



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS 17th Annual Coral Reef Cup

March 22– 24, 2024

Coral Reef Yacht Club
2484 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida,
33133

The organizing authority is Etchells Fleet 20 and Coral Reef Yacht Club is the host club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Class Rules will apply except as amended by the NOR and SIs.
- 1.3 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix R, and Appendix V1 and have been posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by displaying code flag “L” and broadcast on VHF channel 71.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16440>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.3 [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.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors shall handle with care and seamanship any equipment provided by the OA, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Thursday, March 21 1630 – 1830 Registration/Check In -
Boathouse 2nd Floor CRYC
- Friday, March 22, 0730 – 0845 Late Check in – Boathouse 2nd
Floor CRYC
0900 Competitor's meeting Boat House – 2nd
floor
1100 Warning signal first race
Additional races to follow.
1700 Rum Tasting/Free Beer & Light
Appetizers – after racing in the Dining
Room
- Saturday, March 23, 0845 Competitor's meeting Boat House – 2nd
floor
1100 Warning signal first race.
Additional races to follow.
1800 Miami Style Buffet in the Dining Room
- Sunday, March 24, 0845 Competitor's meeting Boat House – 2nd
floor
1100 Warning signal first race.
Additional races to follow.
No warning after 1430
- Awards - Approximately 1 hour after Signal
Boat docks
- All times for social events are approximate.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white flag.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is 1 to 3 nm south of Dinner Key Channel Marker. **SI Addendum 1** shows the approximate location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in **SI Addendum 2** shows the courses. The format of the courses will be windward/leeward.
- 9.2 **Course 3:** start-windward-leeward-windward-finish
Course 4: start-windward-leeward-windward-leeward-finish
Course 5: start-windward-leeward-windward-leeward-windward-finish
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the appropriate course number, approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg and will also inform the fleet via VHF radio channel 71.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.
- 10.2 Marks for the start and/or finish shall be a yellow inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end race committee mark vessel.
- 10.3 Marks of the course are to be left to port except the leeward gate where boats are to pass between gate marks from the direction of the prior mark and may leave them in either direction.
- 10.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark.
- 10.5 Either anchored or automated inflatable mark may be used.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the port-end pin vessel or the yellow inflatable mark.
- 11.2 The race committee will signal an attention sound to alert boats that a race will start soon.
- 11.3 Support vessel will remain outside of the starting area approximately 100m which includes the signal boat, pin boat and starting line.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 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 A5.2.

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 original mark(s) or the finishing line to a new position although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 12.2 The race committee may change the location of the weather mark up to 10 degrees or 0.1nm without signalling a change. This changes **RRS 33**.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end and a nearby yellow inflatable mark at the port end of the finish line.
- 13.2 Code flag "A" will be displayed at the finish to indicate no more racing today.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat may take a One -Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty. (This changes RRS 44.1, but not 44.1b).
- 14.2 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 Alternatively, a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 prior to a Protest Committee hearing by requesting it in writing at the protest desk and identifying the race number and where and when the incident occurred. If approved by

the Protest Committee, the penalty shall be 20% of the number of boats entered, as calculated in RRS 44.3(c).

- 14.4 Except for a rule of Part 2, rule 31, or a rule that specifies a penalty, the Protest Committee may give a scoring penalty that is less than DSQ.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 If no boat has passed the windward mark offset within 30 minutes or finishes within two hours of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). A TLE score for all boats still competing when the time limit expires shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board (ONB). Protests shall be filed within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 Requests for hearings (protests, redress) may be made by filling out a hearing request form available at the protest desk at the 2nd floor SE end of the Boathouse where the request should be delivered. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 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. Parties and their witnesses should report to the protest desk at the scheduled time.
- 16.4 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS A5.1.
- 16.5 Scoring inquiries must be submitted in from the Yachtscoring regatta page within the protest time limit, or 60 minutes after the scores were posted, whichever is later.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System RRS A4 will apply, except as changed in SI 15.2.
- 17.2 Eight (8) races are planned to be conducted. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (b) When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 18.1 Bow numbers used in the Biscayne Series will be used to identify bows racing. If these numbers have been removed, the numbers will be available at registration. These numbers shall be affixed to both port and starboard sides in the following manner: The leading edge of the forward number will be 22 inches aft of the stem and 1 inch below the deck. The leading edge of the aft number will be 3 inches aft of the aft edge of the forward number and 1 inch below the deck. All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Prior to the warning signal of their first race each day, each boat **shall** sail past the stern of the race committee signal vessel on starboard tack and hail her bow or sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 19.2 RRS A4 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal of their first race of each day will be scored (DNS) in that race without a hearing.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, the jury, or the receptionist at the Coral Reef Yacht Club as soon as possible.
- 19.4 In the event of an emergency on the water, boats will notify the race committee immediately by hailing or VHF.

20 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS/VESSELS

- 20.1 [DP] Support Persons, coach vessels, and private spectator vessels are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the race committee or jury. All such vessels shall monitor VHF channel 71 during the race.
- 20.2 A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support or coach boats while racing. Towing to and from the racecourse area is permitted.
- 20.3 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other Support Persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.4 [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall **always remain attached to the support person** while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.
- 20.5 Support person vessels shall be identified with a blue flag issued at registration check in.
- 20.6 The Penalty for breaking any part of SI 20 will be at the discretion of the jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or other Support Person. This deletes RRS 64.5(b)(2).

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

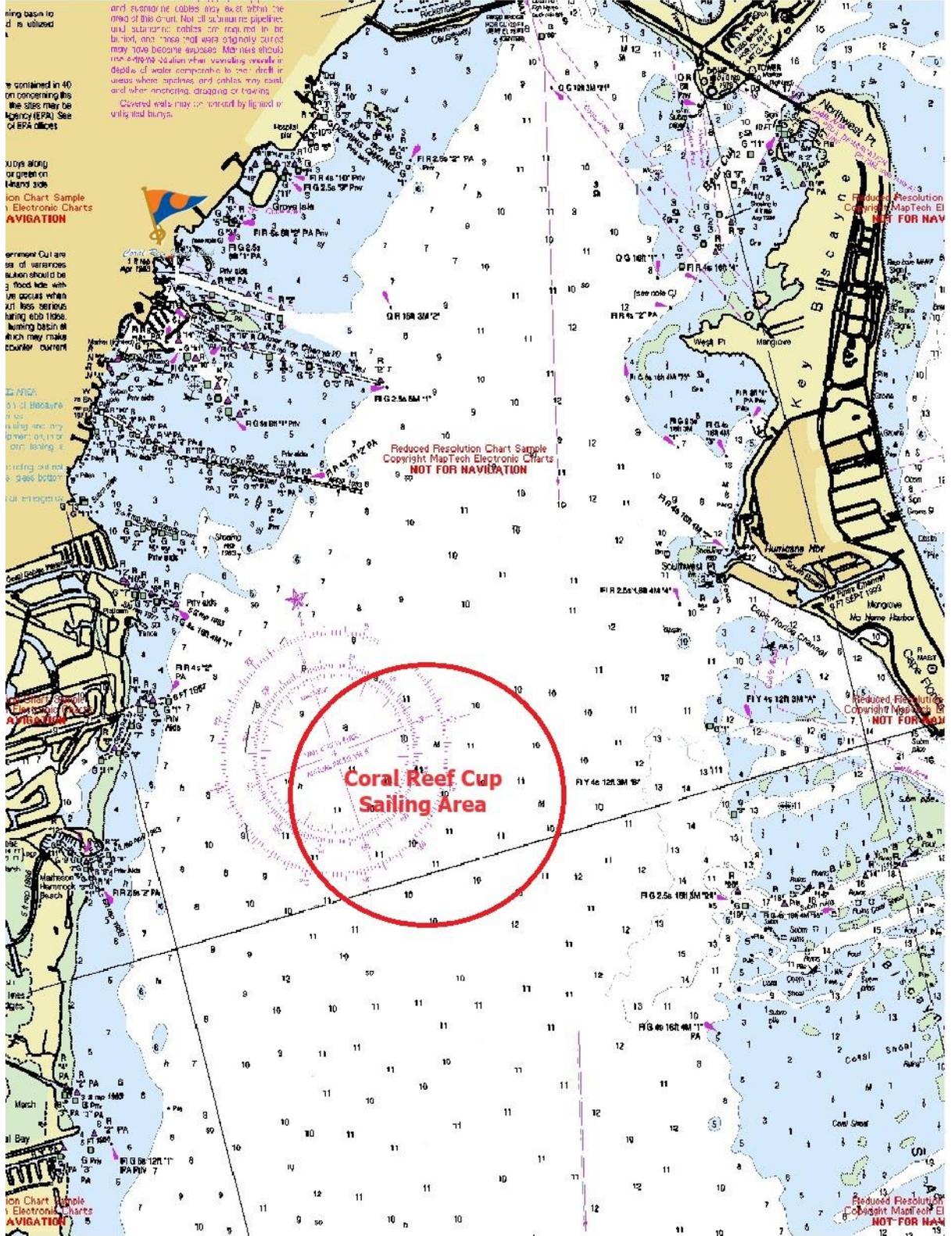
22 HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

- 22.1 Boats shall be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of the regatta and shall not be hauled during the regatta except with written permission and complete compliance with the instructions of the principal race officer or the chief judge of the event.

23 PRIZES

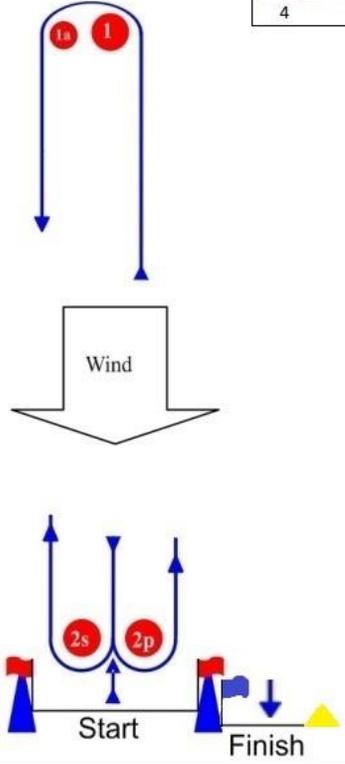
- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to first through fifth place overall to skippers and crew at an awards ceremony following racing on the last day. Prizes will also be awarded to first through third place to finishers in the Corinthian Division.
- 23.2 The Coral Reef Cup Perpetual Trophy which remains in CRYC custody shall be awarded to the first-place overall boat.

ADDENDUM 1 SAILING AREA

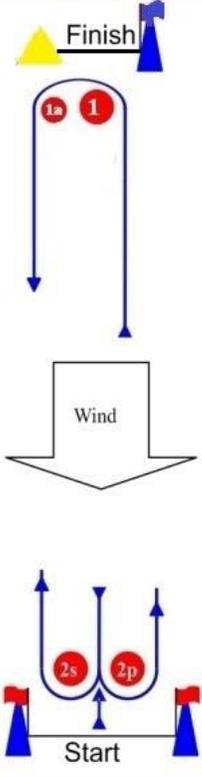


ADDENDUM 2 COURSE DIAGRAMS

Leeward Finish 4

Course	Description	
	Windward/Leeward offset mark 1a with Downwind finish	
	Possible courses	
	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	4	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish

Windward Finish 3 & 5

Course	Description	
	Windward/Leeward offset mark 1a with Windward finish	
	Possible courses	
	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	3	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish
5	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish	