



International Etchells Class 2013 North American Championships



**New York Yacht Club
Newport, Rhode Island**

June 20-22, 2013

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2013 Etchells North America Championships is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 8. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club. The regatta website is <http://nyyc.org/yachting/racing/2013-etchells>.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of US SAILING will apply: RRS 40, 68, 70.5(a) and 76.1, and 76.3.
- 1.3 The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA. The skippers entered in the regatta are listed at http://www.yachtscoring.com/current_event_entries.cfm?eID=801.
- 2.2 All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and ISAF Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code.
- 2.3 To remain eligible, the entire crew shall complete registration with the Organizing Authority during registration times and no later than 1800 on Wednesday, June 21, unless other arrangements have been made with the OA. To complete registration, each boat shall:
 - a) submit a valid Sail Measurement certificate;
 - b) submit a valid Hull Measurement certificate;
 - c) submit proof of insurance;
 - d) paid the entry fee;
 - e) have each crew complete and submit the online liability waiver.
- 2.4 In accordance with IECA Appendix A – Championship Rules and Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2, the crew shall consist of three or four persons and their total combined weight shall be no more than 285 kg. Crew weigh-ins will be done at Registration during the times indicated in the Notice of Race and as updated on the regatta website.

3 NOTICES, COMPETITOR INFORMATION AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Notices, including race results, amendments and protest hearing schedules, shall 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 Etchells North Americans website.
- 3.2 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 When Pennant “AP” is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than ninety (90) minutes” in Race Signal “AP”.

- 3.5 Signals designating the rendezvous locations will be displayed at 0900 each morning from the flagpole at Harbour Court (1100 for the practice race on Wednesday, June 19). The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the locations as described in SI 5 at that time over VHF Channel 72. The failure to make this announcement or for a boat to hear this announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.6 After the rendezvous locations and any other regatta announcements have been made, the Race Committee Signal Boat will communicate with the fleet on the VHF channel 72.
- 3.7 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc., are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of the broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 3.8 The first competitors' briefing will be at 1800 on Wednesday, June 19, in the Arcadia Room in the NYYC Sailing Center.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Racing is scheduled from Thursday, June 20, through Saturday, June 22.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 4.3 Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion. On the final day of the regatta, the initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400 hours. The Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1400.
- 4.4 The Warning Signal for the practice race is scheduled for 1400 on Wednesday, June 19.

5 RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

Fleet rendezvous locations are listed below and will be designated as described in SI 3.5. See SI Appendix A – NYYC Primary Race Areas.

Area "A" - Rhode Island Sound

In the vicinity of 160° for 1.2 NM from R "2" QR Whistle marking Brenton Point

Area "R" - North of Newport Bridge

North of Gould Island and south of Halfway Rock

6 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

- 6.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, all boats shall check in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing astern on starboard tack.
- 6.2 Boats retiring are requested to inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 or by calling (401) 845-9633.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The courses will be windward – leeward courses as described below:

COURSE #4 Pennant 4 Start-1-1a-Gate (2P/2S)-1-1a-Finish

COURSE #5 Pennant 5 Start-1-1a-Gate (2P/2S)-1-1a-Gate (2P/2S)-Finish

- 7.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the course number to be sailed, designated by a numeral pennant. The approximate compass bearing of the first leg, and the distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed on a white board.
- 7.3 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned approximately 200 feet to port of mark 1.
- 7.4 Gate marks 2P/2S:
 - (a) If only one leeward mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.
 - (b) Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned to windward of the RC Signal Boat.
 - (c) The gate may be set after the starting signal.
- 7.5 Except when there is a change of course:
 - (a) the finish for course 4 will be to leeward of the gate marks 2P/2S.
 - (b) the finish for course 5 will be to windward of mark 1.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 2P and 2S will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron marks.
- 8.2 Mark 1a will be an inflatable cylindrical mark.
- 8.3 New marks, as provided in SIs 11.1, will be orange inflatable tetrahedron marks.
- 8.4 The starting marks will be the Race Committee Signal Boat (Sabre 47') at the starboard end and the Race Committee Pin Boat (Fortier 26'), both displaying an orange flag on a staff.
- 8.5 The finishing mark will be an inflatable tetrahedron mark.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The class flag used for the Warning Signal will be flag "E".
- 9.2 Races shall be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4.

10 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee will endeavor to hail the bow number or sail number of each boat that was on the course side at the starting signal over VHF Channel 72.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may change the direction of a leg of the course by five degrees or less and/or the length of a leg of the course by 10% or less without signal or change of mark color. This changes SI 11.1 and rule 33.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line for Course #4 will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat than the starting line. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the nearby finishing mark approximately 0.1 NM to leeward of mark 2 unless the final leg has been changed in accordance with SI 11.
- 12.2 The finishing line for Course #5 will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby finishing mark approximately 0.1 NM to windward of mark 1 unless the final leg has been changed in accordance with SI 11.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 outside the zone of any rounding or finishing mark, may take a One-Turn Penalty. For a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of any rounding or finishing mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
- 13.2 The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 will be at discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes rule 64.1(a).

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>
4	2 Hours	45 minutes
5	2 ½ Hours	45 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A "TLE" score for all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be one more point than the number of boats that have completed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 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 for that fleet has docked. The time limit for filing a protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible on the Official Notice Board. Protests by the Race Committee will be posted within the protest time limit to comply with the notification under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.3 Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest.
- 15.4 When a boat 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 boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 15.5 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.”
- 15.6 Breaches of SIs 6, 17, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing only, a written request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary:
- Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on the previous day; or
 - No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the Protest Committee’s decision on that day; or
 - If no races are held on the last scheduled day of racing, within one hour after racing has been abandoned.

This changes rule 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System as provided in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 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.

17 BOW NUMBERS

All boats will be issued bow numbers at registration. Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the aft part of the bow number to be no more than one meter from measurement point A (tip of bow) and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20 mm (3/4”) below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between the characters shall be 70 mm (2 3/4”). It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure that the bow numbers stay affixed in the proper position.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee, and such requests shall be submitted to the Protest Committee for certification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew.
- 18.2 After registration and until the completion of racing, no sail shall be re-cut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Protest Committee.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 ADVERTISING

- 20.1 In accordance with International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by the Person in Charge on hulls, spars and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.
- 20.2 The OA is not requiring any sponsor flags or logos to be displayed.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Competitors are responsible for the compliance of their support boats with these instructions. Support boats must register with the OA during registration and display any identifying flags provided by the OA.
- 21.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, be tied to or transfer provisions or equipment to and from any support boat from the first warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day for that boat.
- 21.3 Support and spectator boats shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any boat that is racing. In addition, a support boat shall stay at least 100 meters outside any layline and shall not be located directly above any windward marks or the finishing line for windward finishes or directly below the finishing line for leeward finishes.
- 21.4 Prior to the warning signal, support boats shall leave the racing and starting areas and may station themselves outside of either end of the starting line, but no closer than 100 meters to either Race Committee boat or any competitor.
- 21.5 Support and spectator boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 72 and provide assistance to any competitor in danger if requested to do so by the Race Committee.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before 1800 on June 19 and are to remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except according to the terms and with the permission of the Protest Committee in the event of a required emergency repair.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio, cell phone or computer communications commencing from the first warning signal of the day until the conclusion of the day's racing.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall with the top finisher winning the Etchells North American Championship Perpetual Trophy. A prize will also be awarded to the top finisher in the Corinthian Division. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each race.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 All competitors shall complete and submit the online liability waiver prior to the close of registration. The link is posted on the regatta website.
- 25.2 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

26 INSURANCE

All yachts are required to show proof of current insurance at registration. Each skipper and co-skipper is liable for any and all damages and personal liability. It is recommended that each boat be covered by appropriate and adequate Liability Insurance of not less than \$300,000.

27 FURTHER INFORMATION

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Appendix A

NYYC PRIMARY RACE AREAS

