

International Etchells Class
Great Lakes Championship
Organizing Authority – Etchells Fleet 7
Hosted by Bayview Yacht Club
July 7, 8, & 9, 2017
Sailing Instructions

1 – Rules – The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017-2020 and the *rules* of the International Etchells Class, except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

1.1 - Only the following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: 61.4, 67, & 76.1.

1.2 – The Great Lakes Championship is a Class C sanctioned event in accordance with the International Etchells Class Appendix A 3.B.3.

2 – Notices to Competitors – Notices to competitors will be posted in the Canada’s Cup Room.

3 – Changes to Sailing Instructions – Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be approved by Organizing Authority, and will be posted before 0900 hours of the day on which they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 – Signals Made Ashore –

4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the balcony near the south end of the Bayview Yacht Club Harbormaster’s building (north of the clubhouse).

4.2 – When signal flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

5 – Schedule –

5.1 – Schedule of Races

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location/Comment</u>
Friday, July 7			
	Registration	1600 – 2000 Hours	
Saturday, July 8			
	Registration	0730-0830 Hours	
	Competitor’s Meeting	0835 Hours	
	1 st Warning Signal	1030 Hours	
Sunday, July 9			
	1 st Warning Signal	1030 hours.	

5.2 – Should conditions warrant, the Race Committee may run as many as five (5) races in one day.

5.3 – No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours on Sunday, July 9.

6 – Class Flag – The class flag will be a blue Etchells Class logo on a white background.

7 – Racing Area – The racing area will be on the open waters of Lake St. Clair, approximately 2.5 NM ENE of the Detroit River mouth.

8 – Courses

8.1 – The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the course designation number.

8.2 – No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat shall display the designated course number on a placard, and may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

8.3 – If Mark 2 (the gate) is a single *mark*, it shall be left to port.

9 – Marks

9.1 – The starting *mark* will be a green tetrahedron.

9.2 – The primary *mark* 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.

9.3 – The windward offset *mark* will be a smaller orange ball (hip hop).

9.4 – If employed, a leeward gate will consist of a pair of orange tetrahedrons (Marks 3S & 3P).

9.5 – In the event that one of the gate *marks* is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward *mark* to port.

9.6 – A new *mark*, when used in accordance to Sailing Instruction 12, will be a yellow tetrahedron, and a subsequent change will be an original *mark*.

10 – Check In –

10.1 - Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in.

11 – The Start

11.1 – The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting *mark* at the port end.

11.2 – A boat not starting within five (5) minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

12 – Change of Course – To change the position of the next *mark*, the Race Committee will lay a new *mark* (or move the finishing line) and remove the original *mark* as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg. Although the new *mark* may not be yet in position. Any *mark* to be rounded to be rounded after the new *mark* may be relocated without further signaling to maintain course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new *mark* is replaced, it will be replaced by an original *mark*.

13 – The Finish

13.1 – The finishing line will be between a staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing *mark*.

14 – Time Limit

14.1 – In accordance with RRS 35, the time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.

14.2 - If no boat has passed *Mark* 1 (the initial windward mark) within 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 - Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

15 - PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1- A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more *rules* of Part 2 or RRS 31 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken one or more *rules* of Part 2 while either boat is

in the *zone* of a *mark* (except starting marks), the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

15.2 - RRS A4 is changed with the addition of the following new *rule* A4.3: "A boat that may have broken a *rule* of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a penalty after she is no longer *racing* and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than a DNF score.

15.3 - If a protested party chooses to take an ARSP, the protestor may then agree to withdraw the protest. If the protestor does not, a protest committee must hear the protest and determine if DSQ is a more appropriate penalty.

15 – Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 – Protest forms will be available at the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 - The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3 - Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

15.4 - Protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 - Breaches of instructions 11.2, 14.3, 17, 18, and 19 will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.6 - On the last scheduled day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a), within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.7 - On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 – Scoring

16.1 – Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race is to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 – Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A2.

17 – Safety Regulations

17.1 – Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the nearest Race Committee boat.

18 – Haul Out Restriction – All boats shall be afloat before the first warning signal on Saturday, July 8 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

19 – Radio Communication

19.1 - All radio communications between the RC and the competitors will be on VHF channel 79.

19.2 - Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to

observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions regarding this instruction will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

19.2 - Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

20 – Prizes

20.1 – The Great Lakes Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority,

21 – Disclaimer of Liability – Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage of loss of boat or personal property arising out of the participant's preparation for or participation in any on water or on shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage, or otherwise) associated with the championship, Nothing in these sailing instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors, or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

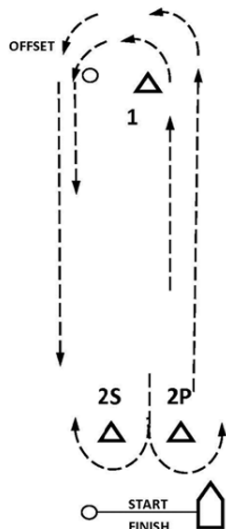
ATTACHMENT 1
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

COURSE 4 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 4: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 6: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark

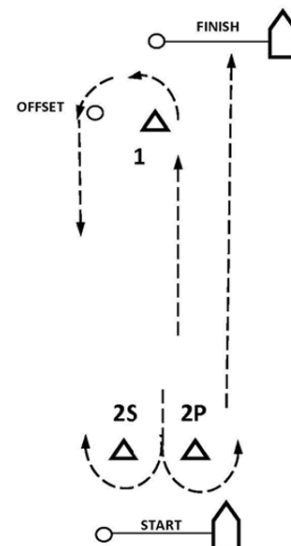


COURSE 3 and 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH
(1 1/2 laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 5: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH
(2 1/2 laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark



If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.

