



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



NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority is the American Yacht Club (AYC) in conjunction with the United States International Etchells Class Association and Etchells Fleet 1.

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 (IECA) Rules.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes 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, except as in Section 16. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is similarly prohibited.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. All other advertising is strictly prohibited.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta registration is open to all Active (Skipper) Members of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be current Active (Skipper) and Associate (Crew) members of the IECA, and their respective national associations.
- 3.2 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.

- 3.3 To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 World Sailing Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at <https://members.sailing.org/classification/>

4 ENTRIES

- 4.1 Eligible boats shall enter the regatta online at the event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=6147>.

- 4.2 All entries must be received no later than 1900 on September 19, 2019.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$495 per boat. If paid in full on or before August 20, 2019, the Entry Fee is \$395 per boat.

- 5.2 There is a supplemental \$100.00 fee for a fourth crew member.

- 5.3 The entry fee includes the fee for launching, hauling, and docking at American Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers from September 19 to 22.

- 5.4 Limited storage before and after the regatta may be available upon request to the American Yacht Club and will be the responsibility of each competitor. Contact Bud Puterbaugh, AYC Harbor Captain by email (bputerbaugh@americanyc.org) for rates and availability.

6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Registration and Check-in will take place on the front entry steps of the American Yacht Club on September 19 from 1700 to 1900.

- 6.2 All yachts and crew will be required to conform with rules of the International Etchells Class Association. In addition to on-line entry and payment, registration and check-in requires completion and delivery of the following forms:

- 1) Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
- 2) Valid Sail Card
- 3) Sail Declaration
- 4) Safety Equipment Declaration
- 5) Current proof of insurance satisfying Section 19.1 hereof
- 6) World Sailing Sailor Classification – If skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring.

- 6.3 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, and to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.

- 6.4 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit. Substitutions will only be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 6.5 All boats will be issued with bow numbers at registration. Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the after part of the bow number to be no more than one meter from the hull datum point as defined in class rule D.2.4 (a) and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20 mm below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between characters shall be 70 mm.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Daily Schedule

Thursday September 19	0900	Hoist available until 2000
	1700 to 1900	Registration, Weigh-in & Check-in
	1900	Welcome Reception AYC
Friday September 20	0800 to 0900	Last minute weigh-in
	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post-Race Gathering AYC
	1900	Formal Dinner
Saturday September 21	1055	First Warning Signal
	Immediately following racing	Post-Race Gathering AYC
Sunday September 22	1025	First Warning Signal
	1430	No Warning Signal after 1430
	Immediately following racing	Prize Giving AYC

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

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and also online by 1700 on Monday, September 2 at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6147>

9 RACING AREA

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

10 THE COURSES

The courses shall be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit or provide instructions to the race committee over the radio subject to race committee's acknowledgement.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 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.

13 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during registration.
- 13.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Preparatory Signal 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 Race Committee.
- 13.3 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions. All coach and support boats shall have a VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

14 BERTHING & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall be kept at American Yacht Club.
- 14.2 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.

15 PLASTIC POOLS

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

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 This section supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

- 16.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organizing Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 16.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

17 PRIZES

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

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 All yachts competing are required to carry current Third-Party Property Liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, with appropriate Third-Party Personal Injury Liability insurance of not less than US\$300,000. All insurance coverage shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- 19.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided at registration, as described in 6.2.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGATTA OFFICIALS

For further information please contact:

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Regatta Chair: Jeffrey Jamison, JeffreyRJamison@gmail.com, (914) 490-2997

Race Committee Chairs: Rich Hulit and Hilary Burt Davidson

All participants in the Regatta are invited by the Flag Officers to use the facilities of the American Yacht Club for the duration of the Regatta.