

2024 Fall Etchells Regatta Sailing Instructions

Lake Champlain Yacht Club

1 RULES

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

2.0 NOTICES/COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

2.1 All communications to competitors will be made by the Race Committee by VHF transmissions **channel 72**.

2.2 Skippers meeting will convene remotely by VHF from the RC boat in the vicinity of the **Burlington Community Sailing Center at 10:00 Saturday September 7th**.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Changes to a sailing instruction or to the designated course may be given on the water following the raising of the "L" flag with one sound.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Race dates: 9/7 & 9/8

4.2 Saturday -Skippers meeting via VHF 10:00AM (Vicinity of Community Sailing Center)

4.3 Saturday – First Warning 11:00AM to be followed by not more than 4 races.

4.4 Saturday -Post race gathering 4:30PM at Burlington Marina.

4.5 Saturday- Dinner 6:00PM **TBD**

4.6 Sunday- Skippers Meeting via VHF 9:30 AM (vicinity of the Community Sailing Center).

4.7 Sunday -First warning 10:30AM to be followed by not more than 3 races.

4.8 Sunday- Awards directly following racing at the Community Sailing Center.

Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions.

5 RACING AREA –the racing area will be in the Burlington Bay area.

6 COURSES

6.1 Courses will be W/L with legs of approximately 1 to 1.2nm or less (as appropriate to prevailing conditions).

6.2 The number of legs of each race will be signaled on the RC Signal boat and maybe on VHF 72.

6.3 Marks of the course shall be left to port (no offsets).

7 MARKS -marks will be LCYC “BOTS” (or if required orange balls)

8 START

8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

8.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

8.3 Following a long postponement the orange starting line flag will be displayed with 4-5 short blasts at least four (4) minutes before the AP is lowered.

8.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8.6 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the adjacent mark.

9.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course, the finishing line shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the adjacent mark. This changes rule 32.2.

9.3 A boat electing to abandon the race shall notify the race committee.

10 Time Limits/Race Criteria

10.1 If no boat completes the race course in less than two hours the race shall be abandoned.

10.2 If no boat completes the first leg of the course in thirty minutes the race shall be abandoned.

10.3 No race shall be started after 2:00 Sunday 8/8

10.4 No race **should** be started unless sustained wind conditions exceed 3 MPH (as determined by the RC).

10.4 No Race **should** be started if the sustained wind conditions exceed 18 MPH (as determined by the RC).

11 PENALTY SYSTEM- Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, V1 & V2 apply.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies to this event.

12.2 All forms required for filing a protest may be found on the LCYC website

<http://lcy.info/racing/documents>.

12.3 The formal protest shall be submitted on standard forms to the Regatta Chairman within One (1) hour of a boat's completion of the last race of the day.

12.4 Forms shall be submitted directly to the Race Committee.

13 SCORING

13.1 Low point scoring system shall be used.

13.2 Three (3) races will constitute a regatta.

13.3 If five or more races are completed one "throw-out" race will be included in the scoring.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13.2 Any time while racing the Race Committee displays Code Flag "L" all crew members are required to wear a personal flotation device.

14 RISK STATEMENT -RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

14 INSURANCE -Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.