



**International Etchells Class
2018 United States National Championship
June 21-24, 2018**

**Corpus Christi Yacht Club
98 Coopers Ally
Corpus Christi Texas 78401**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) in conjunction with the North American Etchells Class Association and Etchells Fleet 23.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the rules of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) as amended by these Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 2.2 Etchells Class: The rules and regulations of the IECA will apply except as modified by these SI's. This regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the IECA Rules.
- 2.3 IECA Appendix A 8. B requiring weigh in is waived for this regatta. This changes Appendix A 8. B.
- 2.4 Skippers shall be Active members and crew Associate or Active members of the IECA.
- 2.5 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 67, 76.1, Appendix V.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 2.7 If there is a conflict between the NoR, rules or regulations, other than RRS, the SI's will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs on the Lanai at the CCYC.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Flag signals will be flown from the flagpole at CCYC.
- 5.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Thursday, June 21 1630 - 1830 Registration
- Friday, June 22 730- 0845 Late Registration
0900 Competitor's Meeting- CCYC Lanai
1100 Warning signal first race
Additional races to follow
Competitor's dinner after racing
- Saturday, June 23 0900 Competitors briefing- CCYC Lanai
1100 Warning signal first race
Additional races to follow
- Sunday, June 24 0900 Competitors briefing- CCYC Lanai
1100 Warning signal first race
Additional races to follow
No warning signal after 1430.
After Racing Prize Giving

6.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

7 CLASS FLAG

Etchells Class flag

8 RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters of Corpus Christi Bay just east of the gap in the breakwater.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will designate the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and length of the first leg.
- 9.4 Mark 3S/3P is a gate. In the event one of the gate marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.5 Mark 2 is the offset mark adjacent to the windward mark.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 3P and 3S will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 2 will be an orange sphere.
- 10.2 New marks 1, 3P and 3S, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be a green tetrahedron.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark OR a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end signal boat.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A.5.
- 11.3 As a courtesy, the RC will attempt to notify OCS, UFD or BFD boats by radio on VHF Channel 72. 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. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line to a new position) 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.
- 12.2 The RC may change the course by up to five degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line for Course 1 will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the RC vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the green inflatable port-end finishing mark located approximately .1 nautical mile to windward of mark 1.
- 13.2 The finishing line for Course 2 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a green inflatable mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V will be in effect.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit 120 minutes from the starting signal.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A.5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available upstairs on the Lanai at CCYC. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within one hour of the docking time of the RC signal boat after the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.2 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Library, upstairs, at CCYC.
- 16.3 Notices of protests by the RC or the Jury will be posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 For breaches of the rules other than Parts 2 and 3, the Jury may award a lesser penalty than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 16.6 On the last day of the regatta: The time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the RC or Jury shall be 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC or Jury.

- 19.2 In the case of damage, boats and/or equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the RC or Jury. When the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start of the day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the RC or Jury. Written permission by the RC or Jury shall be obtained before the end of the Protest Time limit on the day in which the substitution takes place.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and SI's which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.

21 BOW NUMBERS,

Boats shall display bow numbers during the event as provided by the OA and shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. These numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner; The leading edge of the forward number will be 22 inches aft of the stem and 1 inch below the deck. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

22 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Coach and support boats must register with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat.
- 22.2 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 16 and 72 and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so.
- 22.3 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the RC, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 72 and shall follow all instructions from the RC.
- 22.4 Support boats shall stay 150 yards outside areas where boats are about to race or are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This changes IECA Appendix A J. 11,

23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1 All boats shall be afloat no later than the warning signal Friday, June 22, 2018, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC or Jury.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA.

25 PRIZES

- 25.1. U.S. National Champion, skipper and crew.
- 25.2. Second through fifth place overall, skipper and crew.
- 25.3. Top three Corinthian teams, skipper and crew.
- 25.4. Individual race awards will be provided on a daily basis.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

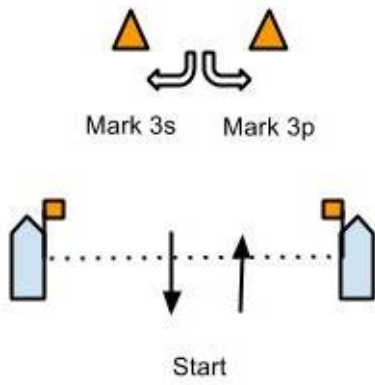
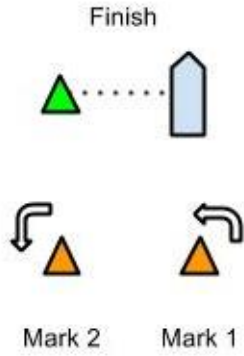
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

All yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability Insurance as outlined in NOR 16.

SI ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE 1



COURSE 2

