

# **Lake Champlain Yacht Club**

## **Sailing Instructions**

### **2017 Etchells Series and Sportboat Series**

#### **1.0 RULES**

**1.1** This event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**1.2** Boats in the Sportboat class will use these “alternative” dispute resolution rules:

##### **1.2.1 T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT**

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

##### **1.2.2 T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE**

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

**1.2.3** The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

**1.3** Boats in the Etchells class will use these “alternative” dispute resolution rules:

##### **1.3.1 T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT**

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

**1.4** After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with repetitive sounds at least four (4) minutes before the "AP" is lowered. This changes rule: Race Signals

**1.5** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS Rules 29.1, except for the following: The Race Committee may attempt to notify premature starters by hailing and/or by calling on VHF 72. However, failure to hail or call any or all boats(s), or failure of any boat(s) to hear or receive such hail or call will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**1.6** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the adjacent mark unless the course is shortened. If the course is shortened, the finish shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat (if displayed) and the adjacent mark. If no orange flag is displayed the finish shall be as described in rule 32.2. This changes rule 32.2.

#### **2.0 OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT GOVERN THIS EVENT**

**2.1** LCYC Courses and Race Marks which can be found on the LCYC website ( [www.lcyc.info](http://www.lcyc.info) ) under RACING / DOCUMENTS.

#### **3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**3.1** The official notice board is on the exterior wall of the north side of the LCYC clubhouse.

## **4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**4.1** Sailing Instructions will be posted on the LCYC website <http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>. Any changes will be posted on the LCYC official notice board before 0915 hours on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**4.2** Following the raising of the "L" flag with one sound, oral change(s) to the Sailing Instructions and/or to the designated course may be given on the water in accordance with RRS Rule 90.2(c).

## **5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be made from RC Boat located on the main dock.

## **6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**6.1** Race dates: 6/5, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/17

**6.2** For Monday night events, first warning signal will be at 18:10.

**6.3** For weekend events, first warning signal will be at 10:30.

**6.4** Etchells class will start first, followed by the Sportboat class. We will start subsequent races as soon as possible following each finish.

## **7.0 CLASS FLAGS**

**7.1** Etchells



**7.2** Sportboats



## **8.0 RACING AREA**

**8.1** The races will take place in or near Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, VT.

## **9.0 COURSES**

**9.1** Courses will be W/L with legs of approximately 1nm.

**9.2** The number of legs for each race will be signaled from the RC Signal boat.

**9.3** All rounding marks of the course shall be left to port.

## **10.0 MARKS**

**10.1** Marks used in LCYC races are described in a document Courses and Race marks available on the LCYC website on the RACING/DOCUMENTS page. LCYC permanent marks are orange cans. Drop marks are inflatable orange tetrahedrons and/or orange hip-hops.

## **11.0 THE START**

The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat, and the adjacent mark.

## **12.0 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the adjacent mark unless the course is shortened. If the course is shortened, the finish shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat (if displayed) and the adjacent mark. If no orange flag is displayed the finish shall be as described in rule 32.2.

### **13.0 PROTESTS**

**13.1** All forms required for filing a protest may be found in the Protest Forms segment at the end of these Sailing Instructions and on the LCYC website <http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>.

**13.2** A boat that intends to lodge a protest shall verbally notify the Race Committee of their intentions as soon as possible after clearing the finish line.

**13.3** The formal protest shall be submitted on standard forms to the Regatta Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of the event. The Regatta Chairman will distribute the protest to the protested party who shall have twenty-four (24) hours from its receipt to submit a written response on standard forms (available at the end of this document or at <http://lcyg.info/racing/documents>).

**13.4** Any protests will generally be heard at the LCYC clubhouse after racing on the Wednesday following the incident. Protesting parties, protested parties and witnesses have a responsibility to remain at the Clubhouse until after a protest is heard or to appear for a hearing if held on another date. Not being present for the protest hearing could result in the protest being disallowed or a boat being disqualified.

**13.5** The Protest Committee shall hear and rule on all contested protests and all protests involving serious damage.

### **14.0 SCORING**

**14.1** Boats that do not start, do not finish, retire, or are disqualified shall be scored as described in rule A4.2. Rule A9 will not be used.

**14.2** Sportboats will be scored using both PHRF and SMS ratings.

**14.3** For the Etchell's season series (which included Wednesday A/B/C/D and the Etchells Series there will be 1 throw-out for every 5 races.

**14.4** For the Sportboat series there will be 1 throw-out for every 5 races.