



**THE CORPUS CHRISTI YACHT CLUB**  
Presents the  
**2019 ETCHELLS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas, U.S.A.**  
**June 20 -29, 2019**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the  
**Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) and Etchells Fleet 23**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Attachment A of these SI's.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by these SI's.
- 1.4 The Championship is a World Sailing (WS) Recognized Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class A event. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the WS Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 The International Jury (IJ) may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification (**DP**), for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.8 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs on the Lanai at CCYC.

### 3. CHANGES TO SI's

Any change to the SI's will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CCYC flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race required to be completed by 1200 hours on Monday June 24.

5.2 All boats will be issued with bow numbers at registration. Bow numbers are to be attached by the OA to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the after part of the bow number to be no more than one metre from the hull datum point as defined in Class Rule D.2.4 (a) and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20 mm below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale and the spacing between characters shall be 70 mm. **(DP)**

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thursday June 20	Hull/Spar Measurement & Registration	0900-1600
	Competitor's Meeting	0930
	Pre-Worlds Racing	1200 Warning Signal
Friday June 21	Hull/Spar Measurement & Registration	0900-1600
	Competitors Briefing	0930
	Pre-Worlds Racing	1200 Warning Signal
Saturday June 22	Hull/Spar/Sail Measurement & Registration	0900-1600
Sunday June 23	Hull/Spar/Sail Measurement & Registration	0900-1600
Monday June 24	Competitors Weigh in	0730-1200
	Hull/Spar/Sail Measurement & Registration	0900-1200
	Practice Race	1200 Warning Signal
	AGM	1730
	Competitors Meeting	Immediately afterwards
	Opening Ceremony	Immediately afterwards
Tuesday June 25	Competitors Briefing	0930
	Championship Racing	1200 Warning Signal
Wednesday June 26	Competitors Briefing	0930
	Championship Racing	1200 Warning Signal
Thursday June 27	Competitors Briefing	0930
	Championship Racing	1200 Warning Signal
	Competitors Re-Weigh	after racing-1900

Friday June 28	Competitors Re-Weigh	0800-1000
	Competitors Briefing	0930
	Championship Racing	1200 Warning Signal
Saturday June 29	Competitors Briefing	0930
	Championship Racing	1200 Warning Signal

6.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled and more than one (1) race may be sailed on any race day.

6.3 The Class International Governing Committee members present may permit the RC to deviate from the above schedule.

6.4 When more than one (1) race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon the RC will announce on the VHF Ch 69 the time for the next warning signal

6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>. In case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1500, the RC may display subsequent warning signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

## **7. CLASS FLAG**

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

## **8. RACING AREA**

The races will be sailed on the waters of Corpus Christi Bay, east of the gap in the breakwater for the Marina.

## **9. THE COURSES**

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying the course number on the board from the RC signal vessel no later than the warning signal.

9.3 The RC signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

9.4 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If there is only one leeward mark it shall be left to Port.

## **10. MARKS**

10.1 Mark 1 will be an 8' orange tetrahedron, Mark 2 will be a 5' green tetrahedron, Marks 3P/3S will be 5' orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be RC vessels.

## **11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The Starting Line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessels at each end of the starting line.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

11.4. The RC will attempt to notify OCS boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF Ch 69. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress this changes 62.1(a)

11.5 The RC will announce on VHF Ch 69 the bow numbers of boats that have violated RRS 30.3 or 30.4. Boats identified under this instruction shall promptly leave the race course and not interfere with boats still racing.

11.6 After a 30.4 (Black Flag) general recall the RC will display her bow number, this changes RRS 30.4

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark(s) (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessels at each end of the finish line.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Jury Desk located downstairs outside the Jr Fleet room at CCYC within the protest time limit. **(DP)**

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The time limit for Course 1 will be 4 hours from the starting signal or for Course 2 it will be 3 hours from the starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race will stand.

15.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Jury Desk located downstairs outside the Jr Fleet room at CCYC. Protests shall be delivered there within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held downstairs in the Jr Fleet room at CCYC.

16.3 Notices of protests by the RC or the IJ will be posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.4 Prior to a hearing and with the permission of the IJ, a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31, and has not complied with 44.1, as amended in SI's 14.1 may accept a 30% place penalty, calculated on the number of boats entered rounded to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upwards), except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

16.5 For infringements of the rules other than Part 2, the IJ may award a lesser penalty than DSQ.

16.6 For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the Class International Governing Committee.

16.7 Breaches of instructions 5.2, 14.2, 18, 19, 23, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the IJ so decides. **(DP)**

16.8 On the last day of the regatta:

(a) a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) a request for reopening a hearing held on the last day shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day;

(c) the time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the RC or IJ shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted. This changes RRS 62.

16.9 Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **17. SCORING**

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

17.4 When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. **(DP)**

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the IJ, and such requests shall be submitted to the IJ for verification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew. **(DP)**

19.2 After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the official notice board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording. **(DP)**

19.3 After measurement until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the IJ. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs. **(DP)**

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and SI's which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2. **(DP)**

20.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by the RC or the IJ to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. **(DP)**

20.3 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 8 liters of water per person per boat is acceptable. This changes NoR 6.4

## **21. CREW WEIGHING**

21.1 The individual weights of each crew member and the total combined crew weight of the entire crew, including skipper, shall be determined prior to racing and the total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the official notice board.

21.2 All competitors shall be reweighed after racing on Thursday June 27, 2019 up to 1900 hours or on the following morning, Friday June 28, 2019, between the hours of 0800 and 1000 to ensure compliance with Class Rule C.2.2. Competitors that fail to reweigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. The RC may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the RC.

21.3 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.

21.4 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose making the weight limit.

21.5 Weighing scales will be available each race day upstairs on the Lanai from 0800 to 1800

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

RC US Sailing Blue RC flag.

Jury Flag J

## **23. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

23.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat. **(DP)**

23.2 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 Ch 16 and 69 and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so. **(DP)**

23.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from 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 IJ or the RC. **(DP)**

23.4 Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until five minutes after the start of any race. After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing. Coach and support boats shall not go above the weather marks or the Course 1 finishing line or below the leeward marks or the Course 2 finishing line at any other time while boats are racing. **(DP)**

23.5 Any breach of SI 23.1, 23.2, 23.3 or 23.4 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the IJ. **(DP)**

23.6 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the RC, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF Ch 69 and shall follow all instructions from the RC.

## **24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat before 1200 hours on Monday June 24 2019 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the IJ. If exceptional circumstances require a verbal permission by the jury via VHF Ch 69 with post written notice this is acceptable. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

## **25. PLASTIC POOLS**

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta. **(DP)**

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

26.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.

26.2 The RC may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

26.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in SI's 26.1. Or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the RC or the IJ. **(DP)**

## **27. PRIZES**

27.1 Overall series perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Founders Trophy, an antique silver bowl, for the overall World Championship winner – given by Mary Etchells.

C Stanley Ogilvy Masters Trophy, an antique sextant and box, for the winner of the Masters' Division (Masters' category is defined as helmsman 50 years of age or older) – given by the Members and Governors of the Class to honour Stan Ogilvy's 17 years of service to the Class as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Robert W Sides Seniors Trophy, a Lucite boat on marble block, for the winner of the Seniors' Division (Seniors' category is defined as helmsman 60 years of age or older – should fewer than two skippers qualify for this division the age limit for the year will be 55 years or older) – given by US Etchells Fleet 4.

Grand Masters Trophy, a crystal plate mounted on a stainless steel base given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honor of Ian Kingsford Smith, Awarded to the skipper and crew with best result at the World Championship with a combined age of 150 years for a three person crew or 200 years for a four person crew, (ages being as at midnight on the last day of registration).

Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy, a ceramic tile with a picture of an Etchells mounted on a wooden plaque, presented by Jim DeWitt. To be awarded annually to the competitor who in the eyes of the Organizing Authority, RC and IJ exhibits the most sportsmanlike qualities of the event.

Corinthian Cup, a pewter cup on a wood base, given by Patricia Stadel in recognition of outstanding achievement by Corinthian sailors to be awarded to the so defined (ISAF Category 1) Corinthian skipper and crew achieving the best result in the International Etchells World Championship.

Best Female Helm Trophy, a wooden backing with raised brass Etchells half hull with sails, presented by US Detroit Fleet #7. Awarded to the female helm achieving the best result.

Next Generation Trophy, a silver cup, presented by the friends of Hans Fogh. Awarded to the skipper and crew, all 35 or younger as of the first day of competition, achieving the best result.

27.2 Individual race perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

Race 1: A silver tray for the first race winner – given by Etchells Fleet 6, Newport Beach, California, USA.

Race 2: A half model, the Peter Tirion/Etchells Association of Canada perpetual trophy for the second race winner – given by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Race 3: A photo engraved plaque of an Etchells under spinnaker on timber backing for the third race winner – given by the Brisbane Etchells Fleet, Australia.

Race 4: A half model for the fourth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 4 and the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA.

Race 5: A silver bowl and stand for the fifth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 12 and the St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California, USA.

Race 6: A silver plate, the American Yacht Club Centennial for the sixth race winner – given by the American Yacht Club, Rye, New York, USA.

Race 7: A framed symbolic Kauri wood carving. For the seventh race winner- Donated by the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Gulf Harbour, New Zealand.

Race 8. . A crystal cube containing three-dimensional images of two Etchells for the eighth race winner, the Jim Annand Trophy – given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honor of Jim Annand.

Race 9. A half model for the ninth race winner - given by the Cowes Fleet in honour of Cowes Fleet member Ante Razmilovic, the winner of race nine at the 2002 World Championship.

27.3 Other trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.



## **28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The OA 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.

28.2 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, The CCYC, RC, Jury, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **29. INSURANCE**

All boats competing are required to carry current Third-Party Property Liability insurance on a yacht policy that includes U.S. coverage, with appropriate Third-Party Personal Injury Liability insurance of not less than US \$300,000.00. All insurance coverage shall be maintained during the period of racing.

## **30. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Websites: [www.2019etchellsworlds.org](http://www.2019etchellsworlds.org)  
[2019 Etchells Worlds on Yachtscoring](#)

## Attachment A

The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply at the 2019 Etchells World Championship

Add RRS 61.4

Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

RRS 67 After RRS 67 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone,
  - b) admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

RRS 76.1 After RRS 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an OA or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

RRS 82 Add RRS 82:

### INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS

US Sailing prescribes that the OA shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an 'indemnification' or 'hold harmless' agreement.) Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the 'Indemnification' link for more information.

# Attachment B

## Course 1

Start – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – Finish

Finishing Line O-----O



Starting Line O-----O

## Course 2

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Finish



Starting Line/Finish Line O-----O