



**2020 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES
WEST COAST SPRING SERIES**
SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CA
March through May 2020



NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY:

- 1.1 The San Diego Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13 – San Diego, invites members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the 2020 West Coast Spring Series (the “WCSS” or the “Series”). Etchells Fleet 13 is the Organizing Authority (OA), and the San Diego Yacht Club is the host. Sailing World is the Organizing Authority for the NOOD Regatta which will include the Etchells Class sailing the Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta as the WCSS #1 of 4 Series regattas. SDYC in conjunction with the US Etchells Class Association will be the OA for the Etchells Nationals. Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters off San Diego, south of Coronado and east of Point Loma in the Coronado Roads area from March through May 2020.
- 1.2 The Series is managed by a regatta committee of the San Diego Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 13.
- 1.3 Visiting competitors who wish boat storage and launching facilities at the San Diego Yacht Club must contact the SDYC Dockmaster’s Office at (619) 758-6308 or ty@sdyc.org to arrange for storage.
- 1.4 Etchells boat storage is available at SDYC on a limited basis and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Fees may apply. Additional boat storage facilities in the close vicinity to SDYC are available in the Point Loma area. Those facilities should be contacted directly for their details.

2.0 RULES:

- 2.1 The 2020 International Etchells WCSS Regattas will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020.
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 40, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R only.
- 2.3 The NOR for the WCSS (this document) shall be applicable to the Etchells Class in the NOOD regatta.
- 2.4 The NOR for the WCSS will reference a separate NOR for the Etchells US Nationals, which will take precedence in the event of a discrepancy.
- 2.5 Two of the regattas (the NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta and the Orca Bowl Regatta) in this Series are classified as “Open Events” under Appendix “A” of the International Etchells Class rules, except that all skippers are required to be current members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.6 The Mid-Winters West Regatta in this Series is classified as “Sanctioned Events - Class C” under Appendix “A” of the International Etchells Class rules, and the US National Championship in this Series is classified as “Sanctioned Events - Class B” under Appendix “A” of the International



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Etchells Class rules) requiring that all skippers and crew be currently registered and paid members of the International Etchells Class Association for the applicable membership year.

- 2.7 Advertising is restricted to the Etchells class rules Category A under WS Regulation 20.
- 2.8 The International Etchells Class Rules will be in effect, including crew weight and sail card limitations.
- 2.9 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio to be used exclusively for purposes of safety and Race Committee communications. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is prohibited while racing during Sanctioned Events.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 The 2020 WCSS is open to all registered boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Boats should register and pay online in advance the prescribed entry fee for each regatta by completing the online entry form for each of the four regattas. Please see below at NOR 4.0 and NOR 5.0.

4.0 ENTRY FEES:

- 4.1 The entry fees for each individual regatta are as follows: Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta (NOOD): \$150.00, the Mid-Winters West Regatta: \$300.00, US National Championship: \$300.00, the Orca Bowl Regatta: \$200.00. For entering any one of the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 1800 on the Wednesday preceding each of the regattas. Entries submitted later than the above dates and times may be accepted by the Organizing Authority, and if accepted, will be subject to a \$50 late fee.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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March 21 and 22, 2020 Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta Entry Form:	Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta (NOOD) Up to 7 races scheduled over 2 days in the Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=9672	Skippers meeting 900 - March 21 Coronado Roads off Point Loma Entry Fee: \$150.00
April 3, 4 & 5, 2020 Friday, Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Mid-Winters West Regatta Entry Form:	Mid-Winters West Regatta Up to 9 races scheduled over 3 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11803	Skippers meeting 0900 – April 3 Coronado Roads off Point Loma Fri. Debrief 1730 – Jessop Room Sat. BBQ 1600-1800 - Pavillion Entry Fee: \$300.00
April 24, 25 & 26, 2020 Friday, Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily US National Championship Entry Form:	US National Championship Regatta Up to 8 races scheduled over 3 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11804	Skippers meeting 0900 - April 24 Coronado Roads off Point Loma Daily Social /Debrief 1730 – Entry Fee: \$300.00
May 16 & 17, 2020 Saturday and Sunday First Warning 1125 daily Orca Bowl Regatta Entry Form:	Orca Bowl Regatta Up to 7 races scheduled over 2 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp. https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11805	Skippers meeting 0900 – May 16 Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat - Kjeld’s Annual BBQ Cookout Entry Fee: \$200.00

6.0 REGISTRATION:

- 6.1 Registration check-in will be held in the SDYC Spinnaker Room or alternative location, if necessary.
- 6.2 For the **NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta**, registration check-in will be held at SDYC on Friday, March 20 from 1600 to 1800 and on Saturday, March 21 from 0800 to 0900.
- 6.3 For the **Mid-Winters West Regatta**, registration check-in *and crew weigh-in* will be held at SDYC on Thursday, April 2 from 1600 to 1800 and on Friday, April 3 from 0800 to 0900.
- 6.4 For the **US National Championship**, registration check-in *and crew weigh-in* will be held at SDYC on Thursday, April 23 from 1600 to 1800 and on Friday, April 24 from 0800 to 0900.
- 6.5 For the **Orca Bowl Regatta**, registration will be held at SDYC on Friday, May 15, from 1600 to 1800 and on Saturday, May 16 from 0800 to 0900.
- 6.6 **Measurement and Weigh-Ins - For Sanctioned Events Only (Mid-Winters West and US National Championship):**
 - 6.6.1 Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured, but shall be in compliance with IECA.
 - 6.6.2 Each boat shall present a valid Sail Measurement Card at registration check-in.
 - 6.6.3 Competitors, at the time of registration check-in, will declare from their sail card which sails they will use. No more than 1 mainsail, 2 spinnakers and 2 jibs, which have been previously measured will be used. Competitors can declare sails by entering the list of sails on their Yacht Scoring online entry prior to registration or during posted registration hours.
 - 6.6.4 **Competitor's weigh-in will be required at registration check-in.** There shall be three or four persons on each boat and their total combined weight in light clothing at the time of registration shall be no more than 285 kg. (628.32 pounds).
- 6.7 **Voluntary Weigh-Ins – For Non-Sanctioned Events Only (Bill Bennett Regatta and Orca Bowl):**
 - 6.7.1 Competitors may volunteer, but will not be required, to weigh-in their teams at registration for each non-sanctioned regatta. Provided that the total weight recorded for teams electing to weigh-in qualifies under the IECA Rules C.2.2, then such weight recorded shall serve as a safe harbor against later protests during the regatta for infringement on IECA Rule C.2.2 only. *Teams exceeding weight limits in any regatta may be subject to protest and penalty.*

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions for all regattas in the 2020 WCSS will be distributed at registration check-in. Extras copies of the SIs will be available at all skipper's meetings for the Series, as well as being posted prior to the first race of each regatta, on the 2020 WCSS website (www.westcoastspringseries.com), the SDYC website (www.sdyc.org) or at the link for each individual regatta.

8.0 COURSES:

- 8.1 The race course configuration will be windward-leeward and may include offset marks and gates.

9.0 PENALTIES:

- 9.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. This changes Rule 44.1.
- 9.2 However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty, each turn including one tack and one jibe.

10.0 SCORING:

- 10.1 For each individual regatta in the Series, the Low Point scoring system, *Rule A2*, will apply, except when fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes *Rules A2*.)
- 10.2 To qualify for the overall 2020 WCSS awards, boats must count their place in the Mid-Winters West Regatta, and any two of the other three individual regattas (NOOD/Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta, US National Championship and Orca Bowl Regatta). Place scores from each individual regatta of the Series will be used with a Low Point Scoring System (1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc.). The boat with the lowest score will be declared the winner of the 2020 West Coast Spring Series.
- 10.3 For the overall 2020 WCSS scoring, in the event one or more boats are tied after applying one throw out, the tiebreak winner(s) will be determined from the lowest regatta score at the Mid-Winters West Regatta.

11.0 AWARDS:

- 11.1 For each individual regatta in the Series, the top three skippers and crew will receive awards.
- 11.2 For the overall 2020 WCSS, the top three boats scored for the Series will receive awards.
- 11.3 For the overall Series and each regatta, a Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who request to be classified as such. The top three Corinthian boats competing in that class will be awarded a trophy. To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must register as Corinthian class sailors at the online registration and certify that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible Category 1 sailors as defined by WS Regulation 22.

12.0 TOWING:

- 12.1 An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area if the wind is too light to sail. If available, tows will be made up in the Star Hoist Area and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately 0930. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please be ready with tow lines attached in the towing area on a timely basis.

13.0 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 13.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat.
- 13.2 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 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 13.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from 30 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. This 30-minute time will be signaled by the display of code flag Bravo with one sound signal, which will be removed one minute prior to the first scheduled Warning Signal of 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.

14.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

- 14.1 Hoisting facilities are available at the San Diego Yacht Club. Boats shall be afloat no later than the warning signal of the first race for each regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without an approved written request to the Principal Race Officer and a Designated Class official. This changes RRS 45.

15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 15.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' 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 this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:

- 16.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. **Proof of insurance shall be supplied with each entry or upon registration check-in.** Insurance policy declaration page should be emailed to: boatinsurance@sdyc.org.

17.0 WEBSITE / CONTACT INFORMATION:

- 17.1 The 2020 WCSS website (www.westcoastspringseries.com) will have links to entry forms for each regatta, the Notice of Regatta Series, Sailing Instructions, local housing information for San Diego, visiting boat and trailer storage details, San Diego Yacht Club information and more.
- 17.2 Additional information about the **2020 West Coast Spring Series** may also be obtained from:

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Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta
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Mid-Winters West Regatta
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