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Etchells Fleet 12

2017 Etchells World Championship September 22-30, 2017 The San Francisco Yacht Club Belvedere, CA

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority (OA): The San Francisco Yacht Club in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 12

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Attachment A of this Notice of Race.
- 1.3 This regatta is an Etchells Class A sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Association (IECA) Rules. The IECA Rules and Regulations will apply except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 RRS 40 is replaced with: "All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices." Flag Y will not be displayed. In the United States all boats must carry one U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device for each person on board.
- 1.6 The Organizing Authority will supply bow numbers, which shall be affixed to the bow per the accompanying instructions. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that these are properly in place before leaving the dock each day.
- 1.7 The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

2. ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsors' advertising, in compliance with World Sailing Rule 20.4.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crews are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each competitor is required to have a current Group 1 World Sailing Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org.
- 3.4 Entry allocation is 75% of each fleet's paid boats (rounded up to the nearest whole boat). Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain prior to the entry being accepted. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the OA with the IECA Secretariat. Additionally, eligibility is extended to those who qualify through a Qualifying Event as defined in Class Appendix A 7.C.
- 3.5 For the purpose of complying with Class Rule C.2.2 each boat's crew shall be weighed at the Check-in times listed in NOR 6.2, or at other times posted.
- 3.6 The total combined weight of crewmembers for each boat will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.7 Crews that fail to weigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests shall be submitted to the Race Committee.
- 3.8 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.9 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries shall be made using the official online entry system on 2017.etchellsworlds.org followed by payment of the entry fee, which shall be paid in USD. Copies of the boat's Measurement Certificate are to be scanned and emailed to the OA no later than 1700 hours (local SF time) on August 18, 2017.
- 4.2 All entries must be received no later than August 18, 2017.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA if accompanied by the late entry fee described in NOR 5.3, and the Measurement Certificate.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Early entry – If paid in full on or before 1700 hours (local SF time) on June 22, the entry fee is \$2100 per boat with a crew of 3, or \$2400 per boat with a crew of 4.
- 5.2 Regular entry – The entry fee is \$2300 per boat with a crew of 3, or \$2600 per boat with a crew of 4 for entries after 1700 hours (local SF time) on June 22.

- 5.3 Late entries, if accepted after August 18, will be subject to an additional \$500 late fee.
- 5.4 Originals of the Measurement Certificate and the Sail Measurement Certificate shall be presented at Check-in.
- 5.5 The entry fee includes all social events for competitors, hoist use, and docking at The San Francisco Club, and parking for boat trailers from September 18 to October 3. Trailers may need to be parked at a designated lot off site.
- 5.6 Non-competitor social packages may be purchased when registering.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The first 25 boats to register for the Pre-Worlds Regatta at SFYC on September 16-17 may arrive as early as September 11. All other boats will be required to stage off-site until September 18. Boats arriving at SFYC before these times will be turned away.

6.2

Friday, Sept 22	0900-1600	Measurement/Check-in/Launch
Saturday, Sept 23	0900-1600	Measurement/Check-in/Launch
Sunday, Sept 24	0900-1600	Measurement/Check-in/Launch
Monday, Sept 25	0800-1000	Crew Weigh-in
	0900-1200	Check-in/Launch
	1200	All boats afloat
	1400	Practice Race - First Warning
	1730	Annual Meeting
	1800	Competitors' Meeting
	1900	Opening Ceremony & Reception
Tuesday, Sept 26	1200	First Warning - 2 races scheduled
	after racing	Social
Wednesday, Sept 27	1200	First Warning - 2 races scheduled
	after racing	Crew Re-weigh
	after racing	Social
Thursday, Sept 28	0800-1000	Crew Re-weigh (for those not done Sept 27)
	1200	First Warning - 2 races scheduled
	after racing	Social
Friday, Sept 29	1200	First Warning - 2 races scheduled
	1830	Regatta Banquet
Saturday, Sept 30	1200	First Warning - 1 race scheduled
	after racing to 1730	Boat haulout/recovery
	1830	Awards Ceremony
Sunday, Oct 1	0800-1800	Boat haulout/recovery

- 6.3 Check-in and Weigh-in will take place upstairs in the SFYC Sailing Center.
- 6.4 Boat measurement will take place at the two hoist areas at SFYC.

- 6.5 Nine races are scheduled: two each on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and one on Saturday. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 6.6 No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 hours on Saturday. In the case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial Warning Signal was made prior to 1530 hours, the Race Committee may display subsequent Warning Signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

7. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 In addition to on-line entry and payment, registration requires completion and delivery of the following forms at Check-in during the times listed in NOR 6.1.
- 1) Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
 - 2) Valid Sail Card
 - 3) Sail Declaration
 - 4) Safety Equipment Declaration
 - 5) Current proof of insurance satisfying Section 19.1 hereof
 - 6) Sailor Classification per World Sailing code #22 – if skipper and crew wish to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring.
- 7.2 All boats will be measured for compliance with World Sailing measurement regulations and class rules.
- 7.3 All boats must be available for measurement at SFYC from 0900-1600 hours on September 22, 23 and 24. Entrants will be notified if an assigned measurement time is scheduled. The event Chief Measurer may examine or measure any competing boat that is available in advance of the first official measurement date.
- 7.4 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.
- 7.5 All registration formalities, including payment of all class and event fees, boat and sail measurement, crew weigh-in, and presentation of original Hull and Sail Measurement Certificates, are required to be completed by 1200 hours on September 25.
- 7.6 During the competition any boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time.
- 7.7 After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the official notice board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 7.8 After measurement until completion of the last day of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the International Jury. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 7.9 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendation of the Class IGC/ODT and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the International Etchells Class Association.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Check-in and also online by 1700 on September 20 at www.SFYC.org under On the Water>Racing>Schedule

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The San Francisco Yacht Club and harbor are located at 98 Beach Road in Belvedere, CA.
- 9.2 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Circle and/or Southampton Shoal. This area is between 4 and 7 NM from the harbor.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class “Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions” Appendix D as detailed on the International Etchells Class website.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The first two sentences of rule 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 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.’ This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 should complete an acknowledgement form at The San Francisco Yacht Club Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 11.3 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.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When seven or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during Check-in and display an identifying flag provided by the organizing authority.
- 13.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until the end of the last race of the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions. All coach and support boats shall have at least one VHF radio onboard and shall actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

14. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall be kept at The San Francisco Yacht Club, at their assigned docks.

- 14.2 All boats shall be afloat before 1200 on September 25, 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. 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.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 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, or verbal communication, 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 race day from the first Warning Signal of the day until the end of the last race of the day.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may, but is not required to, use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 16.3 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 after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the end of the last race of the day, except as provided in Section 16.1, to request or provide assistance in an emergency, or otherwise only with the express permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 17.2 Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the individual race winners of races one through nine, the Masters' Division winner, the Seniors' Division winner, the Grand Masters Division winner, the Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy, the Corinthian Cup, the Next Generation Trophy, and the Top Female Helm.
- 17.3 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers overall and to the other race winners. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.
- 18.2 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 Francisco 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 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 Evidence of insurance shall be provided at Check-in, as described in Section 7.1.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

SFYC Race Office: race@sfyc.org, (415) 789-5647
SFYC Director of Sailing: forrest@sfyc.org
PRO Jeff Zarwell: zarwell@regattapro.com

Attachment A

The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply at the 2017 Etchells World Championship.

Rule 40 Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

After rule 40 add:

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'PFD' link for more information.

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 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.

Rule 82 Add rule 82:

82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.