



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES

2016 BISCAYNE BAY SERIES

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB, COCONUT GROVE, FL



NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY:

- 1.1 The Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 20 - Biscayne Bay, invites members and associates of the International Etchells class to the 16th annual Biscayne Bay Series. Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority, and the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club is the host. Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters of Biscayne Bay Florida from December 2015, through March 2016.
- 1.2 The series will be managed by a regatta committee of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 20.
- 1.3 Visiting competitors who wish storage, and launching facilities at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club must submit a fully completed BBYC Guest Registration form along with their entry. Visiting Etchells storage at BBYC is limited to approximately 25 Etchells, and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Additional storage facilities in the close vicinity to BBYC are the US Sailing Center (www.usscmiami.org), and the Miami Shake-A-leg facility (www.shakealegmiami.org) in Coconut Grove. Those facilities should be contacted directly for their details.

2.0 RULES:

- 2.1 The Etchells Biscayne Bay Series Regattas will be governed by the ~~%Rules+~~as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R only.
- 2.3 All of the regattas (Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, Florida State Championship, and the Mid-Winters 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.
- 2.4 Advertising is restricted to the Etchells class rules Category A under ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.5 The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows: All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes, and race committee communication.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 The Etchells Biscayne Bay Series is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Boats should register in advance by completing the entry form for each of the four regattas on the Yacht Scoring website www.yachtscoring.com/ along with the prescribed entry fee for each regatta.

4.0 ENTRY FEES:

- 4.1 The entry fees for each individual regatta are as follows: Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial, & Florida State Championships \$175.00 each. Biscayne Bay Mid-Winters regatta \$375.00. For entering any one of the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 1800 hours on the Wednesday preceding each of the first 3 regattas, and by 1800 hours on Tuesday February 23rd for the Mid-Winters regatta. Entries submitted later than the above dates may be accepted by the Organizing Authority, and if accepted will be subject to a \$50 late fee.
- 4.2 Early Entries paid by November 1, 2015 can deduct \$20.00 from the entry fee for each of the 4 regattas. Payment can be made online using Pay Pal or credit cards.
- 4.3 Fees for entering each individual regatta are detailed on the official entry form on the yachtscoring.com website.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 2016 ETHELLES BISCAYNE BAY SERIES

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| December 5 & 6, 2015 Sat. & Sun. Enter the Piana Cup Regatta at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1444 | Louis Piana Cup Regatta Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay | Skippers meeting 0900 on December 5 th 1 st Start 1100 daily |
| January 9 & 10, 2016 Sat. & Sun. Enter the Sid Doren Memorial Regatta at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1445 | Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay | Skippers meeting 0900 on January 9 th 1 st Start 1100 daily |
| February 6 & 7, 2016 Sat. & Sun. Enter the Florida State Championships at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1446 | Florida State Championship Up to 5 races scheduled over 2 days on Biscayne Bay | Skippers meeting 0900 on February 6 th 1 st Start 1100 daily |
| Feb. 26, 27, & 28, 2016 Fri., Sat., Sun. Enter the Mid-Winters Regatta at: http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1447 | Mid-Winters Regatta Up to 8 races scheduled over 3 days on Biscayne Bay | Skippers meeting at 0900 on February 26 th 1 st Start 1100 daily |

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6.0 CREW WEIGH-IN:

- 6.1 For the Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship regattas, no boat, rig or sail measurement, or crew weights will be officially taken.
- 6.2 For the Mid-Winters Regatta, crew weigh-in will be held at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club from 0800 to 1000 hours, and from 1600 to 1800 hours on Thursday, February 25th. Late crew weigh-in will be available from 0800 to 0900 hours on Friday, February 26th.
- 6.3 For the Mid-Winters Regatta, all boats shall complete crew weigh-in and a compliance form before being eligible to be scored.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 7.1 The Sailing instructions for all races in the 2016 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series will be distributed at registration. Extras will be available all skipper meetings for the series, as well as being posted on the Etchells Fleet #20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) prior to the first race of the series.

8.0 COURSES:

- 8.1 The race course configuration will be Windward. Leeward with offset marks, and gates.

9.0 SCORING:

- 9.1 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*.)
- 9.2 To qualify for the overall Etchells Biscayne Bay Series prizes, boats must count their place in the Mid-Winters Regatta, and any two of the other three individual regattas (Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, Florida State Championship). 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 2016 Biscayne Bay Series.

10.0 PRIZES:

- 10.1 For each individual regatta in the series, the top five boats will receive prizes.
- 10.2 For the overall Etchells Biscayne Bay Series, the top three boats qualifying for the series will receive prizes.
- 10.3 For the Mid-Winters 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 trophies. To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must sign up for the Corinthian class at the Mid-Winters weigh-in/registration desk and certify that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible category 1 sailors as defined by ISAF Regulation 22.

11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 11.1 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.

12.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:

- 12.1 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.** Insurance policy declaration page should be emailed to kenbatzer@biscaynebayyachtclub.com, faxed to BBYC at 305-858-0489, or mailed to; BBYC Etchells Series, 2540 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133.

13.0 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 13.1 Support and coach boats shall register with the race committee prior to the skippers meeting for each regatta. Support boats may be given an identifying flag. The identifying flag shall be flown at all times during the regatta(s), and all support boats are required to monitor VHF 72 during the regattas. Additional rules pertaining to support boats may be supplied with the Sailing Instructions.

14.0 WEBSITE / INFORMATION:

- 14.1 The Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) will have information, the Notice of Race, entry forms for the series, local housing information for Miami, visiting boat & trailer storage details, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club information, and more.
- 14.2 Information about the **2016 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series** may also be obtained from;

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