



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS 2018 United States National Championship

June 21-24, 2018
Corpus Christi Yacht Club
98 Cooper's Alley
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the rules of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2. The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 40, 60, 61.4, 67, 76.1, Appendix T and Appendix V.
- 1.3. This regatta is classified as a Class B Sanctioned Event under the rules of the IECA.
- 1.4. Skippers shall be Active members and crew Associate or Active members of the IECA.
- 1.5. All competing boats shall carry a hand-held VHF radio to be used exclusively for purposes of safety and Race Committee (RC) communications. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is prohibited.

2. ADVERTISING:

Advertising will be restricted to World Sailing Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with the rules of the IECA, and World Sailing Regulation 19.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration by June 21, 2018 at:
<http://etchellsnationals2018.com>

4. FEES:

- 4.1. The entry fee for a three-person team is USD \$350.00 per boat if received by May 15, 2018, and USD \$425.00 thereafter.
- 4.2. The entry fee for a four-person team is USD \$425.00 per boat if received by May 1, 2018, and USD \$500.00 thereafter.

5. SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 21	1630 - 1830 Registration and Weigh-In
Friday, June 22	0730 - 0845 Registration & Weigh-In 0900 Competitor's meeting - CCYC Lanai 1100 Warning signal first race Additional races to follow Competitor's dinner – after racing - CCYC
Saturday, June 23	1100 Warning signal first race Additional races to follow
Sunday, June 24	1100 Warning signal first race Additional races to follow No warning signal after 1430.

6. MEASUREMENT:

- 6.1. Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured but shall be in compliance with current IECA rules.
- 6.2. Competitor weigh in will be required at registration. There shall be three or four persons on each boat and their total combined weight in light clothing at the time of registration shall be no more than 285 kg.
- 6.3. Competitors at the time of registration will declare from their sail card which sails they will use. No more than 1 mainsail, 2 jibs and 2 spinnakers which have been previously measured will be used.
- 6.4. Competitors shall provide proof of USD \$300, 000.00 third-party liability insurance at registration. See NOR 16.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The SI's will be available at the time of registration/check-in and will be posted in advance on the event web site, <http://etchellsnationals2018.com>

8. VENUE:

The sailing venue will be Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi, Texas.

9. COURSES:

9.1. The courses will be windward – leeward, and will be described in the SI's.

9.2. There will be an offset mark used at Mark 1, and a leeward gate will be used for Mark 2.

10. PENALTIES:

Appendix V will apply.

11. SCORING:

11.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled with four (4) completed races required to constitute the championship.

11.2. The Low Point System, Appendix A - Scoring, will apply. After five (5) races have been completed a boat's worst score will be excluded.

12. SUPPORT BOATS:

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.

13. HAUL - OUT RESTRICTIONS:

13.1. Boats shall be afloat no later than the warning signal for the first race Friday, June 22, 2018.

13.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without written permission from the RC. This changes RRS 45.

14. PRIZES:

14.1. U.S. National Champion, skipper and crew.

14.2. Second through fifth place overall, skipper and crew.

14.3. Top three Corinthian teams, skipper and crew.

14.4. Individual race awards will be provided on a daily basis.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, the RC, the International Etchells Class, and 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.

16. INSURANCE:

Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance including a minimum of \$300,000 third-party insurance, and it is the owner's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. PROOF OF INSURANCE SHALL BE SUPPLIED WITH EACH ENTRY AT REGISTRATION.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

SOCIAL and HOUSING INFORMATION: Please refer to the event website <http://etchellsnationals2018.com>

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