

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
Atlantic Coast Championship
October 24 – 26, 2008
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10/20/08

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS)
- 1.2 The rules of the International Etchells Association will apply except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Championship is an ISAF Recognized Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a class C event. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 1.4 This is a Category A event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i).
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at River Dunes.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 09:30 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 at River Dunes.
- 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.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 Preamble.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Day	Date	Race	Time	
Fri	10/24	Practice Race	15:00	
Sat	10/25	Race 1	10:30	
Sat	10/25	Race 2	ASAP	
Sat	10/25	Race 3	ASAP	
Sat	10/25	Race 4	ASAP	Conditions permitting, else 10:30 Sun 10/26
Sun	10/26	Race 5	10:30	or ASAP if Race 4 is on Sun

- 5.2 Five races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.
- 5.3 When more than one 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, flag L will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 12:30.

6. CLASS FLAG

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

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the waters of the Neuse River

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams below show the course configuration. All marks will be left to port. The approximate length of the windward legs will be 1.5 nm.

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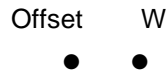
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by posting CSE 1 or CSE 2 on the signal boat no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3 The signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark W.

Course (CSE) 1 – 5 Legs – Start – W – Offset - L – W – Offset – L - Finish



Starting Line pin and Leeward mark L ●----- △ Signal boat

Course (CSE) 2 – 4 Legs – Start – W – Offset - L – W – Offset – Finish



Starting / Finish Line pin and Leeward mark L ●----- △ Signal boat

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The Start and Windward Mark pins will be orange tetrahedrons. The Starting line pin will also be the Leeward mark. The Offset mark will be a yellow tetrahedron.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange mark at the port end.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and the adjacent Mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 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 Two Length Zone 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.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for Course 1 will be 2 hours from the starting signal or for Course 2 it will be 1-1/2 hours from the starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race will stand.
- 13.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

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- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within two hours of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at River Dunes.
- 14.3 Prior to a hearing and a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS and has not complied with the requirements of RRS 31, 44.1, or section 13.1 of these sailing instructions may accept a 40% 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.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used except that there will be no throwout if less than 5 races are scored.
- 15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before 10:00 hours on Sat 10/25 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior permission of the Jury.

- 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION** 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 until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee will utilize channel 72 to advise competitors of race information. This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 20.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. 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.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 All Yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability Insurance.
- 21.2 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party personal injury claims. It is strongly recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate Third Party Personal Injury Liability Insurance.