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INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS
2026 ETCHELLS U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Hosted by Fleet 4
Organized by Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA
October 9-11, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Amend #1: 2 Sept '26
Amend #2: 4 Oct '26

The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. [DP] The International Etchells Class Association Class Rules will apply.

1.3. This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct, available on the IECA website. Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.

1.4. The US Sailing prescriptions that apply are the prescription to the preamble of Part 5 and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1 and 88.2, and Appendices R, T and V, as may be modified by the Sailing Instructions. These prescriptions may be found at ussailing.org.

1.5. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, ***and*** did not see, the incident, or

1.6. [DP] Bow numbers will be assigned by the Organizing Authority or (OA) and supplied and fixed to each participating boat prior to racing. Bow numbers shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC) or event Technical Committee (TC).

1.7. For the purposes of Class Rule C.10.2(b), not more than one mainsail, two headsails and two spinnakers shall be declared and used during the event.

1.8. Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the person in charge shall seek and receive permission from the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used shall display the same sail number.

1.9. If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull, spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the person in charge may petition, in writing, the Protest Committee (PC) for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series. All such requests will be answered, in writing, and posted on the notice board.

1.10. [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 liters of water per boat is acceptable.

1.11. Vakaros Atlas2 or Edge devices are allowed. The RC will use the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes Class Rule C.5.1. **Addendum RS – Vakaros RaceSense** forms part of this NOR and applies to this event. Refer to **Addendum RS** for rules and details.

1.12. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to registration at 2026 Etchells Nationals Official website.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online Official Notice Board is located at 2026 Etchells Nationals Official website.

3.2. Signals made ashore will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

3.3. [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio for safety and race committee communication purposes.

3.4. On the water, the RC may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The VHF channel and other communication details will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class with a valid measurement certificate.

4.2. Boats may enter the event by registering online at 2026 Etchells Nationals Official website.

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4. Entries after September 10, 2026 will be considered late and a late fee of $50 will apply.

4.5. All crew shall all be current members of the International Etchells Class Association. Membership can be obtained at www.etchellsna.com/class-registration. See NOR 6.

4.6. Each crew member of each boat shall weigh in prior to racing at Eastern Yacht Club during the registration/check-in times stated in NOR 8. Each boat's crew composition and total crew weight shall comply with IECA Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2.

4.7. A Corinthian Division will be established. The division will be open to boats whose crew members each hold a valid and active World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group 1 designation prior to registration.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is $550 for a 3-person boat and $700 for a 4-person boat.

5.2. The Support/Coach fee is $200 per boat and includes one social pass.

5.3. Non-Competitor social event tickets may be purchased for $100 per person at registration (see NOR 8).

5.4. Payments may be made through 2026 Etchells Nationals Official website.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. All crew shall all be current members of the International Etchells Class Association. The person in charge shall be an Owner class member. If the person in charge is not the helmsperson, the helmsperson must also be an Owner class member.

6.2. Youth teams must:

a. all be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event;
b. **own a boat, or borrow / charter** a boat from an Owner member or entity in good standing; and *(Amend #2)*
c. all be at least Non-Owner class members.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

7.2. The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

8. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, October 8, 2026	**13:00-18:30**	**Registration / Check-In / Weigh-In**
	18:30	**Reception at Eastern YC**
Friday, October 9, 2026	**07:30-08:45**	**Late Registration / Check-In / Weigh-In**
	09:00	**Competitors Meeting**
	11:00	**Warning Signal First Race; additional races to follow**
Saturday, October 10, 2026	**11:00**	**Warning Signal; additional races to follow**
	18:30	**Competitor dinner**
Sunday, October 11, 2026	**11:00**	**Warning Signal; additional races to follow**
	14:30	**No warning signal after this time**
	16:00	**Awards Ceremony**

8.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled. The daily race schedule will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

9. REGISTRATION

9.1. Registration requires:

a) Online entry form completed and payment of entry and coach/support fee.

b) Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configuration, including confirmation of a valid and current RaceSense Pass and RaceSense setup as required by Addendum RS.

c) Crew Waiver and Liability Form signed by each competitor.

d) Crew Weigh-In.

e) Etchells Code of Conduct signed by all members of the crew which is available at registration and online.

f) Proof of insurance. See NOR 21.

g) Safety Equipment Declaration, available at registration and online.

h) Sail Declaration Form, available at registration and online. Allowable declaration is one main, two jibs and two spinnakers, and those declared sails are the only sails to be used for the event.

i) Support/Coach boats shall register with the OA.

j) World Sailing categorization confirmation for Corinthian Division eligibility, if applicable. See NOR 4.7.

9.2. Competitors will be responsible for downloading the NOR, Sailing Instructions, and any other documents needed for this event.

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured before racing but shall comply with IECA rules.

10.2. Boats, rigs, and sails shall be available for equipment inspection during the championship beginning Friday, October 9, 2026 at 1100 hours, and may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with class rules.

11. CLOTHING

11.1. See Class Rule C3.2.

12. VENUE

12.1. Races will be sailed in Massachusetts Bay in the vicinity between Tinkers Gong and Halfway Rock, or Salem Sound should conditions warrant. See **NOR Attachment A – Race Area**.

12.2. Regatta Headquarters will be at Eastern Yacht Club (Organizing Authority or OA) in the Sailing Center on the ground floor.

12.3. Event logistics information, including arrival, launching, docking, crane availability, and boat/trailer storage procedures, will be provided on the event website at 2026 Etchells Nationals Official website.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses will be windward/leeward mark courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

14.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: " However, if Mark 1a (offset mark) is set, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a shall not take her penalty in that area unless she is well clear of other boats. If she delays taking her penalty, she shall take it as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a."

15. SCORING

15.1. The Low Point System will apply.

15.2. Eight (8) races are scheduled.

15.3. Five (5) races are required to constitute a series. *(Amend #1)*

15.4. 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. *(Amend #1)*

16. SUPPORT PERSONS AND SUPPORT VESSELS

16.1. [DP] Coach and support vessels shall be marked with a flag provided by the OA at Registration. The applicable support/coach fee shall be paid in accordance with NOR 5.2.

16.2. [DP] Coaches, support persons, and support vessels shall comply with the support-person restrictions in the Sailing Instructions, including restrictions on proximity, communication, and transfer of provisions or equipment.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

18.1. Boats shall be afloat no later than 0900 for the first race on October 9, 2026. This changes RRS 45.

18.2. [NP] Once boats are launched, they shall not be hauled out during the event except with written permission from the Protest Committee.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS AND DATA PROTECTION

19.1. By participating in this event, competitors and crew grant to the OA and event sponsors the right to make, use, and show any photography, audio, and video recordings and other reproductions of them made during this event on or off the water from the time of their arrival until their departure, without compensation.

19.2. By entering this event, competitors agree to provide personal data to the OA. The OA will process personal data for the purpose of administering the event in accordance with the OA's data privacy policy, available at Eastern Yacht Club.

20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

20.2. Every owner/crew member and support person shall sign a Crew Waiver and Liability Form through 2026 Etchells Nationals Official website.

21. INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be provided at or before registration

22. PRIZES

22.1. The U.S. National Championship Perpetual Trophy and the U.S. National Corinthian Championship Perpetual Trophy will both be awarded and remains in the custody of the Class.

22.2. Prizes will be awarded first through third place overall to helmsperson and crew.

22.3. Prizes will be awarded first through third place in the Corinthian Division to helmsperson and crew.

22.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

23. EVENT CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Role / Resource	Contact / Information
Event Co-Chairs	Jim DaSilva, jim_dasilva@yahoo.com, 781-330-4642 Daan Goedkoop, dgoedkoop93@gmail.com, 617-304-9284
Competitor Liaison	Sarah Brophy, sarahbrophy19@gmail.com, 860-227-4331
Registration	Karen Finocchio, kflubeck@gmail.com, 207-232-3875
Principal Race Officer	Francis E Charles, fran.charles@easternyc.org, 857-221-0828
Deputy Race Officer	Karen Tenenbaum, ktenenbaum@gmail.com, 617-548-9333
Chief Judge	Nancy Glover, nancyjglover@hotmail.com, 781-469-6515
Technical Chair	John Koopman, ragbagger@propulsiondata.com, 617-834-9182
Fleet 4 website	https://etchellsfleet4.org/
IECA Class Rules	https://etchells.org/class/technical/rules-and-plans
Official Notice Board	https://theclubspot.com/regatta/qnlxhV4quB/#notice-board

ADDENDUM RS – VAKAROS RACESENSE

RaceSense RRS changes

[NP]Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS.1. Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense, including a valid and current subscription to RaceSense Pass, and enabled with only the functionality listed here at check-in. This shall be mounted above any other device, on the aft side of the mast, at all times while racing.

RS.2. Competitors shall
a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event
b) turn the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approx. 100 hours

RS.3. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.4. Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here Atlas 2 User Guide or Atlas Edge can be found here Atlas Edge User Guide.

RS.5. Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.6. The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS.7. The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

RS.8. Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

RS.9. If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.

RS.10. If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS.11. If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the Regatta WhatsApp Group.

ATTACHMENT A - RACE AREA



