



**International Etchells Class
2012 North American Championships**

September 4-8, 2012
Bayview Yacht Club
Detroit, Michigan

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority of the 2012 Etchells North America Championships is Etchells Fleet 7 and the host yacht club is Bayview Yacht Club of Detroit, Michigan.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the 2009 -2012 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: RRS 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 68, 70.5, 76.1, and 76.3.
- 1.3. The regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association ("IECA") Rules;
- 1.4. All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

2. ADVERTISING.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the International Sailing Federation ("ISAF") Regulation 19.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form and submitting it through the event Website. Additionally, the payment of the required fee to www.yachtscoring.com. No entry is final until verified by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 3.4. There shall be three or four persons on each boat and their total combined weight shall be no more than 285 kgs. per Etchells One Design rule 7.1 and Appendix A. Crew weigh-ins will be done at Registration during the times indicated below.
- 3.5. A Corinthian division will be established. The awarding of the trophy shall be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and classified as Amateurs by the United States Sailing Association (ISAF Regulation 20 Group 1 as of 6/8/2006 or its successor classification).

4. ENTRY FEES.

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$500 per boat with a crew of 3. The entry fee is \$575.00 per boat with a crew of 4 if paid in full on or before August 15, 2012.
- 4.2. Entries received after August 15, 2012 will be subject to an additional late payment of \$100. The entry fee shall include the fee for the social events.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

1400 – 1830: Registration/measurement at Bayview

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

0900 – 1830: Registration/measurement at Bayview

1330: Practice Race

1730: Skipper's Meeting

1800: All boats must be in the water

1800: Opening Reception at Bayview

Thursday, September 6, 2012

1100: Warning signal for first race. Additional race(s) to follow ASAP.

1700: Social gathering and dinner at Bayview (casual attire).

Friday, September 9, 2012

1100: Warning signal for first race. Additional race(s) to follow ASAP.

1830: Dinner at Bayview (collared shirt and appropriate attire).

Saturday, September 10, 2012

1100: Warning signal for first race. Additional race(s) to follow ASAP.

1700: Social gathering and reception at Bayview (casual attire).

Awards ceremony to follow at Bayview.

Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion. On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400 hours. The Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1400.

6. MEASUREMENTS.

6.1. Each boat shall present valid original Sail Measurement and Hull & Spar Measurement Certificates during the specified Registration times. All boats and competitors are expected to comply with the I ECA Rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

7.1. Sailing Instructions shall be made available at Registration, the website after Registration and posted at Bayview.

8. VENUE and RACING AREA.

8.1. Racing will be held in the waters of Lake St. Clair and/or the Detroit River.

8.2. Regatta headquarters will be at Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, Michigan.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses will be windward - leeward courses.

9.2. The courses will comply with the current International Etchells Class "Standard Championship Sailing Instructions" Appendix B as detailed on the International Etchells Class Website, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

10.2. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4. Awards shall be provided to the skipper and crew of the boat for at least the top five scores for the regatta.

10.5. Awards will also be given in the Corinthian Division.

11. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS.

11.1. Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority during the Registration period and display any identifying flags that may be issued by the Organizing Authority.

11.2. 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 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 a VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the Race Committee channel.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS.

All boats shall be afloat no later than 1800 on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee Chairman or Regatta Chairman.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1. While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13.2. The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

15. INSURANCE

All yachts are required to show proof of current insurance. Each skipper and co-skipper is liable for any and all damages and personal liability. It is recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate and adequate Liability Insurance of not less than \$300,000.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Amendments will be posted on the official notice board.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION.

For further information, please contact:

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REGATTA ENTRY FORM

2012 North American Championships

September 4-8, 2012

Bayview Yacht Club

Detroit, Michigan

SKIPPER: _____ PHONE (MOBILE): _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ EMAIL: _____
 YACHT NAME: _____ SAIL NO.: _____

AGREEMENT: I hereby agree to all of the Conditions for the Etchells North American Championships 2012 and shall inform each member of my crew of these Conditions.

1. My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
2. I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, not their members, will be responsible for (a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or (b) any injury to me or to my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of me, my crew and the boat in this event.
3. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that I, my crew and the entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
5. I understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I deem appropriate before signing.

OWNER/CHARTERER: _____ DATE: _____

REGATTA ENTRY AND SOCIAL EVENTS	ENTRY FEE	ENCLOSED \$
<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR ENTRY FEE - (Entry must be received by August 8, 2012)	\$500.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR ENTRY FEE - Four Crew (Entry must be received by August 8, 2012)	\$575.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> LATE FEE (If entry received on or after August 8, 2012)	\$100.00	\$ _____
Total Due:		\$ _____

Include Shirt size info:

Men's	S M L XL XXL	Women's	S M L
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