



HOUSTON YACHT CLUB



ETCHELLS FLEET 23

**2019 ETCHELLS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
AT HOUSTON YACHT CLUB**

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May 6-12, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is The Houston Yacht Club (HYC) and Etchells fleet 23.

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Regatta is an Etchells Class B sanctioned event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules. The IECA Rules and Regulations will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority shall require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats. Bow numbers will be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.5 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 No US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except RRS 61.4, prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2, 67, 76.1, and Appendix V1.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by Person in Charge on hulls, spars, and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.
- 2.2 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to active skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA.
- 3.2 A Corinthian division will be established. The awarding of the trophy will be open to boats whose skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code.
- 3.3 In accordance with IECA Appendix A – Championship Rules and Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2. Crew weigh-ins shall be done at Registration during the times indicated below under schedule and events.



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Competitors shall be weighed as a team wearing light clothing, minimum being outer wear shorts and t-shirt. There will be no mid-regatta weigh-in.

4. ENTRY AND FEES

- 4.1 Entries shall be made online on Regatta Network www.regattanetwork.com using the on-line entry form. The HYC website under Racing/Race Schedule also includes a registration link to regatta network. Only on-line entries will be accepted.
- 4.2 Early Entry - If paid in full on or before April 10, 2019, the entry fee is \$625 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$695 per boat with a crew of 4.
- 4.3 Late Entry - The entry fee is \$675 per boat with a crew of 3 or \$750 per boat with a crew of 4 for entries after April 10, 2019.
- 4.4 No refunds after April 20, 2019. Refunds before April 20, 2019 will be 90% of Entry fee paid.
- 4.5 No entry will be accepted after May 2, 2019.
- 4.6 The entry fee includes the fee for launching, hauling, and docking at the Houston Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers during the event (May 6-12). The entry fee also includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and their crew. Social packages for additional crew, coaches and/or guests will be available for purchase online and at registration.
- 4.7 Coach/Support boat Fee- At registration a fee of \$200 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 \$25.00 shall be collected at registration for the first 30 issued. After 30 are issued, \$25.00 will be charged for each flag without refund.
- 4.8 Non-competitor social packages may be purchased when registering for \$100.00 USD each.
- 4.9 Boats may arrive and remain at HYC 2-weeks before and 1-week after the event dates of May 6-12, 2019 at no charge. Each Competitor is responsible for storage before or after these dates. Section 18 has information and fees on vehicle and boat storage outside these dates.

5. SCHEDULE & EVENTS

- 5.1 Schedule:

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| Monday, April 22 to Monday May 6 | n/a | Early Boat arrival at HYC, Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays, cranes, ramp launch & mast hoists available. Upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk or front gate and include an emergency contact number and assigned parking area. |
| Tuesday, May 7 | 15:00 – 18:00 | Registration & weigh-in, Club Closed, cranes, ramp launch & mast hoists available. |
| Wednesday, May 8 | 09:00 – 12:00 | Registration & weigh-in |
| | 15:00 – 18:00 | Registration & weigh-in |
| | 14:00 | Practice race |
| | 18:00 | Competitors' Briefing |
| | 18:00 | All Etchells afloat |
| | 18:30 | Welcome reception |



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| Thursday, May 9 | 07:30-9:30 9:30 11:55 17:00 | Supplemental crew weigh-in Competitor's Briefing First warning Post-race gathering at HYC (casual) |
| Friday, May 10 | 07:30-9:30 9:30 11:55 18:00 | Supplemental crew weigh-in Competitors' Briefing First warning Regatta Dinner |
| Saturday, May 11 | 9:30 11:55 After Racing | Competitors' Briefing First warning Begin Haul-out, Awards |
| Sunday, May 12 | n/a | Complete Haul-Out, departure to Corpus |
| Sunday, May 19 | n/a | All boats removed from HYC |

- 5.2 Three races each day are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, and two races are scheduled for Saturday. One additional race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races completed.
- 5.3 On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours. The Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1500.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All competitors, coaches, guests, etc. will be required to obtain a "guest" card upon arrival, instead of using a reciprocal club charge. In addition upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.
- 6.2 In addition to on-line entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires completion and inspection/delivery of the following forms:
- 1) Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
 - 2) Valid Sail Card
 - 3) Sails Declaration Form (Form available at registration)
 - 4) Safety Equipment Declaration Form (Form available at registration).
 - 5) Proof of Insurance, copy to be provided at registration.
 - 6) ISAF Sailor Classification (copy to be provided at registration) - If skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring.
- 6.3 Each boat shall present valid Sail Measurement and Hull & Spar Measurement Certificates at registration.
- 6.4 Each Competitor shall verify safety gear on their vessel and complete and submit a Safety Declaration Form at registration.
- 6.5 Each Competitor shall complete a Sail Declaration form indicating the sails to be used for the duration of the North American Championship including one main, two jibs and two spinnakers. The sails on the sail declaration form shall be on the boats Sail Measurement Certificate which shall be confirmed at registration. The sails on the sail declaration form are the only sails to be used for the regatta.
- 6.6 It is the responsibility of all competing boats to ensure compliance and adherence to the Etchells class rules. During competition any boat may be subject to measurement or examination at any time.



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7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration, as well as on the regatta website and posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 The official notice board is located in the breezeway adjacent to the HYC Office.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the Houston Yacht Club in the Race Area as depicted in the Attachment "Map of Race Area". The Race Area is that part of Galveston Bay bounded by Morgan's Point on the North, the Bayport Ship Channel on the South, the Houston Ship Channel on the East, and the La Porte/Shore Acres shoreline on the West.
- 8.2 Regatta headquarters will be at The Houston Yacht Club.
- 8.3 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.
- 8.4 It is the intention that the courses will comply with the current IEA Appendix D – Championship Sailing Instructions except as modified by the sailing instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Four (4) completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 When less than six (6) 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.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Awards shall be provided to the top five boats in the regatta and top three Corinthian teams. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 11.2 The North American Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 11.3 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian team.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Coach and support boats as well as designated responsible person must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 12.2 All registered coach and 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 assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 12.3 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 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 Race Committee.



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13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 A boat shall be afloat no later than 1800 on Wednesday, May 8, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.
- 14.2 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 Competitors' Briefing and posted on the official notice board.
- 14.3 All competitors shall carry a VHF radio per the Etchells class rules.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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.

18. BOAT AND VEHICLE STORAGE OUTSIDE REGATTA DATES

- 18.1 Competitors may leave their boats at HYC for two weeks before and 1-week after the regatta at no charge. HOWEVER, upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.
- 18.2 Storage options prior to April 22 and after May 19:
 - Prearranged Storage prior to April 22 and after May 19 at Houston Yacht Club for those that have paid their entry fee can be made available for a fee of 5 \$/day for Etchells on trailer and tow vehicle and 2.5\$/day for coach boat on trailer. Boats can be rigged, launched and use the club facilities when open. Please correspond with David Hampp (email: harbormaster@houstonyachtclub.com) on arrival time, club entry and storage location if you chose this option. Upon arrival all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.
 - Storage at "The Sports Shed" about 10 minutes from HYC in a covered parking space large enough for an Etchells on trailer (mast down) and tow vehicle. Please contact Mark Wheat for rental rates, details and availability. Mark's number is +1 281 474-2091.



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19. ACCOMMODATION, AIRPORTS AND SITES OF INTEREST

- 19.1 Hotel rooms are available in the clubhouse with a reservation. Please check with the club staff for availability and rates for these budget accommodations.
- 19.2 For local accommodations in La Porte, please click on the link "[Sail In To La Porte](#)" which is also located at the bottom of the HYC Race Schedule Page.
- 19.3 Airports include William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) about 30 minutes from club and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) about 60 minutes from the club. Fewer airlines fly to HOU (Southwest mostly) than IAH.
- 19.4 Sites of interest include Galveston about 45 minutes South of Houston Yacht Club and NASA Space Center tours about 20 minutes from Houston Yacht Club.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 **The event website** can be found on the HYC website (www.houstonyachtclub.com).
- 20.2 For further information, please contact the Regatta Manager: Beth Gibson by mobile: +1 713-202-5510 or email sailingmom25@yahoo.com or Event Chair: Marvin Beckmann by mobile: 832-656-4022 or email: mbeckmann@manateeusa.com.

21. TUNE-UP REGATTA APRIL 27 & 28 FOR NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

- 21.1 **Etchells tune-up for North American Championship** will be held the weekend of April 27 & 28. The event will be informal with two days of practice starts & racing, on the water pointers and end of day debriefs, but no awards. Further information can be found on the Houston Yacht Club Web Site. Outline as follows:
 - April 27 (Saturday): 3-4 races each race to include 2 practice starts & a race, evening debrief/party
 - April 28 (Sunday): 2 races each race to include 2 practice starts & a race, after race debrief.



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Notice of Race: Attachment A Map of Race Area

