

**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS**  
**2023 Coral Reef Cup and North American Championship**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**March 15-19, 2023**  
**POSTED March 11, 2023**

The Organising Authority is the Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC) in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 20.

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*. See NoR 1 for rules that apply.
- 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.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Coral Reef Yacht Club boathouse, second floor
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. In addition, during the event a messaging service may also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC communications. Further details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Coral Reef Yacht Club flagpole.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in Race Signals AP.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1.

<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	13:00 – 18:00	Registration, weigh-in and launching
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	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*

**2023 Coral Reef Cup &  
North American Championship  
Sailing Instructions**

<b>Friday, March 17</b>	9:00 11:00	Competitors' Briefing – Weather Briefing (Sea Tactics) Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	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)
<b>Sunday March 19</b>	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)

- 6.2. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the championship is no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin, the Race Committee will announce an expected warning signal time on the VHF no less than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal. The Starting Line flag(s) will be raised no less than 5 minutes prior to a warning signal, and a series of horn blasts (or one blast with the removal of AP or 1<sup>st</sup> Repeater) will sound one minute before a warning signal is made.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1. The Etchells Class flag is white with the Etchells emblem.

**8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. The racing area is described in SI Addendum C.

**9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The course number will be displayed on the signal vessel's Course Board. The compass bearing and distance to windward mark 1 will be announced by VHF and displayed on the committee vessel prior to the attention signal sounded for each race.
- 9.2. Course descriptions are shown in Addendum B.
- 9.3. If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course
- 9.4. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

**10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Marks 1 and 1a will be orange MarkSetBots. Marks 2s and 2p are yellow MarkSetBots.
- 10.2. The Start Marks are the Race Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a yellow MarkSetBot or a Race Committee vessel at the port end.
- 10.3. The Finishing Marks shall be a Race Committee vessel at the Starboard end for Course 1, the port end for Course 2, and another RC vessel or a MarkSetBot at the other end.
- 10.4. Autonomous marks may move due to outside influences. This includes minor readjustments due to wind or wave fluctuation, marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that are not actively marks of the course presuming these collisions do not cause damage. This does not exonerate a boat from complying with RRS 31.

**11. THE START**

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and either the course side of a yellow MarkSetBot or a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the port end of the line.
- 11.2. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.



2023 Coral Reef Cup &  
North American Championship  
Sailing Instructions

11.3. In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the existing marks (or move the finishing line).
- 12.2. The Race Committee may change a course less than or equal to 10° (ten degrees) from the original leg bearing or 10% of the leg length without signaling the change prior to the first boat rounding the mark beginning the leg. The RC will hail the change on VHF. Failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 33 and 62.1(a).

**13. THE FINISH**

13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying orange flags on the finishing marks or the course side of a MarkSetBot if used. This changes Race Signals – Blue flag.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 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. The penalty of RRS Appendix T1(b) is changed to 20%.

**15. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

15.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	90 minutes	120 minutes	25 minutes

- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**16. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening of hearings shall be delivered online to the event website on [YachtScoring](#) by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.2. The protest time limit will be sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat docks, or no more racing today is signaled, and will be posted on the ONB on Yacht Scoring.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 16.4. The protest desk will be located on the second floor deck of the CRYC boathouse. Parties and their witnesses should report there at the scheduled hearing time
- 16.5. Within the protest time limit, the race committee will post on the ONB the bow numbers or sail numbers of boats disqualified or penalized in accordance with RRS A5.1.
- 16.6. Scoring inquiries may be submitted on the regatta website on [Yacht Scoring](#).

2023 Coral Reef Cup &  
North American Championship  
Sailing Instructions

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled. This changes NoR 15.1.
- 17.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. 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.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee.
- 19.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race or technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

**20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

**21. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 21.1. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support boat regulations [SI Addendum A].

**22. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 22.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

**23. BERTHING**

- 23.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

**24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 24.1. [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, or if none, the Protest Committee.

**25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 25.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from March 16, 2023 at 1800 until racing concludes.

**26. PRIZES**

- 26.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with NOR 24.

**27. RISK STATEMENT**

- 27.1. 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.**

**28. INSURANCE**

- 28.1. 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.

2023 Coral Reef Cup &  
North American Championship  
Sailing Instructions

**SI ADDENDUM A – Support Vessel**

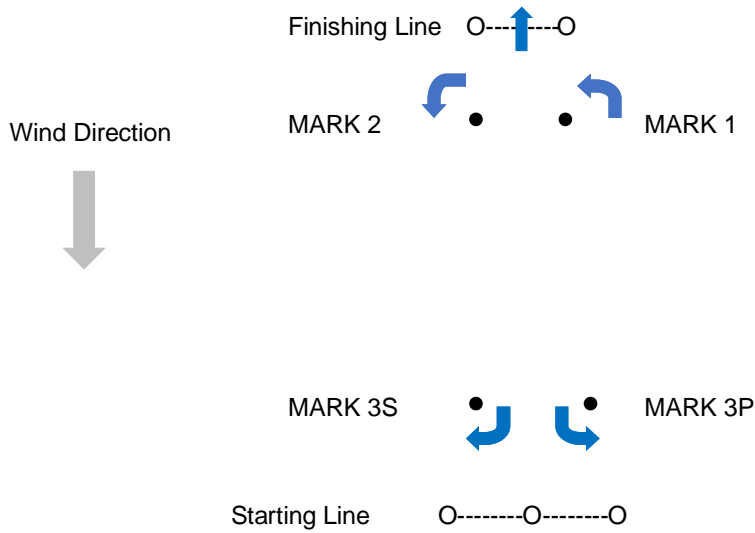
1. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from 5 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day (Discretionary Penalty applies). This changes NoR 16.3. The 5-minute notification method will be identified by the hoisting of the orange starting line flags. **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.**
2. [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. This distance is a minimum of 50 meters, including the extensions of the start and finish lines and any marks of the course. This changes NoR 16.4.

2023 Coral Reef Cup &  
North American Championship  
Sailing Instructions

SI ADDENDUM B – Course Descriptions

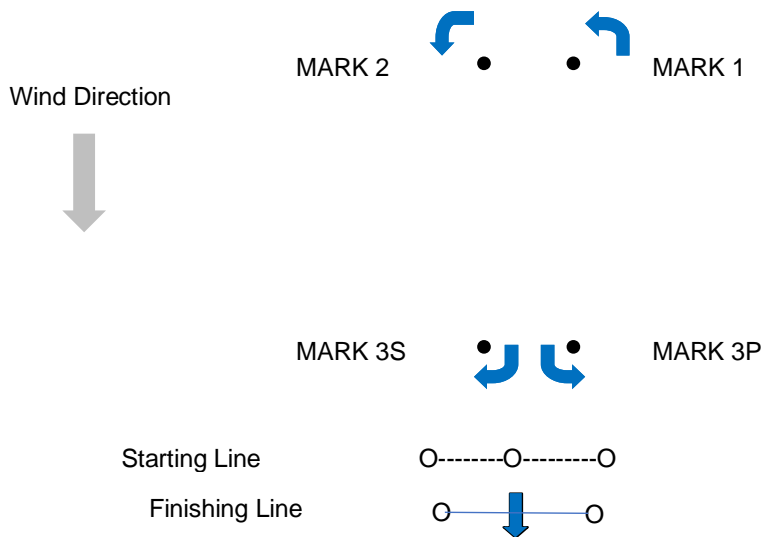
**Course 1**

Start – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – Finish



**Course 2**

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Finish





# 2023 Coral Reef Cup & North American Championship Sailing Instructions

## SI ADDENDUM C – RACE AREA

