

• Etchells Series Races •
Lake Champlain Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1 RULES

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

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at (<http://lcyf.info/racing/documents>).

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to communicate with competitors via radio on VHF 72.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from Race Committee boat located on the main dock.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Race dates as per the LCYC website: <https://lcyf.info/events/racing>.

5.2 Monday nights E1 thru E5 first warning 1810

5.3 Monday night E6 first warning 1740

5.4 Weekends E7, first warning 1000

5.5 Etchells Regatta per Etchells Regatta SI's

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 Etchells



6.2 In place of the class flag the Race Committee boat may display a green flag.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Races will take place in or near Shelburne Bay, Shelburne, VT.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be W/L with legs of approximately 1nm or less.

8.2 The number of legs of each race will be signaled on the Race Committee boat and maybe on VHF 72.

8.3 Marks of the course shall be left to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks used in LCYC races are described in (<http://lcyf.info/racing/documents>)

10 THE START

- 10.1** The orange start-line flag will be displayed once the Race Committee boat is on station and the line is set.
- 10.2** Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.3** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.4** 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 bow 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 61.1(a).
- 10.5** 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.
- 10.6** The sound signaling the end of Postponement may be one horn or 4-5 short blasts sounded as the AP is lowered. This Changes the Race Signal Section of the RRS.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark.
- 11.2** If the Race Committee signals a shortened course, the finishing line shall be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent mark. This changes rule 32.2.

12 Time Limits

- 12.1** The target race time is 0:45
- 12.2** The time limit for the first boat to finish is 1:30
- 12.3** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for their finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1** Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, V1 & V2 apply.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1** RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies to this event.
- 14.2** All forms required for filing a protest may be found on the LCYC website <http://lcy.info/racing/documents>.
- 14.3** The formal protest shall be submitted on standard forms to the Regatta Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of a boat's finish.
- 14.4** Forms may be submitted via email to regatta@lcy.info.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** Scoring will be per RRS Appendix A.
- 15.2** For the Etchells Kelemen Cup (which includes Wednesday and Etchells Series) there will be 1 throw-out for every 5 races.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2** Any time while racing and wind speeds exceed 20 knots all crew members are required to wear a personal flotation device while on deck.
- 16.3** Any time while racing and conditions merit all crew members are strongly advised to wear a personal flotation device while on deck. Conditions to be considered include but are not limited to crew

position, MOB risk, the wearing of foul weather gear, water temperature, air temperature, sea state, wind speed and physical ability.

16.4 No race will be started when sustained winds are in excess of 25 knots.

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 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.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 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.