



HOUSTON YACHT CLUB



ETCHELLS FLEET 23

**TUNE-UP EVENT FOR THE ETCHELLS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
AT HOUSTON YACHT CLUB**

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April 27 & 28, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is The Houston Yacht Club (HYC) and Etchells fleet 23.

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1. GENERAL

The Tune-up Event for the Etchells North American Championship (Tune-up Event) will be held over the weekend of April 27 & 28. The purpose of the Tune-Up Event is to familiarize competitors with the venue for the North American Championship and enhance participant's Etchells skills. The Tune-up event will be informal with two days of practice starts and racing, on the water observations and end of day debriefs, but no awards. It is the opening weekend for HYC so expect activity and comingling. Competitors & their guests will be invited to attend the HYC opening events. Word is that the new pool will be completed.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta is intended to be an informal non-sanctioned event.
- 2.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.3 The Organizing Authority may require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats. Bow numbers will be provided by the Organizing Authority if needed.
- 2.4 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 4.2 Registration during the times indicated below under schedule and events.
- 4.3 There will be no crew weigh-ins, measurement or sail card requirements.

5. ENTRY AND FEES

- 5.1 Entries shall be made online on Regatta Network www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form. The HYC website under Racing/Race Schedule also includes a registration link to regatta network. Only on-line entries will be accepted.



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- 5.2 Entry fee – The entry fee is \$100 per boat.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes the fee for launching, hauling, and docking at the Houston Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers during the event.
- 5.4 All competitors and non-competitors must have a guest card to purchase drinks and food at the social activities. Guest Card Application form attached.
- 5.5 Boats that are participating in the Etchells Tune-up Event may arrive as early as April 22 at no charge for boat storage, rig-up, etc. For those that are participating in the HYC North American Championship boat may remain at HYC through the North American Championship event (May 6-12, 2019), at no charge. See the NOR for the 2019 Etchells North American Championship for more information on Storage. Each Competitor is responsible for storage before or after these dates. Section 19 has information and fees on vehicle and boat storage outside these dates.

6. SCHEDULE & EVENTS

6.1 Schedule:

Monday, April 22	n/a	Early Boat arrival at HYC, Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays, cranes, ramp launch & mast hoists available. Upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk or front gate and include an emergency contact number and assigned parking area.
Friday, April 26	8:00 – 18:00 15:00 – 18:00	Cranes, ramp launch & mast hoists available. Registration
Saturday, April 27	8:30 – 9:30 9:30 – 10:00 11:00 – 16:00 17:30 – 18:30 18:30 – 22:00	Registration Competitors' Briefing 3-4 races each race to include 2 practice starts & a race Evening debrief, open discussion Evening Social with open bar & restaurant
Sunday, April 28	9:00 – 9:30 10:30 – 13:00 14:30 – 15:00 After Racing	Competitors' Briefing 2 races each race to include 2 practice starts & a race After race debrief, open discussion Haul-out

7. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 All competitors, coaches, guests, etc. will be required to obtain a “guest” card upon arrival, instead of using a reciprocal club charge. In addition, upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number. Boat arrival form attached.
- 7.2 Each Competitor shall verify safety gear on their.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 This notice of race, instructions at the competitors briefing and notices on the official notice board constitutes the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The official notice board is located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.



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9. VENUE AND COURSES

- 9.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club in the Race Area as depicted in the Attachment "Map of Race Area". The Race Area is that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Ship Channel on the South, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shore Acres shoreline on the West.
- 9.2 Regatta headquarters will be at The Houston Yacht Club.
- 9.3 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 US Sailing Prescription V1 or alternative as prescribed by organizer will apply. Although practice races, all participants must abide by the rules.

11. SCORING- There will not be any scoring

12. PRIZES – No Prizes will be given

13. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Coach and support boats as well as designated responsible person must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat.
- 13.2 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. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – None but preference is for boats to remain in water.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.
- 15.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast information to competitors. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 All competitors shall carry a VHF radio.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority 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.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their



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arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

19. BOAT AND VEHICLE STORAGE OUTSIDE REGATTA DATES

- 19.1 Competitors participating in the 2019 North American Championship may leave their boats at HYC for two weeks before and 1-week after the regatta at no charge. HOWEVER, upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number. Boat registration form is attached.
- 19.2 Storage options prior to April 22 and after May 19:
- Prearranged Storage prior to April 22 and after May 19 at Houston Yacht Club for those that have paid their entry fee can be made available for a fee of 5 \$/day for Etchells on trailer and tow vehicle and 2.5\$/day for coach boat on trailer. Boats can be rigged, launched and use the club facilities when open. Please correspond with David Hampp (email: harbormaster@houstonyachtclub.com) on arrival time, club entry and storage location if you chose this option. Upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.
 - Storage at “The Sports Shed” about 10 minutes from HYC in a covered parking space large enough for an Etchells on trailer (mast down) and tow vehicle. Please contact Mark Wheat for rental rates, details and availability. Mark’s number is +1 281 474-2091.

20. ACCOMMODATION, AIRPORTS AND SITES OF INTEREST

- 20.1 Hotel rooms are available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates for these budget accommodations.
- 20.2 For local accommodations in La Porte, please click on the link “Sail In To La Porte” which is also located at the bottom of the HYC Race Schedule Page. The Hampton Inn has blocked 20 rooms for the Etchells events, details as follows:
Hampton Inn & Suites
1328 Highway 146 South
LaPorte, TX 77571
281-842-9566
Call the hotel directly and use code 5EC.
- 20 rooms have been blocked from 5/2/19-5/11/19 at the rate of \$102+17% tax. It is a 9 minute drive (4.2 miles). From the Hampton to Houston Yacht Club.
- 20.3 Airports include William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) about 30 minutes from club and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) about 60 minutes from the club. Fewer airlines fly to HOU (Southwest mostly) than IAH.
- 20.4 Sites of interest include Galveston about 45 minutes South of Houston Yacht Club and NASA Space Center tours about 20 minutes from Houston Yacht Club.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

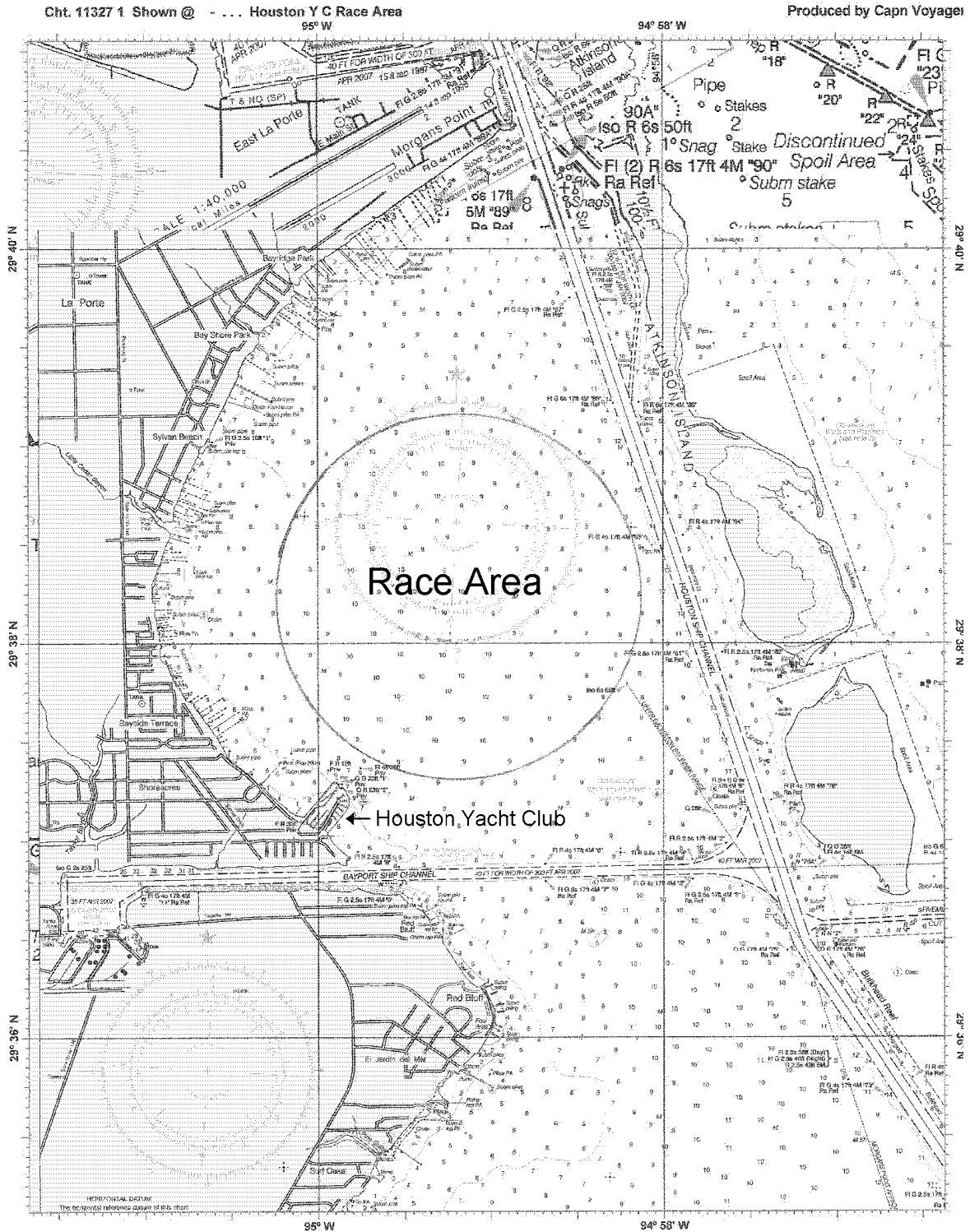
- 21.1 **The event website** can be found on the HYC website (www.houstonyachtclub.com).
- 21.2 For further information, please contact the Regatta Manager: Beth Gibson by mobile: +1 713-202-5510 or email sailingmom25@yahoo.com or Event Chair: Marvin Beckmann by mobile: 832-656-4022 or email: mbeckmann@manateeusa.com.



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Notice of Race: Attachment A
 Map of Race Area





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**FORM FOR EARLY ARRIVALS LEAVING BOATS/VEHICLES & USING CLUB FACILITIES
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ETCHELLS Identification: _____
(License Plate, Trailer serial number, etc. that identifies boat)

SUPPORT BOAT Identification: _____
(License Plate, Trailer serial number, etc. that identifies boat)

VEHICLE Identification: _____
(Make, Model, Color, License Plate, etc. that identifies vehicle)

YACHT CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

RESPONSIBLE CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: _____

BACKUP CONTACT & NUMBER: _____

ARRIVAL DATE & ESTIMATED TIME: _____

GUEST CARD: Complete attached form for club usage, storage fees, food & beverage purchases, etc. All guests and visitors will require a “guest card” upon arrival to make purchases, instead of using a reciprocal club charge.

Email this completed form to the following:

- **Front Desk:** hyctx@houstonyachtclub.com
- **David Hamp- Harbor Master:** harbormaster@houstonyachtclub.com



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HOUSTON YACHT CLUB GUEST CARD APPLICATION

All guests and visitors will require a “guest card” upon arrival to make purchases, instead of using a reciprocal club charge. In addition, a “guest card” will be required for facility use and boat/vehicle storage.

To obtain a “Guest Card” prior to arrival complete below and email this application to Hyctx@houstonyachtclub.com. For questions in completing below contact the Houston Yacht Club Front desk and speak to Steven (9am to 5pm) or Lisa after 7pm until closing (281-471-1255).

Guest Card Referred By: Etchells Regattas April 27/28 and/or May 6-12

All Charges incurred as a guest at Houston Yacht Club are to be billed to following:

Guest Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email: _____
 Credit Card type: Mastercard or Visa
 Credit Card Number: _____
 Credit Card Exploration Date: _____
 Credit Card Billing Address (if different from above):
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I understand that all the charges incurred on this guest card will be billed to the above credit card.

 Guest Signature

* This guest card valid only on HYC premises. Not valid at any other Club, regardless of reciprocity.*

TO BE COMPLETED BY HYC:

HYC Guest Card #: _____

Valid Through Date: _____