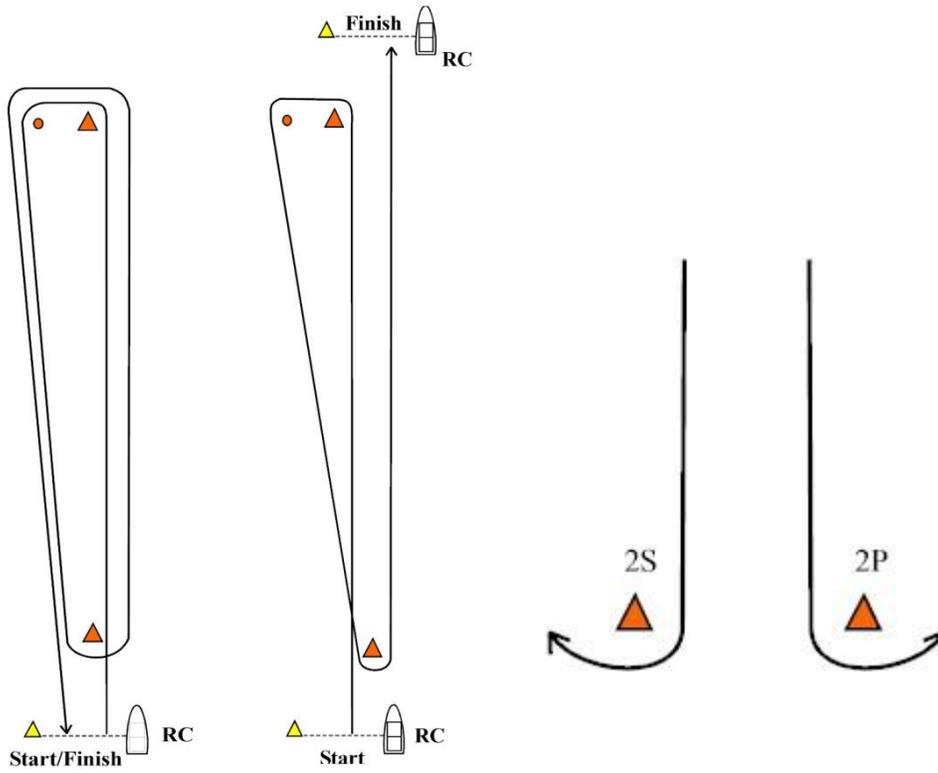
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# COURSE DIAGRAMS



Examples: **W4**

**W3**

**Gate**