



2021 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB
2540 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the host club, and the BBYC regatta committee is designated as race committee.

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The Piana Cup regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020*.
- 1.2. The Sidney Doren, Florida State Championship and Mid-Winter's East Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*.
- 1.3. Only the following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 40, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 67, 76.1, and Appendices R and V.
- 1.4. Advertising is restricted to International Etchells Category A, World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. The jury may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.7. All competing boats and support vessels shall have on board a portable VHF radio for safety and race committee communications.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The 2021 Series is open to all eligible International Etchells Class boats.
- 2.2. The Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship are classified as Open Events under Appendix A of the International Etchells class rules. All skippers are required to be current Active Members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.3. The Miami Mid-Winter's East Regatta is designated a Class B event by the North American Etchells Association. All skippers must be Active Members of the Etchells Class Association and crew must be Active Members or Associate Members for this regatta

3. ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1. Entries shall be made online through Yachtscoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=13125>.
- 3.2. Boats can be entered for an individual regatta or the complete Biscayne Bay Series.
- 3.3. Entry fees for the regattas are:
 - 3.3.1. Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial, & Florida State Championships, \$300 each regatta.
 - 3.3.2. Mid-Winter's East Regatta, \$500.
 - 3.3.3. Complete Series \$1,400.
 - 3.3.4. For the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 18:00 on the Sunday preceding the regatta. Late entries for a regatta may be accepted with a \$100 late fee.
- 3.4. For the complete Series a \$100.00 discount will be applied if paid in full before November 1st, 2020. Go to the Piana Cup page on Yachtscoring and check the boxes for entering four regattas and check the box for the discount.
- 3.5. Payments can be made on-line through Yachtscoring using a credit card or Pay Pal.
- 3.6. Coach/Support Boat Fee – at registration, a per regatta fee of \$50 per coach or support boat including one designated person responsible for each boat shall be provided at registration. The coach/support boat fee includes the social package for the responsible person. An identifying flag issued by the Organizing Authority shall be displayed on each coach or support boat. A refundable deposit for each identifying flag of \$25 shall be collected at registration.

4. BOAT STORAGE

- 4.1. Competitors requesting boat storage at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) must submit a fully completed BBYC guest registration form and complete the Yachtscoreing Biscayne Bay Series entry including fee(s). Etchells storage at the club is limited to approximately 25 boats and will be assigned on a first to register and pay, first accepted basis. Entry fees do not include fees for boat and trailer storage. There are nearby launching/storage facilities. Contact them directly at: Shake A Leg Miami www.shakealegmiami.org , or US Sailing Center <https://usasailingcentermiami.org/> .

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. Louis Piana Cup Regatta: December 12th & 13th, 2020. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, December 12th. (Enter the Piana Cup or the entire 2021 Biscayne Bay Series online at: <https://yachtscoreing.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13125>)
- 5.2. Sidney Doren Memorial: January 9th & 10th, 2021. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, January 9th. (Enter the Sidney Doren Memorial online at: <https://yachtscoreing.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13126>)
- 5.3. Florida State Championship: February 6th & 7th, 2021. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, February 6th. (Enter the Florida State Championships online at: <https://yachtscoreing.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13127>)
- 5.4. Mid-Winter's East Regatta: February 26th, 27th and 28th, 2021. Skipper's meeting at 09:00, February 26th (Enter the Mid-Winter's East Regatta online at: <https://yachtscoreing.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13128>)
- 5.5. Five races are scheduled for each regatta except eight races for the Mid-Winters East Regatta. No more than three races may be held a day. The first warning signal is scheduled for 10:55 daily.
- 5.6. On the final day of a regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. REGISTRATION

- 6.1. For the Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship Regattas, skippers or a designated crew are required to register at the regatta desk located on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse prior to each regatta before racing. There will be no boat, rig, or sail measurements, and no weigh-in.
- 6.2. *Support Persons* and their vessels shall be registered in accordance with NOR 14.1. Specific instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 6.3. The registration desk will be open from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, on Friday before the regattas listed above.

7. MID-WINTER'S EAST REGISTRATION/CREW WEIGH-IN/SUPPORT PERSONS

- 7.1. The following will be applicable for the 2021 Biscayne Bay Mid-Winter's East Regatta.
- 7.2. *Support Persons* and their vessels shall be registered in accordance with NOR 14.1. Specific instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 7.3. Registration and crew weigh-in will be at the BBYC front lobby on Thursday, February 25th, from 08:00 to 12:00 and from 16:00 to 18:00. Late arrival crew weigh-in will be available from 08:00 to 09:00 on Friday, February 26th.
- 7.4. Crew weigh-in will be completed and skippers will file a compliance form before racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing instructions and applicable US Sailing prescriptions will be posted on Yachtscoreing prior to the first race of the series. Amendments will be posted on the BBYC official notice board. Sailing instructions for the Series will be available at registration for all regattas.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The racecourse configuration will be Windward - Leeward, with windward offset mark and leeward gate.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low POINT SYSTEM, RRS A4, will apply.
- 10.2. The word "series" is replaced by "regatta" in RRS A2.1.
- 10.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, a boat's score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4. For the Etchells Biscayne Bay Series prizes, a boat's score will be her score from the Mid-Winter's East Regatta added to her lowest total scores in two (2) of the other three regattas (Piana Cup, Doren Memorial, or Florida State Championship).
- 10.5. RRS A2.1 and A9 shall not apply.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be given for first (1st) through fifth (5th) place skipper and crew for each regatta. The prize giving ceremony will be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club approximately two hours after the RC signal vessel docks following the final race of each regatta.
- 11.2. A Corinthian Class will be constituted for each regatta. To qualify for the Corinthian Class, skippers must certify at the registration desk that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible Category 1 sailors, as defined in the World Sailing Regulation 22. Scores will be determined from fleet scores. Boats entered in the Corinthian Class are eligible for fleet prizes.
- 11.3. The International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series overall prizes for first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place will be given at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club following the final race of the series.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. In addition to RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE (RRS2017-2020), or RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE (RRS2021-2024), the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s), and an owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including disease and death, sustained as a result of participation in these events. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 12.2. Based on any public health consideration, competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Florida and County of Miami-Dade guidelines and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club policies regarding coronavirus, COVID-19, that are in effect at the time of each regatta.
- 12.3. Before participation at any event, every owner, competitor, coach and/or support personnel shall sign a Waiver of Liability as posted on Yachtscoring.

13. MANDATORY INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,000/\$300,000. A copy of the insurance coverage page will be submitted at the first registration of a boat.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS/SUPPORT VESSELS

- 14.1. Coach and support boats as well as the designated responsible person must be registered with the Organizing Authority and the race committee prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority. Boats shall always display identifying flags while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 14.2. All registered coach or 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 monitor the race committee on channel VHF 72 during the regattas and assist the race committee if directed to do so.
- 14.3. Dock space at BBYC is limited during regattas and berthing is reserved solely for BBYC members, competing Etchells, and race committee vessels. *Support Persons* and guests during regattas may not launch their vessels or store trailers on the club grounds, and docking is not permitted except on the west seawall.
- 14.4. During the Mid-Winter's East regatta, which is designated a Class B event by the North American Etchells Association, competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to coach or support boats 10 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day (Discretionary Penalty applies). The 10-minute notification method will be identified in the sailing instructions. Between races, coach or 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. WEBSITE/INFORMATION

- 15.1. The Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) will provide additional information.
- 15.2. For inquiries about the 2021 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series:
 - Regatta Chairman; Jeff Nehms – racing@etchellsfleet20.org
 - BBYC Boat Storage; Ezra Culver – racing@etchellsfleet20.org
 - Regatta Committee Chairman; Bruce Harper – wbruceharpjr@hotmail.com
 - Race Officer; Mark Foster, mfoster1053@gmail.com
 - BBYC Office; 305-858-6303