



8TH ANNUAL LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA

September 18-20, 2020
Etchells Fleet 27 and Portland Yacht Club
Falmouth, Maine, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta is governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - 1.1.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply as described below in paragraph 10.1, Penalty System.
 - 1.1.2. The RRS changes will be described in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.2. The International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Class Rules apply.
 - 1.2.1. IECA Class Rule C.5.1 will be modified as described below in paragraph 14.2.
 - 1.2.2. The IECA Class Rule changes will be described in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other IECA Class Rules.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration and paying the regatta entry fee online through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com).
- 3.3. Boats with their original, unmodified short keel and have a hull number less than 900 also are eligible for the Heritage Division, in addition to the open series.
- 3.4. Regatta participants must follow [Maine CDC Guidelines](#) and adhere to the Portland Yacht Club and Handy Boat policies regarding COVID-19. [DP]

4. FEES

- 4.1. The registration fee is \$100 per boat. There is a late fee of \$50 for registering after

September 11.

- 4.2. For boats arriving from out of town, launching and haul out for the event will occur at Handy Boat Services (HBS) in Falmouth, Maine.
- 4.3. A launch/haul fee of \$125 per boat will be charged when registering online. It is the responsibility of the boat owner/crew to launch during the scheduled time window, as the special launch fee and the tow boats are scheduled only during this time window. If this isn't possible, they may make other arrangements independently.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Friday, September 18
1800: Competitor briefing via Zoom (link will be emailed to registrants)
- 5.2. Saturday, September 19
1100: First warning signal
- 5.3. Sunday, September 20
1100: First warning signal
1500: No warning signal after this time
2030: Results will be posted to Regattaman

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Presentation of a valid hull certificate and sail acquisition form (sail card) for the boat will *not* be required for this event.
- 6.2. Boat owners and any other persons in charge are reminded that a boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 while racing.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available online through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com) after September 14, 2020.
- 7.2. Hard copies of the Sailing Instructions will not be made available.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The Lobster Bowl Regatta will be held out of the Portland Yacht Club, 40 Old Powerhouse Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105.
- 8.2. Launching, hauling, and trailer storage will take place at Handy Boat Services located at 215 Foreside Road, just south of Portland Yacht Club.
- 8.3. Races will be held on the waters of Casco Bay in the vicinity of the Portland Yacht Club. The exact location will be at the discretion of the PRO.
- 8.4. Please be advised that the Portland Yacht Club and its grounds are designated as a *No Smoking Facility*. All participants are required to adhere to this club policy. While on club grounds smoking is permitted only in private vehicles. The organizing authority

will strictly enforce this rule. [DP]

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The courses will be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks and may include offset marks and gates as more fully described in the sailing instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One completed race will constitute a regatta. It is the intent of the Organizing Authority to run 7 races.
- 11.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during onsite registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.
- 12.2. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions. All coach and support boats shall have a working marine VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat no later than 1000 on Saturday, September 19 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chairs.

14. RADIO AND CELL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1. This section supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41.
- 14.2. All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on USA marine VHF channels 9, 16, 22A (1022 under new channel designation), 68, and 72. This changes IECA rule C.5.1.
- 14.3. The Race Committee may use the radio to provide competitors with race information on channel 72.
- 14.4. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall notify the race committee by radio at the completion of that race, or in writing within the protest time limit.

- 14.5. Boats may use the radio or cell phone to request assistance in an emergency.
- 14.6. No radio or cell phone communications other than those proscribed herein are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 14.7. 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 from the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in clause 14, or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat, or with the express permission of the Jury or Race Committee.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be left at the Portland Yacht Club or mailed to recipients.
- 15.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers of the Open division and the top finisher of the Heritage division.
- 15.3. The organizing authority reserves the right to award other prizes, including winners of individual races, or establish other divisions within the regatta.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, PC, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.2. Each entry shall provide proof of insurance to the Organizing Authority. Documentation shall be sent to Rich Hubbell, Fleet 27 Treasurer, at hubbell.rich@gmail.com or 274 W Main St., Yarmouth, ME 04096.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. For further information please contact a member of the Lobster Bowl Regatta organizing committee:
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