



**2017 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES  
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CA**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13.
- 1.2 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 This regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions (SI) will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 No US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except RRS 61.4, prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2, 67, 76.1, and Appendix V1. This changes the NOR.
- 1.7 Boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the OA.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the east facing wall of the SDYC Sailing Center. The NOR, SI, and amendments thereto will be posted online at the event website: [https://yachtscoring.com/administration/admin\\_main.cfm?Event\\_ID=3017](https://yachtscoring.com/administration/admin_main.cfm?Event_ID=3017)

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SI on shore will be posted no later than 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Wednesday, Aug 16	1425	Practice Race - First Warning
Thursday, Aug 17	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1125	First Warning
Friday, Aug 18	1125	First Warning
Saturday, Aug 19	1125	First Warning

5.2 Eight races are scheduled: three each on Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday. One extra race per day may be sailed, without notification required by SI 3, provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.3 No initial Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours on Saturday, August 19. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a black Etchells class insignia.

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Coronado Roads approximately 2 - 3 nm from Zuniga Jetty "Z", bearing 130, depending on wind strength and direction

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the following signals will be posted athwartship from the RC 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 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.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2g will be red inflatable conical buoys. Mark os will be an orange ball.

9.2 If Mark os is missing, it shall be disregarded. If either of the two marks that make up Mark 2g are missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

9.3 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be yellow inflatable buoys.

9.4 The starting marks will be between two anchored RC boats.

9.5 The finishing marks will be a RC boat and Mark 1, or anchored RC boats displaying an orange flag, as illustrated in course chart.

## 10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on another RC boat at the port end.

10.2 The RC will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start by VHF 69. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, order of hail, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.

**11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in the new position.

**12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The downwind finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat on each end of the line.

12.2 The upwind finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of Mark 1.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 US Sailing prescription V1 will apply and reads as follows: The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the jury table in front of the Dockside Room adjacent to the Notice Board within the protest time limit. The absence of a completed acknowledgement form will be considered as a penalty not taken in a hearing.

**14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for each race is 120 minutes.

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 40 minutes after her starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms will be available on the Notice Board or at the jury table in front of the Dockside Room adjacent to the Notice Board. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered to the jury table within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC finishing boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in rooms as directed by the jury secretary and will begin as soon as practicable.

15.4 Notices of protests by the RC or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered:

- (1) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (2) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 62.

15.6 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her bow number until orally acknowledged by the RC.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.3 VHF channel USA 69 will be the designated channel for communicating with competitors.

**18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors, or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PRO. Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 18.2 After registration and until the completion of racing, no sail shall be re-cut or altered. Repairs to sails are permissible only upon written approval of the PRO.

**19. MEASUREMENT, EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. A maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is allowed.
- 19.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and SI. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Coach and support boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are on the water.
- 20.2 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so.
- 20.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from 20 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. This 20-minute time will be signaled by the display of flag Bravo with one sound signal, which will be removed one minute prior to the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the RC.
- 20.4 Unless otherwise directed by the RC, all coach, support and spectator boats shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 100 yards from any boat racing, including all rounding marks and starting and finishing lines. Wakes must be minimized while moving outside the course perimeters. Boats violating this provision may be subject to protest by the RC.

**21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat before 1230 on August 16, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

**22. PLASTIC POOLS**

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

**23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

23.1 This supplements, but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry at least one marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal USA and international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request or provide assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first Warning Signal of the day until the end of the last race of the day.

23.2 The RC may, but is not required to, use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

23.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited from 20 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day, except as provided in SI 23.1, to request or to provide assistance in an emergency, or otherwise only with the express permission of the Jury or RC.

**24. PRIZES**

24.1 Awards will be given to the top five boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the OA.

24.2 An award will also be presented to the top boat in the Corinthian Division.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The OA 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.

25.2 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authority, The San Diego Yacht Club, Race Committee, Jury, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**26. INSURANCE**

All boats competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, with appropriate Third Party Personal Injury Liability insurance of not less than US\$300,000. All insurance coverage shall be maintained during the period of racing.

# Course Chart

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
4	Start, 1, os, 2g, 1, os, Finish D	3	Start, 1, os, 2g, Finish U
6	Start, 1, os, 2g, 1, os, 2g, 1, os, Finish D	5	Start, 1, os, 2g, 1, os, 2g, Finish U

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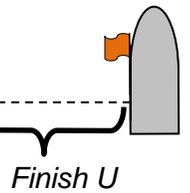


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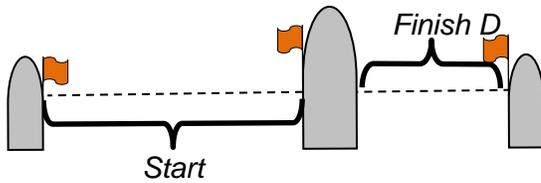
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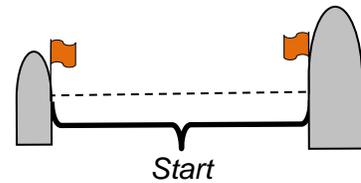
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SDYC aspires to host its 2017 sailing season in accordance with Intl' Green Regatta guidelines: Use reusable drink containers instead of throwaway plastic bottles; Recycle trash to the greatest extent possible; Use water sparingly to wash boats; Use green cleaning products; Respect the ocean.