



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

2008 World Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells Fleet 11 in conjunction with Chicago Yacht Club invites entries to the 2008 World Championship to be sailed on Lake Michigan from June 23rd to June 28th.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is Etchells Fleet 11. The host club is the Chicago Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008*, the rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association.

2.2 This is a Category A event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules. The Organizing Authority will require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with Regulation 20.3 (d) (i).

2.3 The prescriptions of USSAILING will not apply.

2.4 The Championship is a Class A event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 This is an ISAF event and the competitors shall comply with the Etchells Class Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code.

3.2 Competitors and crews must be eligible in accordance with Etchells Class Rules. Entry allocation is 23% of each fleet's paid boats (rounded up). Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the Organizing Authority with the International Etchells Class Association Secretariat.

3.3 To ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1, each crew member of each boat will be weighed between the hours of 0700 and 1000 on Sunday June 22 and also on Friday June 27. The total combined weight of crew members of each boat will be posted on the official notice board. Crew substitutions will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit. Weighing scales will be available on each race day from 0700 to 1000.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1** Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form and accompanied by the entry fee of US\$1,250 for boats sailing with three crew. For boats sailing with four crew, the fee will be US\$1,400.
- 4.2** Copies of Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate shall be included with the entry form to be received by April 23, 2008.
- 4.3** Entries received after April 23rd and before Friday June 13th 2008 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of US \$200. No entries will be accepted after June 13th, 2008.
- 4.4** Registration forms will be available at www.etchellsworlds2008.com as of February 1st, 2008.
- 4.5** After ninety (90) valid entries have been received, entry to the regatta shall be closed. Additional valid entries will be wait listed.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1**
- | <i>Date</i> | | <i>Time</i> |
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| Thursday, June 19 | Measurement and Registration | 0900- 1700 |
| Friday, June 20 | Measurement and Registration | 0900- 1700 |
| Saturday, June 21 | Measurement and Registration | 0900- 1700 |
| Saturday, June 21 | Skippers' Briefing and Opening Party | 1800 |
| Sunday, June 22 | Practice Race | 1130 |
| Monday, June 23 | Race Day 1 | 1130 |
| Tuesday, June 24 | Race Day 2 | 1130 |
| Wednesday, June 25 | Race Day 3 | 1130 |
| Thursday, June 26 | Race Day 4 | 1130 |
| Friday, June 27 | Race Day 5 | 1130 |
| Saturday, June 28 | Race Day 6 | 1130 |
| Sunday, June 29 | Reserve Day | 1130 |
- 5.2** Nine races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any Race Day.
- 5.3.** The Reserve Day, Sunday June 29, will be used only if it is necessary to complete six races required to constitute a series.

6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1** Eligible boats shall register with the Organizing Authority at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station on June 19th through June 21st between 0900 hours and 1700 hours.
- 6.2** All boats will be measured for compliance with ISAF measurement regulations and class rules. Each skipper or co-skipper shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3** A boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time during the competition.
- 6.4** After measurement and until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 6.5** Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendations of the Class IGC/ODT and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the International Etchells Class Association.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. RACING AREA

The races will be sailed on the waters of Lake Michigan approximately 3 miles east of the harbor entrance.

9. COURSES

The Courses will be as described in the current International Etchells Class "Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions" Appendix B in the International Etchells Class Yearbook.

10. SCORING

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

10.2 Nine races are scheduled. Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

11.1 The Championship will have an International Jury constituted in accordance with RRS 90 (b) and Appendix N. Substitutions may be made. Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.

11.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished racing for the day.

12.2 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported.

12.3 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12.4 Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1400 hours on Sunday June 22, 2008.

13.2 No boat shall be lifted out of the water after 0900 hours on Sunday June 22, 2008 through the conclusion of the championship without prior written permission of the International Jury.

14. PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between 1700 hours on June 21, 2008 and the end of the regatta.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting US Marine VHF channels 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73. 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.

16 LOANER BOATS

- 16.1** Loaner boats may be available for overseas entrants and will be allocated in accordance with the Class Rules on June 16th at Belmont Harbor. The Loaner boat fee of US\$1,900 includes all insurance premiums. A Damage Deposit of US \$600 includes insurance deductibles.
- 16.2** Application for a loaner boat is to be made on the Official Entry Form and forwarded to the Organizing Authority with the applicable fee.

17. INSURANCE

All boats competing shall carry current Third Party Property Liability Insurance that is valid in the United States. Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property or personal injury claims. The minimum liability coverage shall be US\$300,000. Proof of insurance shall be sent with the entry and presented at registration.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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." 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1** The World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 19.2** Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the individual race winners of races one through nine, the Masters' Division winner, the Seniors' Division winner and the Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy.
- 19.3** Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first five places overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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