

2018 ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE

2017 PIANA CUP REGATTA
2018 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

2018 SID DOREN MEMORIAL REGATTA
2018 MID-WINTERS REGATTA

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 U.S. Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1, and appendix 'R' only will apply. These prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 The International Etchells Class Rules are amended in that all competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving US VHF channels. The race committee channel is 72.
- 1.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 1.5 These sailing instructions and any amendments to them will take precedence over the notice of race in case of a conflict. (This changes Rule 63.7.)

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. Additionally, notices and race documents will be published on the appropriate yachtscore.com regatta event page (<https://www.yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm>).

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Flag 'AP' means that racing has been postponed. The first warning signal of the day will be made not less than 60 minutes after this signal is lowered ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 5.1 | December 9 & 10, 2017 | Louis Piana Cup Regatta | Up to 5 races are scheduled |
| | January 6 & 7, 2018 | Sid Doren Memorial Regatta | Up to 5 races are scheduled |
| | February 3 & 4, 2018 | Florida State Championship | Up to 5 races are scheduled |
| | March 2, 3, & 4, 2018 | Mid-Winters Regatta | Up to 8 races are scheduled |

- 5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.
- 5.3 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day flag 'R' will be displayed on the finish boat. If no more races are to be sailed that day the finish boat will display flag 'H'.
- 5.4 On the final race day of each regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white flag.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Races will be on Biscayne Bay in an area from 1 to 3 nm south of Dinner Key Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 4sec 16ft 5M).
- 7.2 All boats are required to check in prior to their first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal boat until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats should not use VHF radio to check in. A boat failing to check in will be scored DNC without a hearing. (This changes Rule A4.2)

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be as described below, and as illustrated in **ADDENDUM #1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS**.

8.2 COURSE DESIGNATIONS:

- COURSE #2** – Windward, Leeward (finish).
- COURSE #3** - Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).
- COURSE #4** - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish).
- COURSE #5** - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

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9. MARKS

- 9.1 Windward mark '1' will be an orange 5 ft. inflatable cylinder. Windward offset mark '1a' will be a 5 ft. inflatable mark of a different color.
- 9.2 A windward vertical offset mark '1a' will be positioned approximately 6 boat lengths (60 yards) upwind from the 5 ft. inflatable orange mark '1'. Boats shall pass in order marks '1', '1a', and '1' to port before proceeding downwind to the gate or finish.
- 9.3 Leeward gate marks '2s' and '2p' will be yellow 5 ft. inflatable cylinders.
- 9.4 When a leeward gate is employed, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either the port or starboard leeward gate mark is missing, the remaining single leeward mark shall be left to port.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. (This changes Rule A4.)

11. RECALLS

- 11.1 If any part of a boats hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow number, sail number, or name of the vessel on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes Rule 60.1(b))
- 11.2 Rule 29.1 **Individual Recall** is changed deleting words "four minutes" to be replaced with "five minutes". (This changes Rule 29.1.)

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark(s) or finish line, although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line shall be between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Any race in which no boat first rounds the windward offset mark (1a) within 45 minutes, or finishes within two hours of the start shall be abandoned. All boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race shall be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). A TLE score for all boats still competing when the time limit expires shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes Rule 35, Appendices A4.1 and A4.2).

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 If a boat takes a penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 her penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty, but if she breaks a rule of Part 2 within the *Zone*, the penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty. (This changes Rule 44.1)
- 15.2 Alternatively, a boat may take a **Scoring Penalty** in compliance with Rule 44.3(c) for breaking a rule of Part 2 prior to a jury hearing by acknowledging in writing breaking a rule. If approved by the jury, the penalty shall be 20% of the number of boats entered in that regatta (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 5 places nor worse than DNF. Rules 44.3(a) and (b) will not apply.

16. PROTESTS, ARBITRATION, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident in the racing area should radio their intention to the race committee immediately after finishing or retiring from the race concerned, naming any other boat(s) involved, and await an acknowledgement. (This adds to Rule 61.1(a))
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available at the jury desk at BBYC. Protests shall be delivered to the jury desk within the protest time limit of one (1) hour after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 16.3 Properly completed and accepted protests, hearing schedule, and protest results will be posted on an Official Protest board adjacent to the jury desk at BBYC. As a courtesy, protests may also be posted online on the appropriate yachtscore.com regatta web page.

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- 16.4 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be offered prior to a protest hearing. After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to a protest committee in accordance with Rule 63.
- 16.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee, but will be permitted to observe the testimony from the protestor and protestee and offer testimony if called upon by the protest committee. (This changes Rule 63.3(a))
- 17. SCORING**
- 17.1 The **Low Point System**, as provided in Rule A4 will apply, except as changed in section 14.1 of these sailing instructions and as follows:
- 17.2 Up to five (5) races are scheduled for the Piana Cup, the Sidney Doren Memorial, and the Florida State Championship regattas, of which one (1) race must be scored to constitute a regatta.
- 17.3 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled for the Mid-Winter Regatta, of which three (3) races must be scored to constitute a regatta.
- 17.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been scored in a regatta, the boats score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes Rule A2.)
- 17.5 The word “series” in Rule A4.2 is changed to “regatta”.
- 18. BOAT IDENTIFICATION**
- 18.1 The race committee will assign bow numbers to each participating boat. The numbers will be available at registration. These numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner; The leading edge of the forward number will be 22 inches aft of the stem and 1 inch below the deck. The leading edge of the aft number will be 3 inches aft of the aft edge of the forward number and 1 inch below the deck. All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.
- 19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION**
- 19.1 Boats will be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of each regatta and shall not be hauled during the regatta except with written permission and complete compliance with the instructions of the principal race officer or the chief judge of the event.
- 20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**
- 20.1 *Support Persons* shall register with the race committee prior to the skippers meeting for each regatta, and may be provided with identifying flags to be displayed on their vessels. *Support Persons* are required to monitor the race committee channel VHF 72 during the regattas. All *Support Persons* shall conform to Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Policy and rules for *Support Persons*.
- 20.2 Dock space at BBYC is severely limited during regattas and dockage is reserved solely for BBYC member boats, competing Etchells, and race committee boats. *Support Persons* may not launch or moor vessels at BBYC docks (with the exception of the southwestern seawall), or store trailers at BBYC during regattas.
- 21. PRIZES**
- 21.1 Individual regatta trophies will be awarded to the first (1st) through fifth (5th) place skipper and crew in an awards ceremony at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club approximately 1½ hours after the race committee signal boat docks following the final race of each regatta.
- 21.2 For the Mid-Winters Regatta a Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who request to be classified as such. The top three Corinthian boats competing in that class will be awarded trophies. To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must sign up for the Corinthian class at the Mid-Winters weigh-in registration desk and certify that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible category 1 sailors as defined by World Sailing Regulation 22.
- 21.3 The International Etchells Biscayne Bay Series trophies for first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place boats qualifying for these awards will be given at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club following the final race of the series.

ADDENDUM #1

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT

Sail Course #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish)

With '1' + offset '1a' at the weather mark, and a **Gate** at the leeward mark.

The Weather mark(s) approx. **1.2 nm** from start at **120°** magnetic.

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120°
1.2 nm

COURSE # 3

Finish ----- R/C



- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1 to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (2s or 2p gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (Finish)



Start ----- R/C

COURSE # 5

Finish ----- R/C



- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1 to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (2s or 2p gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1 to port)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (2s or 2p gate)
- Leg 5 – Windward (Finish)



Start ----- R/C

COURSE # 4



- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1 to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (2s or 2p gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1 to port)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (Finish)



Start/ ----- R/C
Finish

COURSE # 2



- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1 to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (Finish)

Start/ ----- R/C
Finish