

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
2023 Coral Reef Cup and
North American Championship
NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells Fleet 20 (Organizing Authority) in conjunction with the Coral Reef Yacht Club (Host Club) invites entries to the 2023 North American Championship to be sailed from March 15-19, 2023.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply: RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix R, and Appendix V1. The full text of these shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.4. [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA) and supplied and fixed to each participating boat prior to inspection. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship.
- 1.5. If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Protest Committee for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.6. [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after March 10, 2023 on the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at [YachtScoring.com](https://www.yachtscoring.com)
- 3.2. The Regatta Office will be at Coral Reef Yacht Club.
- 3.3. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5. [DP] The use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class, with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to members of the International Etchells Class. All skippers are required to be registered to be 2023 Owner members and crew are required to be registered 2023 Owner or Non-Owner members of the IECA. See also NoR 6.1. Membership can be obtained at www.etchellsna.com/class-registration.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online at [YachtScoring.com](https://www.yachtscoring.com) prior to March 8, 2023. No late entries will be accepted.
- 4.4. In addition to online entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires completion and inspection/delivery of the following forms, these forms can be and encouraged to be submitted in advance at [YachtScoring.com](https://www.yachtscoring.com).

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- 4.4.1. Valid Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate.
- 4.4.2. World Sailing Sailor Classification (copy to be provided for registration) (If skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian division scoring).
- 4.4.3. Sails Declaration Form (available on-line).
- 4.4.4. Safety Equipment Declaration Form (available on-line).
- 4.4.5. Proof of liability Insurance (see NoR 23.1). (copy to be provided at registration).
- 4.5. A Corinthian Division will be established. The awarding of the Corinthian trophy will be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code. Categorization can be obtained online at www.sailing.org/classification_form.php
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration and measurement requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fee \$550 for a crew of 3 and \$650 for a crew of 4, to be paid in accordance with the online entry system.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes launching, hauling, and limited docking at the Coral Reef Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers during the event.
 - 5.2.1. Boats may arrive no earlier than Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 0800. Off-site storage space may be arranged if boats must be delivered before that time. (Boats already dry stored at BBYC, SALM or USSC shall remain at those facilities). Coral Reef Yacht Club will have limited additional dry storage and dock space for this event.
 - 5.2.2. Each Competitor is responsible for storage before the above date and after the regatta. Please contact the CRYC Waterfront Director with any questions.
- 5.3. The entry fee also includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and their crew.
- 5.4. The Coach/Support boat fee is \$100 per support person and is payable at registration.
- 5.5. Non-Competitor event tickets may be purchased for \$100 per person at registration.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. In addition to the requirements in NOR 4.2, Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:
 - 6.1.1. be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - 6.1.2. borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and
 - 6.1.3. be at least a Non-Owner Class Member

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.
- 7.2. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1. The event will be a single series championship.



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9. SCHEDULE

9.1.

Wednesday, March 15	13:00 – 18:00	Registration, weigh-in and launching
Thursday, March 16	09:00 – 18:00 11:00 13:00 18:00 18:30	Registration, weigh-in and launching Competitors' Briefing Practice Race All Etchells afloat Welcome Reception*
Friday, March 17	9:00 11:00	Competitors' Briefing – Weather Briefing (Sea Tactics) Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow
Saturday, March 18	09:00 11:00 18:30	Competitors' Briefing - Weather Briefing (Sea Tactics) Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow Regatta Dinner* (Main Dining Room)
Sunday March 19	09:00 11:00 14:00 16:00 TBD	Competitors' Briefing - Weather Briefing (Sea Tactics) Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow No Warning Signal after this time. Haul-out Awards* (Main Dining Room)

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Each boat shall produce or verify with the Class Office a valid measurement certificate and measurement forms.
- 10.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during the championship from Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 12:00 hours.
- 10.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 10.4. Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed in accordance with IECA rule C2.1 and C2.2 prior to racing at Coral Reef Yacht Club = Boat House – Chart Room at the dates and times indicated on the Schedule above.
- 10.5. There will be no mid-regatta weigh-in.
- 10.6. The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.7. Each sail presented may be re-measured and approved by the Measurer or delegated Equipment Inspector immediately prior to the championship and shall not thereafter be recut or altered during the championship. After such re-measurement, repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the Protest Committee.
- 10.8. Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 10.9. Each Competitor may have their boat's Safety Equipment checked and verified by an event official and submitted as part of their Measurement.

11. CLOTHING

- 11.1. See Class Rule C3.2.



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12. VENUE

- 12.1. NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 12.2. NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Appendix T shall apply as modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
- 14.3. Except for breaking a rule of Part 1 or 2 or RRS 31, the protest committee (PC) may impose a discretionary penalty (DP) less than disqualification, in accordance with RRS 64.2.
- 14.4. If an International Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Nine (9) races are scheduled
- 15.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. If four (4) races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4. If five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. Coach and support boats as well as the designated responsible person must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 16.2. 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 USA VHF Channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 16.3. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats 10 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day (Discretionary Penalty applies). The 10-minute notification method will be identified in the Sailing Instructions. Between races, coach or 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.
- 16.4. [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing (i.e. upwind lay lines) from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for 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 International Jury.
- 16.5. [DP] All open cockpit Support Vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.



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17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1. [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned area while in the harbor.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst afloat.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS AND DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. 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.

22. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. 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 or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 22.2. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Awards shall be provided to the top five boats in the regatta and top three Corinthian teams.
- 24.1.1. The winning Team shall also be presented the Coral Reef Cup.
- 24.1.2. The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian team.
- 24.2. Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact:

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NOR ADDENDUM A – PLAN OF EVENT VENUE



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NOR ADDENDUM B – RACE AREA

