



2012 Etchells Class New England Championship



June 16-17, 2012
Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. and the U.S. Etchells Class.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except the prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.2 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.3 This regatta is classified as a Category C Sanctioned Event under Appendix "A" of the International Etchells Class rules and all skippers and crews are required to be current members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4 The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows: All competing yachts shall carry a hand-held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communications.
- 1.5 For additional event information please go to http://nyyc.org/yachtracing/event_325 or <http://etchellsna.org/schedule.html>.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 CREW WEIGHT

Each competing team shall consist of a crew of 3 or 4 sailors and their total combined weight as measured wearing light clothing shall be no more than 628 lbs. There will be a crew weigh-in at registration.

3 ADVERTISING

Advertising is restricted to Category A under ISAF Regulation 20 and Etchells Class Rules.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry is open to all yachts of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.2 The Entry Form and entry fee must be received by the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) Sailing Office no later than June 1, 2012 to confirm entry in the event. A minimum of 12 yachts must be entered by this date or the regatta will be canceled.
- 4.3 **Entry Forms** are available on either website listed in NOR 1.5.
- 4.4 **Registration:** All yachts shall register with the OA and pick up their packets at the times listed in NOR 6.1. Check-in will take place in the NYYC Sailing Center, Harbour Court, 5 Halidon Avenue, Newport, RI.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$200.

5.2 Additional fees for launching, storage, dockage and/or moorings are the responsibility of each yacht. Due to the upcoming America's Cup World Series based at Fort Adams, it is likely that the docks at Aloysius Piers will not be available. The OA will notify registered competitors if this changes.

- Hoist and trailer storage facilities are available at **Sail Newport** (hoist is \$55 each way; trailer storage is \$25/day). Arrangements with Sail Newport must be made with them directly by calling 401-846-1983.
- Moorings can be arranged by calling the NYYC Quartermaster at 401-846-1000 (let them know you are with the Etchells regatta) or **Oldport Marine** at 401-847-9109. Mooring fees will apply.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1	Friday, June 15	1700-1900	Registration, NYYC Sailing Center
	Saturday, June 16	0700-0800 1000	Late Registration, NYYC Sailing Center Warning signal
	Sunday, June 17	1000 1700	Warning signal Post-race cocktails & Awards Ceremony at NYYC Harbour Court

6.2 The Etchells Class New England Championship will consist of up to eight races.

6.3 The Race Committee will endeavor not to begin a starting sequence after 1500 on Sunday. However, weather conditions and/or the progress of the event may govern the actual conclusion of racing.

7 MEASUREMENT

Yachts and crew will be required to conform to the rules of the International Etchells Class Association. Competitors will be required to declare which sails from their sail card they will be using for the regatta at registration. Competitors will be required to show the sail card and hull certificate at registration.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Participants' Meeting and may be posted on the NYYC regatta website prior to the event.

9 VENUE

Races will be held off Newport, RI on Rhode Island Sound or in Narragansett Bay.

10 COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward courses and will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Windward offset marks and leeward gate marks may be used.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system is as described in the Class Rules. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of rules of Part 2 that occur within the *zone* of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

12 SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 The Low Point Scoring Systems as described in Appendix "A" of the RRS will apply except if more than five (5) races are completed a boat may exclude her worst score.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

The use of support boats is limited as described in Class Rule 27. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority. Support boats will be given an identifying flag and assigned a number. The identifying flag shall be flown at all times during the regatta(s), and all support boats are required to monitor and comply with instructions given by the Organizing Authority.

14 PRIZES

Prizes for first through third place will be presented at the Awards ceremony.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 **Crew Waiver Form:** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release and the fully executed Crew Waiver Form shall be submitted by fax (401-846-3303), mail or at check-in prior to racing. Teams that do not submit the signed waiver prior to racing will not be scored for the regatta. The Crew Waiver Form can be found on the regatta website at http://nyyc.org/yachtracing/event_325.
- 15.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, International Etchells Class and affiliated companies, and other sponsors 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. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge.

16 INSURANCE

Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance. It is the skipper's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to participating in the Etchells New England Championship.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information, please visit the NYYC regatta website at http://nyyc.org/yachtracing/event_325 or contact the Sailing Office.

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- 17.2 North American Etchells Class Website: <http://etchellsna.org/schedule.html>
- 17.3 Sail Newport website: <http://www.sailnewport.org>
- 17.4 More Information about the Etchells New England Championship may also be obtained from:
Event Chair: Kurt Winkelmann, Email: Winkusa1002@aol.com, Cell: 917-690-4264

The primary goal of the Etchells Atlantic Championship Series is to organize and reinvigorate competitive Etchells sailing in New England leading up to the 2014 Etchells World Championship in a manner that is attractive for all current and prospective participants. Your direct and indirect suggestions and ideas are much appreciated!