

2011 International Etchells Great Lakes Championship August 12, 13 & 14, 2007

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the International Etchells Class (except as altered by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions), the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Bayview Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- A. 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)
- B. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. REGISTRATION All boats shall register with the Organizing Authority at the Bayview Yacht Club on Friday August 12th between 1800 and 2000 or on Saturday August 13th between 0730 and 0830.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. Up to seven races may be sailed. Racing is scheduled as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Race</u> | <u>First Warning Signal</u> |
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| Saturday, August 13 | Race 1, 2, 3 & 4 | 1030 hours |
| Sunday, August 14 | Race 5, 6 & 7 | 1030 hours |
- b. The Race Committee may deviate from the above schedule if conditions warrant. When the Race Committee displays Code Flag R at the finish line, it indicates their intention to start another race. The warning signal will be one minute after Code Flag R is lowered.

c. No race will be started after 1400 hours on Sunday August 14th.

7. CLASS FLAGS The class flag will be the blue Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

8. RACING AREA The center of the racing area will be on Lake St. Clair east of the Lake St. Clair Rear Range Light at a distance to be determined by the race committee.

9. THE COURSES

- A. Courses are illustrated in Attachment A
- B. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 from the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the warning signal.
- C. The Race Committee Boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Starting Line to Mark 1.
- D. The Race Committee may broadcast the course; compass bearing to the first mark and distance to the first mark on Channel 72.
- E. In the event the Race Committee changes the course of a downwind leg, the Race Committee may not set a gate.

10. MARKS

- A. Marks will be orange inflatable buoys.
- B. In the event of a change of course, new marks will be yellow inflatable buoys. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, an orange inflatable buoy will replace it.

11. THE START

- A. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- B. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.
- C. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS.

12. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail number of each boat on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, this hail may be on VHF Channel 72. Failure to do so, an incorrect hail, its timeliness or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

13. THE FINISH The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the nearby orange or yellow inflatable mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

- A. The time limit for Course #1 is 3 hours from the starting signal. The time limit for Course #2 is 2 hours from the starting signal.
- B. If no boat has passed Mark 1 for the first time 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned
- C. 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. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- A. Protest forms are available from the Jury Secretary. Protests shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary within one hour of Race Committee boat docking at Bayview Yacht Club. This time will be posted on the official notice board.
- B. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing. This shall serve as notification per RRS 63.2.
- C. Hearings will be held at Bayview Yacht Club.
- D. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the Jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16. SCORING

- A. The low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- B. Seven races are scheduled, of which one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS All boats shall be afloat before the first warning signal on Saturday August 13th and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission of the Jury.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS For each race, from the prep signal on, a boat shall not use her radio or any electronic communication device, to transmit or to receive any information that is transmitted for the direct or indirect benefit of an individual boat as distinct from being generally and publicly available to all other boats participating in the regatta.

19. PRIZES

- A. The Great Lakes Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- B. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

20. . DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Bayview Yacht Club or the Race Committee is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing Authority, Bayview Yacht Club or the Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.