

1st Annual Lake Champlain Regatta

September 7-8, 2024

Etchells Fleet 25 and Lake Champlain Yacht Club
Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center
Burlington, VT, 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 15.2.
 - 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. Arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix T will be offered. This changes RRS 60.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Not Applicable

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by emailing the event coordinator at eschulzvt@gmail.com and paying the regatta entry fee by check (mailed to 176 Buckingham Dr. Colchester, VT 05446) or via Venmo (@LCYCTreasurer - the four digit number is 0557).

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee for a crew of 3 is \$225, for a crew of 4 entry fee is \$250. There is a late fee of \$50 for registering after 25 August 2024.

5. The registration fee includes launch, haul, three Saturday dinner tickets, guest berthing at Burlington Bay Marina for visiting boats, and all regatta activities. Boats that paid the registration fee for a crew of four will receive four dinner tickets. Additional tickets will be available upon request.

6. LAUNCH/HAUL FOR VISITING ETCHELLES

6.1. Launch and haul for the event will utilize the hoists at the Community Sailing Center (CSC) in Burlington, VT. It is the responsibility of the boat owner/crew to launch during the scheduled time windows as the tow boats are scheduled only during this time.

6.2. Trailer parking will be provided in the vicinity of the Community Sailing Center.

6.3. Berthing will be provided for boats at the Burlington Bay Marina, located immediately adjacent to the Community Sailing Center. Tow boats will be available to tow competitors' boats from the CSC waterfront to the marina.

6.4. Competitors are free to make other launch/haul arrangements to meet their needs.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Friday, September 6

12:00-18:00 Launch at Community Sailing Center

505 Lake Street, Burlington, VT 05401

After launch - Tow to Burlington Harbor Marina

Informal meet & greet at 6:00 pm

7.2. Saturday, September 7

08:00 Competitor check-in at Community Sailing Center

09:00 Competitor's briefing

11:00 First warning signal

18:00 Competitor's dinner at Community Sailing Center

7.3. Sunday, September 8

11:00 First warning signal

14:00 No warning signal after this time

After racing Haul-out and awards at Community Sailing Center

8. MEASUREMENT

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

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available online through the Lake Champlain Yacht Club page after September 1, 2024.
- 9.2. A limited number of copies of the Sailing Instructions may be available during onsite regatta check-in at CSC on Friday evening and on Saturday morning.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The Lake Champlain Regatta will be hosted by the Lake Champlain Yacht Club and held at the Community Sailing Center, 505 Lake Street, Burlington, VT 05401.
- 10.2. Races will be held on the waters of Lake Champlain in Burlington Bay. The exact location will be at the discretion of the PRO.
- 10.3. Please be advised that the Community Sailing Center and its grounds are designated as a *No Smoking Facility*. All participants are required to adhere to this policy. The organizing authority will strictly enforce this rule. [DP]

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. 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.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties, Section V.1, Penalty At The Time Of An Incident will apply.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2. One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 13.3. 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.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during onsite registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.
- 14.2. 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.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. All boats shall be afloat no later than 1000 on Saturday, September 7 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chairs. [DP]

16. RADIO AND CELL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1. All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on USA marine VHF channels 16, 68, and 72. This changes IECA rule C.5.1.

17. The Race Committee may use the radio to provide competitors with race information on channel 72. Failure by a competitor to hear a courtesy broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers.
- 18.2. The organizing authority reserves the right to award other prizes, including winners of individual races, or establish other divisions within the regatta.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. 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.**

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 20.2. Support vessel drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the RC/OA.
- 20.3. Each entry shall provide proof of insurance to the Organizing Authority. Documentation shall be sent to Kevin Hawko, Fleet 25, at krhawko@gmail.com

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. For further information please contact the Lake Champlain Regatta organizing chair, Eric Schulz (eschulzvt@gmail.com or (802) 399-8858).

21.2. Limited housing may be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please contact Eric Schulz for more information.