



# 2022 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 22-24, 2022

**BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB**  
2540 South Bayshore Drive  
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

## NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority (OA), the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the host club, and the BBYC Regatta Committee is designated as race committee.

### 1 RULES:

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules. The IECA Rules and Regulations will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The organizing authority (OA) shall require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats. Bow numbers will be provided by the OA.
- 1.4 Except for breaking a rule of Part 2, the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.2.
- 1.5 No US Sailing prescriptions will apply except rule 61.4, Appendix R and Appendix V, prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs), amendments and applicable US Sailing prescriptions will be posted in advance on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at Yachtscoring.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online ONB is located at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eID=14850](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eID=14850)
- 3.2 All competing boats shall carry an operating handheld VHF radio per IECA rules, capable of operating on US channels for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 3.3 The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.2 All skippers and crew are required to be registered 2022 Active members or Associate members of the IECA. See [www.etchellsna.com/class-registration](http://www.etchellsna.com/class-registration)
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14850>. Only online entries will be accepted. The Etchells Fleet 20 website, [www.etchellsfleet20.org](http://www.etchellsfleet20.org), will include a registration link to Yachtscoring.
- 4.4 In accordance with IECA Appendix A – Championship Rules and Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2, crew weigh-ins shall be done at registration during the times indicated in **NOR 7 (Schedule)**. Competitors shall be weighed as a team wearing light clothing, minimum being outer wear shorts and t-shirt. There will be no mid-regatta weigh-in.
- 4.5 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the ONB.
- 4.6 A Corinthian division will be established. The awarding of prizes will be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the IECA and hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with WS Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code (Apply here: <https://www.sailing.org/classification> ).

#### 5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the event is **\$500** per boat **if received by April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and \$600 thereafter. The entry fee includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and their crew.
- 5.2 The Coach/Support boat fee is \$100 each and is payable at registration and includes one social package.
- 5.3 Any boat that cannot travel to the event due to changing travel COVID-19 restrictions will receive a full refund.
- 5.4 Payments shall be made on-line through Yachtscoring using a credit card or Pay Pal.

#### 6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 In accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by the Person in Charge on hulls, spars and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.
- 6.2 The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

#### 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Schedule:

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, April 21, 2022	<b>09:00-12:00; 16:00-18:00</b>	<b>Registration/weigh-in</b>
Friday, April 22, 2022	07:30-09:00	Breakfast at BBYC
	<b>08:00-08:45</b>	<b>Late Registration/weigh-in</b>
	09:00	All boats afloat
	09:00	Competitor’s Briefing
	10:55	First warning (3 races scheduled)
Saturday, April 23, 2022	17:00	Beer at BBYC
	07:30-09:00	Breakfast at BBYC
	09:00	Competitor’s Briefing
	10:55	First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, April 24, 2022	19:00	Dinner at BBYC
	07:30-09:00	Breakfast at BBYC
	09:00	Competitor’s Briefing
	10:55	First warning (2 races scheduled)
	17:00	Award Presentation at BBYC

- 7.2 Eight races are scheduled and four completed races will constitute the event.
- 7.3 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and two races are scheduled for Sunday. One additional race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 7.4 On the Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

## 8 REGISTRATION

- 8.1 To complete registration requires completion and inspection/delivery of the following:
  - a) Entry and payment – online at Yachtscoring
  - b) Waiver of Liability Form - shall be signed by all members of the crew - online at Yachtscoring or at registration
  - c) Proof of Insurance - copy to be provided at or before registration.
  - d) Valid Hull & Spar Measurement Certificate - copy to be provided at or before registration
  - e) Safety Equipment Declaration Form - form available online or at registration
  - e) Sails Declaration Form - indicating the sails to be used for the duration of each regatta including one main, two jibs and two spinnakers. The sails on the sail declaration form shall be identified by serial number and are the only sails to be used for the event. - form available online or at registration
  - g) WS Sailor Classification - To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) prior to close of registration for that event. This can be obtained at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).
- 8.2 It is the responsibility of all competing boats to ensure compliance and adherence to the IECA rules.
- 8.3 Skippers and crew are required to register at the regatta desk located on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse prior to the event before racing. There will be no boat, rig, or sail measurements. Crew weigh-ins shall be done at registration during the times indicated in **NOR 7 (Schedule)**.
- 8.4 *Support persons* and their vessels shall be registered in accordance with NOR 13 (Support Person Vessels).
- 8.5 The registration desk will be open from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 16:00 to 18:00, on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the day before the first scheduled day of racing, and from 08:00 to 08:45 on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 9 VENUE

- 9.1 Races will be sailed on Biscayne Bay, Florida.
- 9.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Florida.

## 10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be windward/leeward using inflatable drop marks.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Appendix V – Alternate Penalties will be in effect.

## 12 SCORING

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

## 13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1 *Support persons* and their vessels shall register at the registration/check-in desk at BBYC with the OA in order to have access to BBYC. Identifying flags may be issued and if issued shall be displayed at all times while on the water.
- 13.2 All registered *Support persons* and vessels shall carry a VHF radio while on the water, monitor the race committee 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 vessels from 5 minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, *Support persons* and vessels shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats, except for a medical emergency, a threat to the safety of the crew or flotation of the boat, or if requested by the race committee.
- 13.4 *Support persons* and guests during events may not launch their vessels or store trailers on the BBYC club grounds, and docking is not permitted except on the west seawall.

## 14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 A boat shall be afloat no later than 09:00 on the first scheduled day of racing, and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the close of registration and the end of the event.

## 15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury by or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**
- 15.2 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the events.
- 15.3 Before participating in this event, every owner, competitor and *Support Person* shall sign a Waiver of Liability on Yachtscoring.

## 16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000/\$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

## 17 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

- 17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## 18 BOAT STORAGE

- 18.1 Competitors requesting boat storage at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) must submit a fully completed BBYC guest registration form and complete the Yachtscoring Biscayne Bay Series entry including fee(s). Etchells storage at the club is limited to approximately 25 boats and will be assigned on a first to register, first accepted basis. Entry fees do not include fees for boat and trailer storage. There are nearby launching/storage facilities. Contact them directly for information: Shake A Leg Miami at [www.shakealegmiami.org](http://www.shakealegmiami.org) , or US Sailing Center at [www.usbcmiami.org](http://www.usbcmiami.org) .

## 19 COVID-19 REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVES

- 19.1 The 2022 US National Championship will be conducted in accordance with national, state, local, and BBYC regulations related to COVID-19. Event officials may implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or regulations. Any changes to the event activities or procedures will be communicated via addendums.

## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 The Fleet 20 website [www.etchellsfleet20.org](http://www.etchellsfleet20.org) will provide additional information.
- 20.2 Official Notice Board website at Yacht Scoring (NOR 3.1): [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=14850](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=14850)
- 20.3 For inquiries about the 2022 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series:  
Regatta Chairman: Jeff Nehms – [racing@etchellsfleet20.org](mailto:racing@etchellsfleet20.org)  
BBYC Boat Storage: Ezra Culver – [racing@etchellsfleet20.org](mailto:racing@etchellsfleet20.org)  
Regatta Committee Chairman: Bruce Harper – [wbruceharpjr@hotmail.com](mailto:wbruceharpjr@hotmail.com)  
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