



2020 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
2540 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the host club, and the BBYC regatta committee is designated as race committee.

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Only the following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 40, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 67, 76.1, and Appendices R and V.
- 1.3. Advertising is restricted to International Etchells Category A, World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. The jury may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6. All competing boats and support vessels shall have on board a portable VHF radio for safety and race committee communications.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The 2020 Series is open to all eligible International Etchells Class boats.
- 2.2. The Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship are classified as Open Events under Appendix A of the International Etchells class rules. All skippers are required to be current Active Members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.3. The Miami Mid-Winter's East Regatta is designated a Class B event by the North American Etchells Association. All skippers must be Active Members of the Etchells Class Association and crew must be Active Members or Associate Members for this regatta

3. ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1. Entries shall be made online through Yachtscoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=9586>.
- 3.2. Boats can be entered for an individual regatta or the complete Biscayne Bay Series.
- 3.3. Entry fees for the regattas are:
 - 3.3.1. Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial, & Florida State Championships, \$250 each regatta.
 - 3.3.2. Mid-Winters East Regatta, \$450.
 - 3.3.3. Complete Series \$1,200.
 - 3.3.4. For the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 18:00 on the Monday preceding the regatta. Late entries for a regatta may be accepted with a \$100 late fee.
- 3.4. For the complete Series a \$100.00 discount will be applied if paid in full before November 15, 2019. Go to the Piana Cup page on Yachtscoring and check the boxes for entering four regattas and check the box for the discount.
- 3.5. Payments can be made on-line through Yachtscoring using a credit card or Pay Pal.

4. BOAT STORAGE

- 4.1. Competitors requesting boat storage at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) must submit a fully completed BBYC guest registration form and complete the Yachtscoring Biscayne Bay Series entry including fee(s). Etchells storage at the club is limited to approximately 25 boats and will be assigned on a first to register, first accepted basis. Entry fees do not include fees for boat and trailer storage. There are nearby launching/storage facilities. Contact them directly for information: Shake A Leg Miami (www.shakealegmiami.org/regatta-.htm), or US Sailing Center (www.usscmiami.org).

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. Louis Piana Cup Regatta: December 7th & 8th, 2019. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, December 7th. (Enter the Piana Cup or the entire 2020 Biscayne Bay Series online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9586>)
- 5.2. Sidney Doren Memorial: January 11th & 12th, 2020. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, January 11th. (Enter the Sidney Doren Memorial online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9587>)
- 5.3. Florida State Championship: February 8th & 9th, 2020. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, February 8th. (Enter the Florida State Championships online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9588>)
- 5.4. Mid-Winter's East Regatta: February 28th - March 1st, 2020. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, February 28th. (Enter the Mid-Winter's East Regatta online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9589>)
- 5.5. Five races are scheduled for each regatta except eight races for the Mid-Winter's East Regatta. No more than three races may be held a day. The first warning signal is scheduled for 10:55 daily.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1. For the Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship Regattas, skippers or a designated crew are required to register at the regatta desk located on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse prior to each regatta before racing. There will be no boat, rig, or sail measurements, and no weigh-in.
- 6.2. *Support Persons* and their vessels shall be registered in accordance with NOR 6.1. Specific instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 6.3. The registration desk will be open from 09:00 to 11:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, on Friday before the regattas listed above.

7. MID-WINTER'S EAST REGISTRATION/CREW WEIGH-IN/SUPPORT PERSONS

- 7.1. The following will be applicable for the 2020 Biscayne Bay Mid-Winters East Regatta.
- 7.2. *Support Persons* and their vessels shall be registered in accordance with NOR 6.1. Specific instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 7.3. Registration and crew weigh-in will be at the BBYC front lobby on Thursday, February 27, from 08:00 to 11:00 and from 16:00 to 18:00. Late arrival crew weigh-in will be available from 08:00 to 09:00 on Friday, February 28.
- 7.4. Crew weigh-in will be completed and skippers will file a compliance form before racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing instructions and applicable US Sailing prescriptions will be posted on Yachtscoring prior to the first race of the series. Amendments will be posted on the BBYC official notice board. Sailing instructions for the Series will be available at registration for all regattas.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The race course configuration will be Windward - Leeward, with windward offset mark and leeward gate.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low POINT SYSTEM, RRS A4, will apply.
- 10.2. The word "series" is replaced by "regatta" in RRS A2.1.
- 10.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, a boat's score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4. For the Etchells Biscayne Bay Series prizes, a boat's score will be her score from the Mid-Winter's East Regatta added to her lowest total scores in two (2) of the other three regattas (Piana Cup, Doren Memorial, or Florida State Championship).
- 10.5. RRS A2.1 and A9 shall not apply.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. For each individual regatta in the Series, the top five skippers and crew will receive prizes.
- 11.2. For the Etchells Biscayne Bay Series, the top three skippers and crew will receive prizes.
- 11.3. For the Mid-Winter's East Regatta, there will be a Corinthian Division for those boats who request this classification. At registration the skipper must certify that all aboard are Category 1 sailors as defined by World Sailing Regulation 22. For the Corinthian Division, the top three skippers and crew will receive prizes. Participation in the Corinthian Division does not disqualify a boat from receiving another Mid-Winter's East Regatta prize.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1. In addition to RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s), and an owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in these events. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. MANDATORY INSURANCE

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with current third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000/\$300,000. A copy of the insurance coverage page will be submitted at the first registration of a boat.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS/SUPPORT VESSELS

14.1. In order to have access to BBYC, *Support Persons* shall register themselves and their vessel with the race committee prior to the skipper's meeting for each regatta. *Support Persons* agree to monitor the race committee on channel VHF 72 during the regattas and to provide assistance if requested by the race committee.

14.2. Dock space at BBYC is limited during regattas and berthing is reserved solely for BBYC members, competing Etchells, and race committee vessels. *Support Persons* and guests during regattas may not launch their vessels or store trailers on the club grounds, and docking is not permitted except on the west seawall.

15. WEBSITE/INFORMATION

15.1. The Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) will provide additional information.

15.2. For inquiries about the 2020 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series:

Regatta Chairman; Jeff Nehms – racing@etchellsfleet20.org

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