



2023 Etchells New England Championship
October 6-8, 2023

Organizing Authority: Etchells Fleet 4 and Corinthian Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Association (IECA) rules will apply. The Regatta is an Etchells Class C sanctioned event under Appendix A of the IECA.
- 1.3 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on or before October 1, 2023, and will be posted on yachtscoring.com.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF capable of receiving normal USA channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. [DP]
- 3.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 The use of 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 its day's racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat. [DP]

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells class.

- 4.2** All competitors shall be Active or Associate members of the IECA, and shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.3** The total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper will be determined during registration prior to racing and shall comply with One Design Rule C2.2.
- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by registering and paying on yachtscoring.com by September 6, 2023.
- 4.5** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority if accompanied by a late fee of \$75.
- 4.6** Eligible boats shall check in with the Organizing Authority at the Corinthian Yacht Club during the times posted in 7.1 Schedule.
- 4.7** In addition to on-line entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires delivery of the following:
- 1) Valid Online Hull Measurement Certificate
 - 2) Sails Declaration Form
 - 3) Proof of Insurance
- 4.8** The following sailor categorization requirements will apply (see RRS 79): In order to be eligible for Corinthian Trophies, all competitors in a boat are required to be designated as World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group 1 prior to registration. Categorization can be obtained online at www.sailing.org/classification_form.php
- 5 FEES**
- 5.1** Entry Fee is \$450 per boat. For boats sailing with four crew members, the Entry Fee is \$525 per boat.
- 5.2** The entry fee includes launching and hauling, moorings during the event, parking for boat trailers during the event and a dinner on Saturday night.
- 5.3** Support Boat fee is \$200 (does not include social ticket, which can be purchased separately).
- 5.4** Other fees: Social tickets for guests of competitors are available for \$75 each at the time of registration.
- 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** Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. [DP]

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 10/5/2023	Registration and Weigh-In	1000 – 1200
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	Skippers Meeting and Welcome Party	1800 – 1900
Friday 10/6/2023	Launching and Registration	0800 – 0900
	All boats afloat by	0900
	1st Warning Signal	1100
	Snacks and Beer at CYC	1730
Saturday 10/7/2023	First Warning Signal	1100
	Dinner at CYC	1900
Sunday 10/8/2023	First Warning Signal	1100
	No Warning Signal after	1330
	Awards Presentation at CYC	After racing

7.2 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and Saturday and two Races on Sunday. One additional race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races completed.

7.3 Low tide on Thursday is 1015 (+1.2 ft). Launching from the CYC hoist on Thursday should be avoided before 1200 to avoid risk of grounding in the basin. Low Tide on Sunday is 1316 (+2.1 ft). Hauling from the CYC hoist should be avoided on Sunday between 1145 to 1445, and skippers should not enter the basin inside the outer dock floats to avoid grounding. The hoist closes at 1800 on Sunday.

8 VENUE

8.1 Races will be conducted in the waters of Massachusetts Bay, generally in the area between Tinkers Bell and Halfway Rock.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be windward / leeward using inflatable drop marks.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply.

11 SCORING

11.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat.

12.2 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

12.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organising

Authority considers appropriate) 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 Protest Committee or the Race Committee.

13 MOORINGS

13.1 Boats will be provided a mooring to be used for the duration of the event.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 All boats shall be afloat by 0900 on Friday, October 6 and shall not be hauled out for the duration of the event except with advance written permission of the Race Committee [DP].

14.2 In order to comply with Massachusetts regulations, only Massachusetts licensed persons shall operate the hoist. We will ensure that either a licensed club employee or club member is available to assist all visiting teams.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

15.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 PRIZES

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first 3 finishers overall and the first 3 Corinthian finishers. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

18.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 The Etchells New England Championship is a Clean Regatta. Please bring suitable water bottles, consider carpooling and provision your boat to avoid single use plastics and keep our harbor and ocean clean. [DP] [NP]

19.2 Please visit <http://www.sailorsforthesea.org>.

Please visit the Etchells Fleet 4 website for updated regatta information and links to registration and documents. www.etchellsfleet4.org

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