

ETCHELLS

2015 Annual Fleet 15 Championship Series

Shelter Island Yacht Club July
4 through September 5, 2015

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Annual Fleet Championship Series will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, or as modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Rules are amended in that all competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16 & 72 (US).
- 1.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 All Etchells are welcome to compete, but only those "Active Skippers" as defined by the International Etchells Class Association Rules 6. A. (1) and (2), who are members of Fleet 15 in good standing will be scored.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Etchells notice board located outside the club near the dining deck.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes will be posted by 0700 hours on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted prior to 1800 hours of the day one (1) week before they will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the starboard spreader, facing seaward, of the main flag pole at Shelter Island Yacht Club by 1100 hours.
- 5.2 Flag "G", "R", or "P" alone or above any other flags signifies the race area for the day.
- 5.3 Flag "AP", with two sound signals means racing has been postponed. The first warning signal of the day will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of this "AP" Flag with one sound signal.

5.4 Flags "N" over "A", with three sound signals means no racing for the day.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 A total of 30 races are scheduled, three (3) on each Saturday from July 4 through September 5, 2015.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1255 hours.

6.3 If a subsequent race is to be sailed that day, the Race Committee signal boat will display flag "R" at the finish of a race. The warning for subsequent races shall be not less than 5 minutes after the last competitor finishes.

6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1545 hours.

6.5 On Saturday, July 4, competitors will be racing for the Heatherton Trophy.

6.6 On Saturday, September 5, competitors will be racing for the Henry C. Kyhl Memorial Trophy.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 All racing will be in Orient Harbor, racing area "O", unless a signal is made ashore indicating the following:

Flag "G" : Gardiner's Bay

Flag "R" : Noyac Bay

Flag "P" : Peconic Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be described below and in ADDENDUM #1 COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.

8.2 Course Designations:

Course #3 : Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish)

Course #4 : Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish)

Course #5 : Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

8.3 Courses will be signaled using a flag with the designated number printed on it prior to the warning signal of each race.

8.4 The approximate magnetic compass bearing, and the distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed on a course board on the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal of each race.

9. MARKS

9.1 Windward and Leeward marks will be inflated orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 Offset marks will be 2' orange balls. 9.3 The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange tetrahedron OR a staff displaying an orange flag on a pin boat on the port end of the line.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS" (Did Not Start). (This changes rule A4.1).

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers, bow numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress (This changes RRS 29.1 and 60.1 b).
- 11.2 Boats subject to the "I" Flag Rule shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before start.

12. RACE MANAGEMENT BOATS

- 12.1 The Race Committee signal boat will display a navy blue flag with the initials RC.
- 12.2 Pin boat and mark boats will display a yellow flag with initials RC.

13. SHORTENING OR ABANDONING THE COURSE AFTER THE START

- 13.1 After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display Flag "S" with two sounds) or abandon the race (display Flag N, "N" over "H", or "N" over "A", with three sounds) as appropriate,
 - (a) because an error in the starting procedure,
 - (b) because of foul weather,
 - (c) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will finish within the time limit,
 - (d) because a mark is missing or out of position, or
 - (e) for any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition,or may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed. However, after one boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, if any, the race committee shall not abandon the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.
- 13.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays Flag "S" with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,
 - (a) at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Flag "S";

- (b) at a line boats are required to cross at the end of each lap, that line; The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

14. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.
- (a) If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of Flag “C” with repetitive sounds and either,
 - (1) the new compass bearing or
 - (2) a green triangular flag or board for a change to starboard or a red rectangular flag or board for a change to port,
 - (b) If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of Flag “C” with repetitive sounds and a ‘—’ if the length will be decreased or a ‘+’ if it will be increased.
 - (c) Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course shape.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The Finish line for **Windward finishes** (Courses 3 & 5) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and a nearby mark OR between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels.
- 15.2 The Finish line for **Leeward finishes** (Course 4) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and a nearby mark OR between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels. The Race Committee will likely use the starting line as their finish line, **provided that the finish shall be between the committee boat and the nearest Orange mark or a boat displaying a yellow RC flag and staff with an orange flag The finishing mark may be in place at the start in which case it shall be disregarded at the start.**

16. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

- 16.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 in the RRS is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2, her penalty options will be a **One-Turn Penalty** (one tack, one gybe).

17. TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two and one half (2.5) hours of the start shall be abandoned. All

boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race will be scored "DNF." A "DNF" score shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes rules 35, A 4.1 and A 4.2).

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests will be held in accordance with the Expedited Protest Process outlined in the Fleet 15 By-Laws. As detailed in the Expedited Protest Process, if both parties cannot immediately agree to using the Expedited Protest Process, the protestor shall follow the requirements described below.
- 18.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the yacht club entrance lobby office and lodged with and logged in by the yacht club steward on duty there no later than ninety (90) minutes after the return of the Race Committee signal boat to its dock. The time of docking will be posted on the Etchells notice board.
- 18.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests on the second (2nd) Sunday following any race day, except on the last race day when protests will be heard as soon as the protest committee is able to schedule a hearing.
- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiration of the time during which protests may be filed to inform competitors where and when there is to be a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses, except for protests on the last race day per above.
- 18.4 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening only if the request is received within one hour after being informed of the decision."

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Scoring System for the Annual Fleet Championship Series, the July Series, and the August Series shall be as set forth in the Fleet 15 By-Laws.
- 19.2 Each competitor will be scored for the Heatherton Trophy and the Henry C. Kyhl Memorial Labor Day Trophy based on her total score for the day.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in the Championship Series.
- 20.2 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in the July Series.
- 20.3 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in the August Series.
- 20.4 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in the Heatherton Trophy.

20.5 Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in the Henry C. Kyhl Memorial Labor Day Trophy.

21. Etchells Worlds 2015 and 2016 Qualification Series

Results from July 11, 2015 will be used and additional races will be run on July 12, 2015. A minimum of 5 races are needed to qualify. We plan to run 6 races with one throw-out. Backup weekend of July 18-19 will be used if necessary. The Worlds Qualification will be governed by International Etchells Class Association Rules.