



2017 INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 16th-19th, 2017
SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB
SAN DIEGO, CA

NOTICE OF REGATTA

1. VENUE / AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13.
- 1.2. The Regatta will be sailed on the waters off San Diego, south of Coronado and east of Point Loma in the Coronado Roads area. An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area if the wind is too light to sail.
- 1.3. Etchells storage is available at SDYC on a limited basis and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Fees may apply. Please contact the SDYC Dock Master's Office at ty@sdyc.org or (619)758-6308 to make arrangements.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 60.3, 61.4, 63.2, 67, and 76.1.
- 2.3. The Regatta is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class B event.
- 2.4. The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non - Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 4.2. To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) prior to registration. This can be obtained at www.sailing.org.
- 4.3. For the purpose of complying with Class Rule C.2.2 each boat's crew shall be weighed shall be weighed at the dates / times specified in NoR 7.1.
- 4.4. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 4.5. The total combined weight of crewmembers for each boat may be posted on the Official Notice Board.



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5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Eligible boats shall enter the regatta online at: <http://2017.etchellsnachamps.org/> .
- 5.2. All entries must be received no later than 1700 on July 15, 2017, unless approved by the OA.

6. FEES

- 6.1. For entries paid in full on or before July 15, 2017 the entry fee is \$625 per boat with a crew of 3, or \$695 per boat with a crew of 4.
- 6.2. For late entries after July 15, 2017 the entry fee is \$675 per boat with a crew of 3, or \$750 per boat with a crew of 4
- 6.3. The entry fee includes hoist use, docking, and parking for boat trailers at SDYC from August 10th to August 25th as space permits on a first-come, first-served basis.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 15th	1000-1800	Registration
Wednesday, August 16th	0800-1200	Registration and Weigh-in
	1230	All boats afloat
	1245	Towing Commences
	1425	Practice Race - First Warning
	1800	Welcome Reception
Thursday, August 17th	0800-900	Registration and Weigh-in
	0900	Skipper's Meeting
	0930	Towing Commences
	1125	First Warning
Friday, August 18th	0930	Towing Commences
	1125	First Warning
Saturday, August 19th	0930	Towing Commences
	1125	First Warning
	1800	Front Deck Reception and Awards

- 7.2. Eight races are scheduled: three each on Thursday and Friday, and two on Saturday. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 7.3. No Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hours on Saturday, August 19th. After 1530 hours on Saturday, August 19th, a race that is abandoned will not be resailed.

8. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Entered boats shall register with the Organizing Authority per NoR 7.1. Registration requires completion and delivery of the following documentation:
- 8.1.1. Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
 - 8.1.2. Valid Sail Measurement Certificate
 - 8.1.3. Sail Declaration - Competitors, at the time of registration, will declare from their Sail Measurement Certificate which sails they will use. No more than 1 mainsail, 2 spinnakers and 2 jibs, which have been previously measured will be used.
 - 8.1.4. Current proof of insurance satisfying NoR 20
 - 8.1.5. Sailor Classification Declaration per NoR 4.2 (Corinthian Division only).
 - 8.1.6. Safety Equipment Inspection per IECA Appendix A 10(d).
- 8.2. Upon registration, entries will be assigned port and starboard bow stickers/numbers. Each boat must have their assigned bow stickers properly affixed in the appropriate locations as provided in the sailing instructions throughout the regatta.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration and online by 1700 on Tuesday, August 15th at: <http://2017.etchellsnachamps.org/>.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses shall be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks and may include offset marks and gates as more fully described in the sailing instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. 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.



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13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 13.1. The Championship will have an International Jury constituted in accordance with RRS 91 (b) and Appendix N. Substitutions may be made. Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.

14. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 14.2. 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 Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 14.3. 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 code 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 Race Committee.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DOCKING

- 15.1. All boats shall be afloat before 1230 on August 16th, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.
- 15.2. All boats shall be docked, as assigned, in the SDYC Guest Dock area.

16. PLASTIC POOLS

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

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. 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 20 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until the end of the last race of the day.
- 17.2. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.



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- 17.3. 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 NoR 17.1, to request or to provide assistance in an emergency, or otherwise only with the express permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Awards will be given to the top five boats in the regatta. Additional trophies may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 18.2. Awards will also be presented to the top five boats in the Corinthian Division.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. 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, Protest Committee, 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 shore side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor releases the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. MANDATORY INSURANCE

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. Proof of insurance shall be provided at registration, as described in NoR 8.1.4, and policy declaration page shall be emailed to: boatinsurance@sdy.org.

21. WEBSITE / INFORMATION

- 21.1. Regatta registration, local housing information for San Diego, visiting boat & trailer storage details, San Diego Yacht Club information and other information may be obtained at <http://2017.etchellsnachamps.org/>.



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22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1. Additional information about the International Etchells 2017 North American Championship may also be obtained from:

**2017 North American Championship
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Appendix A: The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply (NoR 2.2):

Rule 60.3 After rule 60.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

Rule 61.4 Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 63.2 After rule 63.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

(a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.

(b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

(c) The protest committee shall request redress for the other boats that participate in the hearing or request in writing to do so, making them parties to the hearing. It need not state a reason for such a request; this changes rule 62.2.

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.