



2015 - IX Etchells Coral Reef Cup Championship

March 13 - 15, 2015

Coral Reef Yacht Club
2484 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority is the Coral Reef Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 20

1. RULES.

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the International Etchells Class Association ("IECA") as they may be amended by the notice of race and these sailing instructions.

1.2 The following prescriptions of U.S. Sailing will apply: 40, 61.4, 63.2, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R.

1.3 This regatta is classified as a non-sanctioned open event.

1.4 Skippers shall be an Active member and crew Associate or Active members of IECA.

1.5 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio to be used exclusively for purposes of safety and race committee communications. Use of mobile telephones and other electronic communications devices are prohibited.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the breezeway of the Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC) pool pavilion.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CRYC flagpole.

4.2 When Pennant "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE:

5.1 Thursday March 12, 2015 1630 – 1830 Registration/Check-In

5.2 Friday March 13, 2015 0730- 0845 Check-In
0900 Skipper's meeting- CRYC pool deck

5.3 Friday, March 13, 2015 1100 Warning signal, first race.
Races to follow.

Saturday, March 14, 2015 1100 Warning signal, first race.
Races to follow.

Sunday, March 15, 2015 1100 Warning signal, first race.
Races to follow.

5.4 On Sunday, March 15, no race shall be started after 1430.

6. CLASS FLAG.

6.1 The class flag shall be a blue International Etchells insignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREA - The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay one to three miles south of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

8. THE COURSES.

8.1 See Addendum #1 COURSES.

8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee will display the course number, as well as the magnetic bearing and nautical miles distance to the first mark.

9. MARKS OF THE COURSE.

9.1 Mark 1 will be an inflatable orange cylinder. The offset mark will be a similar inflatable orange cylinder.

9.2 Mark 2 will be inflatable orange cylinders. Boats shall pass between the gate marks in the direction from the previous mark and may round the marks in either direction.

9.3 If there is only one mark at the gate, it shall be passed to port.

10.0 THE START.

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end or an inflatable yellow mark.

10.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before the start and the boat is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the bow (or sail number) on VHF 71. Failure to make a broadcast, delay in the time of the broadcast, or the broadcast not heard by the contestant shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position, although the mark may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration

12. THE FINISH.

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby inflatable yellow mark.

12.2 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, flag R will be displayed on the signal boat at the finish without a sound.

13. TIME LIMITS.

13.1 A race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 30 minutes, nor finishes within two and one half hours from the start shall be abandoned.

13.2 All boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish a race will be scored TLE (time limit expired) without a hearing. The score for all boats not finished within the time limit will be one point more than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes rules 35, A4.1 and A4.2.



14. PENALTIES.

14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 is changed so that the penalty will be a one turn penalty including one tack and one jibe. This changes rule 44.1.

14.2 A boat that breaks a rule of part 2 within the 3 boat length zone around a mark shall take a two turn penalty each turn including one tack and one jibe.

14.3 A boat is allowed to take a Scoring Penalty for a breach of a Rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing, by acknowledging the infringement. This penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered in the regatta (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 5 places added to her actual finish position. However, she will not be scored worse than Did Not Finish (DNF). (This changes Rules 44.1 and 44.3)

15. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

15.1 Protest forms will be available in the clubhouse lobby.

15.2. Jury information will be posted near the jury desk in the clubhouse lobby.

15.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the jury desk within one hour of the docking of the signal boat. The signal boat docking time and race committee actions will be posted on the official notice board.

15.4 Notices from the jury will be posted near the jury desk within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted near the jury desk to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing or for redress shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed that day. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

16. SCORING

16.1 Eight races are scheduled with one completed race required to constitute the championship.

16.2 The Low Point System, Appendix A - Scoring, will apply, except that after five races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded.

17. BOAT IDENTIFICATION.

17.1 Boats will be identified by their bow number whenever possible. Boats may also be identified by sail number. Failure to differentiate between bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress.

17.2 Boats with mounted bow numbers from the preceding 2015 Midwinter Etchells Championship may retain their numbers. The race committee will assign bow numbers to boats that don't have them at registration. These numbers will be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner; the leading edge of the forward number will be 22 inches aft of the stem and the leading edge of the aft number will be 3 inches aft of the forward number. The upper margin of the numbers will be 1 inch below the deck. Bow numbers will be on a contrasting background.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.

18.1 Crew or equipment changes may be made only with the written approval of the race committee.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

19.1 Boats shall check in with the race committee before the first warning signal by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their bow number, or by VHF 71.

19.2 A boat requiring assistance should contact the race committee on VHF 71, or by waving an extended arm overhead.

19.3 Boats retiring before finishing will notify the race committee either by informing a race committee boat, or contacting the signal boat on VHF 71.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL.

20.1 Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. A competitor may not protest for breaking this SI, rule 55 or SI 17.

21. PRIZES.

21.1 First through third place overall, skipper and crew will be awarded after racing on March 15.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

22.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Coral Reef Yacht Club and race committee, the U.S. International Etchells Class, and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. The safety of a boat and her crew and decision to race is the sole responsibility of the person in charge and crew.

23. INSURANCE.

23.1 Each participating boat is required to hold \$300,000 insurance including third party insurance, and it is the owner'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 AT REGISTRATION.

24. SUPPORT BOATS.

24.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not communicate with any boat during a race in any manner, unless assisting in an emergency. Support boats shall stay well outside of the starting and racing area from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished the race, or until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.2 Support boats shall assist in an emergency if requested by the race committee.

25. INFORMATION.

25.1 CRYC website: www.coralreefyachtclub.org

25.2 CRYC Telephone: 305-858-1733

25.3 Yachtscoring.com

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