



**NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, MARBLEHEAD MA
JULY 18-19, 2009**

NOTICE OF RACE

VENUE: Etchells Fleet 4 – Marblehead, MA, invites all active members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the New England Championship Regatta, to be sailed July 18th and 19th, 2009, at Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Etchells Fleet 4 Marblehead is the Organizing Authority and the Corinthian Yacht Club is the host.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

2.2 The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.3 The regatta is an Etchells Class C sanctioned event.

2.4 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration.

2.5 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising is controlled by ISAF Regulation 20 – Advertising Code, 2009 version. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.

4.2 The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1. A scale will be provided in the registration area during registration times defined below.

5. ENTRIES

5.1 Entry fee is \$175 per boat. For boats sailing with four crew, the Entry fee is \$200 per boat.

5.2 Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form for the Etchells New England Championship, and mailed, together with copies of the boat's Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate, and a copy of the boat's insurance declarations page, along with the entry fee no later than June 1, 2009 to: Rick Humphrey, 4 Marion Road, Marblehead, MA 01945

5.3 Originals of the Hull and Spars measurement Certificate, the Sail Measurement Certificate, and the boat's insurance declarations page shall be presented at registration.

5.4 A copy of the boat owner's current insurance policy declaration page shall be presented at registration.

5.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority if accompanied by a late fee of \$50 and received by July 1, 2009.

5.6 Entry is not considered complete unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and all crew have completed a Waiver of Liability by the time of sailing (available at on-site registration).

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1

Date	Event	Time
Friday 7/17/09	Launching and Registration	1600 - 1900
Saturday 7/18/09	Launching and Registration	0800 – 0900
	All Boats must be in Water	1000
	Skippers Meeting	0900 – 0930
	Harbor start	1100
	1 st Warning	1200
	No Warning Signal After	1530
	Cocktails	1800
Dinner	1900	
Sunday 7/19/09	1 st Warning	1200
	No Warning Signal After	1500
	Awards Presentation	1700

6.2 Five races are anticipated, and we will attempt to hold three races on Saturday, weather permitting.

7. REGISTRATION / MANDATORY CHECK-IN

7.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organizing Authority at Corinthian Yacht Club on Friday, July 17 from 1600 until 1900 and on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 0800 until 0900.

7.2 All Registration formalities, including payment of all unpaid Class and event fees, safety compliance checks, crew weigh-in and presentation of original hull and sail measurement certificates, are required to be completed by 0900 hours on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

9. RACING AREA

Racing will be held in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean off Marblehead, MA.

10. COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

11.3 As provided in RRS 67, the International Jury may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Five races are scheduled.

12.3 A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.4 A boat's worst finish will be discarded if five or more races are completed.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

14. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

15.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

All yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability insurance. Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party personal injury claims. It is strongly recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate Third party Personal Injury Liability insurance of not less than \$300,000.

17. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please visit the Fleet 4 website for updated regatta information.

www.etchellsfleet4.org

Registration materials and payment

Rick Humphrey, Regatta Treasurer
4 Marion Road, Marblehead, MA 01945
Phone: 248-342-8021 Cell
Fax: 781-938-6125

General inquires

Michael Jobin, Regatta Co-Chair
Phone: 617-406-9415 cell
Email: jobin_michael@hotmail.com

Robert Meyer, Regatta Co-Chair
Phone: 617-359-8937 cell
Email: Robert.Meyer@AmericanTower.com