



**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
2024 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
OCTOBER 11-13, 2024**

Organized by Etchells Fleet 4
Hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club
1 Nahant Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

**NOTICE OF RACE
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The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS).
- 1.2. This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the [IECA website](#). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 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 ask, in writing, the Protest Committee for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series. All such requests will be answered, in writing, and posted on the notice board.
- 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 (SI) will be available after October 10, 2024 on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at [YachtScoring.com](#)
- 3.2. The Regatta Office will be at Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 3.3. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels.

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- 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.
- 3.6. **On shore, race officials will communicate with the competitors via WhatsApp. A QR code will be shared with competitors prior to the event to join the channel.**

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 event is open to members of the International Etchells Class. All skippers are required to be registered 2024 Owner members and crew are required to be registered 2024 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 prior to September 10, 2024. Late entries will be accepted through October 10, 2024 upon payment of \$100 late fee.
- 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 are encouraged to be submitted in advance at YachtScoring.com.
 - 4.4.1. World Sailing Sailor Classification (If skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian division scoring).
 - 4.4.2. Sails Declaration Form (available on-line).
 - 4.4.3. Safety Equipment Declaration Form (available on-line).
 - 4.4.4. Proof of liability Insurance (see NOR 23.1). (a 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, docking or mooring assignments, parking for boat trailers during the event and all social events.
 - 5.2.1. Boats may arrive no earlier than Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 0800. Trailers and unassembled boats may be stored at no additional charge at Riverhead Beach (see Venue Plan) from this time through Monday, October 14.
 - 5.2.2. Each Competitor is responsible for arranging storage before or after these dates.
- 5.3. The Coach/Support boat fee is \$100 per support person and is payable at registration, which includes launching, hauling, assigned docking/mooring and trailer parking
- 5.4. Non-Competitor social 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

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7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.
- 7.2. The OA 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.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1.

Tuesday, Oct. 8	TBD	Early Launching (Arrange in advance with Event Chair)
Wednesday, Oct. 9	13:00 – 18:00	Registration, weigh-in and launching
Thursday, Oct. 10	09:00 – 18:00 10:30 13:00 18:00 18:30	Registration, weigh-in and launching Competitors' Briefing Practice Race All Etchells afloat Welcome Reception
Friday, Oct. 11	08:00 – 09:00 09:00 11:00	Weigh-in Competitors' Briefing Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow
Saturday, Oct. 12	09:00 11:00 18:30	Competitors' Briefing Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow Regatta Dinner (Corinthian Yacht Club Dining Room)
Sunday Oct. 13	09:00 11:00 14:00 16:00 TBD	Competitors' Briefing Warning Signal - First Race – Additional Races to Follow No Warning Signal after this time. Haul-out Awards

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during the championship beginning Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 1200 hours, and may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.2. 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 Corinthian Yacht Club at the dates and times indicated on the Schedule above.
- 10.3. There will be no mid-event weigh-in.
- 10.4. The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the ONB.
- 10.5. 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.

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10.6. 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 display the same sail number.

10.7. 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.

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 in the waters of Massachusetts Bay as described in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply as modified in the SIs.

14.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (offset 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 2 or RRS 28 or 31, the Protest Committee may impose a discretionary penalty [DP] less than disqualification, in accordance with RRS 64.2.

15. SCORING

15.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled

15.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3. If five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]

16.1. Coach and support vessels as well as the designated responsible person must be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support vessels and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Vessels shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.

16.2. All registered coach and support vessels 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 vessels from 10 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. The 10-minute notification method will be identified in the Sailing Instructions.

16.4. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support vessels 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 vessels 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.

16.5. 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 [DP]

17.1. 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 [DP]

~~18.1. [Deleted] Boats shall be kept on their assigned mooring while in the harbor.~~

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

19.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

20.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats while afloat.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

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 event entirely at their own risk. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

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 the top three Corinthian teams.
- 24.2. The Bill Lynn Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning team.
- 24.3. The International Etchells Class Corinthian Cup will be awarded to the top Corinthian team.
- 24.4. Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. [NP] The 2024 Etchells North American Championship has been designated 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. Please visit <http://www.sailorsforthesea.org>

25.2. For further information contact:

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Event Co-Chair: Paul McLaughlin – pvmcl@aol.com

PRO: Shannon Bush – swmadero@aol.com

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NOR ADDENDUM A – PLAN OF EVENT VENUE



Corinthian Yacht Club will be the host club and primary location for launch and haul. The Organizing Authority will be in contact with competitors to coordinate launch and haul locations, and some may be assigned to Eastern Yacht Club or Boston Yacht club as required.

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NOR ADDENDUM B – RACE AREA

