

2024 Etchells Nationals

NOTICE OF RACE

INCLUDING AMENDMENT #1

The Etchells Fleet in conjunction with Sail Newport invites entries to the 2024 National Championship to be sailed on Narragansett Bay from August 23rd to August 25th.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [DP] International Etchells Association Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website (https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 1.4 A Skipper shall use only those sails presented in accordance with Class Rule C10, and they shall not be recut or altered during the event.
- 1.5 Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 1.6 If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Jury for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.7 [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is 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 litres of water per boat is acceptable.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 12:00 on August 16th on Yachtscoring.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on Yachtscoring.
- 3.2 The official notice board will be located at 72 Fort Adams Drive.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced at the competitor's meeting.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class, with a valid measurement certificate.

- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online on Yachtscoring.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 All competitors must complete the **waiver** included in registration
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.6 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing at 60 Fort Adams Drive on August 22nd between 1200 and 1800 and at other times as indicated on the Schedule or required by Class Rule C2.
- 4.7 Registration will close August 21st, 2024 at 1800.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry fees of \$425 shall be paid in accordance with the online entry systems.
- 5.2 An additional \$100 late fee will be applied to all registrations received after **August 10th, 2024**.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 All crew shall all be members of the International Etchells Class Association. The skipper shall be an Owner member.
- 6.2 In addition to NOR 6.1 Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:
 - a. be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - b. borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and
 - c. be at least a Non-Owner Class Member

~~6.3 The Skipper shall:~~

- ~~a. be an Owner Member of the Fleet they represent and be so registered with the Etchells Class National Association prior to the first race of their Fleet's qualification races;~~
- ~~b. have sailed as a Skipper in their Fleet's Worlds qualification races unless approved by the IGC.~~
- ~~c. not have attempted to qualify for the applicable World Championship as Skipper, in a fleet other than the one being represented during the six months prior to the first race of the World Championship.~~
- ~~d. A Skipper belonging to more than one fleet may compete for qualification in one fleet only, which shall be the Fleet sailing the earliest qualifying series, unless such Skipper advises the Fleet Captain of such Fleet in writing before the first race in that qualifying series that they will not be competing for qualification in that series.~~

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 The event will be a single series championship.

9 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
Thursday - 8/22	Crew Weigh-in and check-in	1200 - 1800
Friday – 8/23	Late Crew Weigh-in and check-in	0800 - 0900
Friday – 8/23	Skippers' Briefing	0900
Friday – 8/23	Race Day 1, 1 st Warning Signal	1100
Friday – 8/23	Social at Sail Newport	Immediately Following Racing
Saturday – 8/24	Race Day 2, 1 st Warning Signal	1100
Sunday – 8/25	Race Day 3, 1 st Warning Signal	1100
Sunday – 8/25	Prize Giving	Immediately Following Racing

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate and measurement forms.

11 CLOTHING

11.1 See Class Rule C3.2.

12 VENUE

12.1 Racing will take place on Narragansett Bay, based out of Sail Newport.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".

14.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".

15 SCORING

15.1 There is no limit to the amount of races in this series.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and 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 International Jury.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned area while in the harbour.
- 18.2 For storage and docking inquiries contact: nick.mauprivez@sailnewport.org

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

~~20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS~~

- ~~20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst afloat.~~
- ~~20.2 [DP] Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event from 8/23, 0900 until 8/25, 1800.~~

21 MEDIA RIGHTS AND DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA 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 arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes awarded for the top three (3) placed boats.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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Addendum A: Site Map

