

2018 Etchells Midwinters West Championships

April 6 – 8, 2018

Organizing Authority: San Diego Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 13

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. To be eligible to race, boats must complete the entry process as described in the Notice of Race – Section 4, 5 and 6.
- 2.2. Upon check-in, all registered entries will be assigned port and starboard sponsored bow stickers with individual bow numbers. To be scored in the regatta and the Series overall, each boat must have their assigned bow stickers properly affixed as follows: The leading edge of bow sticker shall be no more than 27" from the tip of the bow, and no more than 1" below the deck sheer line. Bow stickers/numbers shall remain properly affixed throughout the entire Series. Replacement stickers may be provided with a written request approved by the Principal Race Officer and a Designated Class official.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notice 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.
- 3.2. A skippers meeting will be held adjacent to the Jessop Room on the Sailwash Lawn Friday at 0900, April 6, 2018.

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, 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 (R/C) will monitor and may advise the fleet via VHF Channel 69.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. A maximum of 11 races are scheduled for the regatta. The R/C 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.

8. CLASS FLAG

- 8.1. The Class Flag will be a white field 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 the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the R/C located on a vessel in the starting area (SI 9) and displaying the Flag L by passing close aboard on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the R/C 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 R/C vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line:
 - The number of the course to be sailed will be a white number posted on a black placard.
 - The approximate distance to Mark 1 will be black numbers posted on a white board located under the Course #.
 - The approximate bearing to Mark 1 will be black numbers posted on a white board located on the railing either side of the signal boat bridge.

12. MARKS

- 12.1. Marks 1 and 2g (gate) will be red cones, Mark 1a will be a green cube, Mark F will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 12.2. In the event that Mark 2g (gate) is replaced by a single mark it shall be left to port.
- 12.3. New marks, when used as described in SI 15, will be orange tetrahedrons.

13. THE START

- 13.1. The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C vessel at the starboard end of the start line and a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C vessel at the port end of the start line.

13.2. Boats failing to start within ten minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

14. RECALLS

14.1. As a courtesy, the R/C 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.

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the R/C 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.”

16. THE FINISH

16.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a R/C vessel and the course side of a Mark as illustrated on the course chart.

16.2. Flag “A” displayed on a finishing boat indicates that there will be no further racing that day.

17. TIME LIMIT

17.1. The time limit for Friday and 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.

18. PENALTIES

18.1. Appendix V1 – PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT is in effect.

18.2. The R/C will post a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit. A request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after such posting. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. PROTESTS

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 R/C upon finishing or retiring and obtain R/C acknowledgment.

19.2. Written protests on US SAILING Protest Forms or Protest Forms provided at the Official Regatta Notice Board shall be lodged at the Dockside Room in the Sailing Center within one (1) hour of the docking time of the R/C finishing boat after the final race of the day. The docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board

19.3. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The approximate order, date 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 Protest Committee is not responsible for searching for parties or their witnesses.

20. WITHDRAWAL

20.1. A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any R/C 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 11 races are scheduled. If 5 or more races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded.

21.2. Three (3) 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 R/C 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 R/C of a boat's intent to withdraw from racing per 20.1.

24. SAFETY

24.1. All competing boats 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.

24.3. All competitors shall carry VHF radios for safety/emergency use. In addition, the R/C may use the VHF radio for hailing at the start.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk.

See RRS 4 – 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.

Course Chart

Crs	Marks	Crs	Marks
2	Start, 1, 1a, Finish	3	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish
4	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish	5	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish
6	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish	7	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, Upwind Finish

Marks of the course shall be left to port.

