



Etchells Bill Bennett Cup / Beneteau 36.7 West Coast Champs

March 16-17, 2024

Organizing Authority: San Diego Yacht Club in conjunction with
Etchells Fleet 13 and Beneteau 36.7 SoCal fleet

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Only the following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R.
- 1.3. Bow numbers will not be required for this event.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. To be eligible to race, boats must complete the entry process as described in their respective NORs.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board, located on the east side of the Sailing Center facing the water at SDYC. This changes Beneteau NOR 3.1.
- 3.2. A competitors' meeting for both Etchells and Beneteaus will be held adjacent to the Jessop Room on the Sailwash Lawn on Saturday at 0900.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board not later than 0930 on the day of the first race to which such changes apply except any changes to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. At the same time, Flag L, accompanied by a sound signal, will be displayed.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC flagpole.

6. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 6.1. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays Flag L over A with one sound signal. This means "come within hail of the RC boat" to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will monitor and may advise the fleet via VHF Channel 69.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. A maximum of 5 races are scheduled for the Bill Bennett regatta, and a maximum of 6 races for the Beneteau 36.7 regatta. The RC reserves the right to have more or fewer races each day to accomplish races scheduled for this event.
- 7.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1125.

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8. CLASS FLAG

8.1. The following list is for class flag colors and initial starting order.

Beneteau 36.7 Class Flag = White with red and blue 36.7 logo with fire
Etchells Class Flag = White with black Etchells logo

9. RACING AREA

9.1. The starting area will be in the Coronado Roads approximately 2.5 n.m. bearing 130° mag. from Zuniga Jetty Light Z.

10. CHECK IN

10.1. Prior to the warning of her first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the RC signal boat and displaying the Flag L by passing close aboard on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the RC will hail the boat's sail number.

11. THE COURSE

11.1. The course will be selected from the attached Course Descriptions.

11.2. The following signals will be posted athwart-ship from the RC vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line:
The number of the course to be sailed will be a white number on a black placard.
The approximate distance to Mark 1 will be black numbers on a white board located under the Course #.
The approximate bearing to Mark 1 will be black numbers on a white board located on the railing either side of the signal boat bridge.

12. MARKS

12.1. Marks 1 and gate 2g will be red cones, mark 1a will be a green inflatable shape, mark F will be an orange tetrahedron, and mark S will be a white cylinder for Etchells and an orange ball for Beneteau 36.7.
12.2. If gate 2g is replaced by a single mark 2, it shall be left to port.
12.3. New marks, when used as described in SI 15, will be yellow tetrahedrons.

13. THE START

13.1. The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the RC vessel at the starboard end of the start line and mark S at the port end of the start line.
13.2. Boats failing to start within five minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
13.3. On Sunday, no initial warning signal will be made after 1430 for Etchells, and 1500 for Beneteaus.

14. RECALLS

14.1. As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail boats On Course Side by radio on VHF Channel 69. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing, or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.



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15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 15.2. The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees +/- or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC vessel and the course side of a mark, as illustrated on the course chart.

17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1. The time limit for Saturday is 1700, if no boats have finished. Any boat not finished by 1730 will be scored DNF for that race. The time limit for Sunday is 1600, if no boats have finished. Any boat not finished by 1630 will be scored DNF for that race. This modifies RRS 35.
- 17.2. For Beneteau 36.7s, RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats starting and sailing the course, but not finishing within 15 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus one point without a hearing. (TLE)

18. PENALTIES

- 18.1. Appendix T – ARBITRATION is in effect.
- 18.2. Appendix V1 – PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT is in effect.

19. HEARING REQUESTS

- 19.1. RRS 61 is modified to add the additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment.
- 19.2. Request for Hearing forms may be provided at the Official Regatta Notice Board and shall be lodged at the Dockside Room in the Sailing Center or RC vessel Corinthian (Slip C-71) within one (1) hour of the docking time of the RC finishing boat after the final race of the day. Alternately, a clear photo of both sides of a Request for Hearing form, or electronic form from the US Sailing Rules App may be emailed to Protests@sdyc.org within the same timeframe. The docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 19.3. For Beneteau 36.7s, RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress, and for requesting that a hearing be reopened, on the last day of racing.
- 19.4. Hearings will be heard by an Arbitrator, and if necessary, a protest committee, in the approximate order of receipt. The approximate order and time of hearings will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board identifying protesting and protested boats. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and attend the hearing in a timely manner with all parties and witnesses in order. The Arbitrator or Protest Committee is not responsible for searching for parties or their witnesses.
- 19.5. Hearings not settled by Arbitration will be heard by a protest committee and will be scheduled in agreement with all parties to the hearing subject to jury availability.

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20. WITHDRAWAL

- 20.1. A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any RC vessel, by hail or VHF Ch 69, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area, and if not successful, shall notify the Security Gate of SDYC (619-758-6322) as quickly as possible.

21. SCORING

- 21.1. A maximum of 5 races are scheduled for Etchells and a maximum of 6 races are scheduled for Beneteaus . For Etchells, if 5 or more races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2. For Beneteau 36.7s, each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No races will be excluded.
- 21.2. One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

22. TOWING

- 22.1. An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area. If available, tows will be made up in the Star Hoist Area and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately 0930 on each racing day. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come first served basis.

23. COMMUNICATION

- 23.1. The RC will monitor VHF 69 for radio traffic regarding the regatta. Please contact them in the event of an emergency requiring outside assistance or to notify the RC of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per 20.1.
- 23.2. **[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.
- 23.3. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This changes the Etchells West Coast Spring Series NOR 12 for this event only.

24. SAFETY

- 24.1. All competing Etchells shall carry at all times safety equipment required by the current International Etchells Class Rules.
- 24.2. All competitors are urged to wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while racing.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk.
See RRS 3 – Decision to Race – “The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” San Diego Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or after the regatta.



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Course Chart

Crs	Marks	Crs	Marks
4	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish	3	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish
6	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish	5	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish

Marks of the course shall be left to port.

