



2008 Etchells North American Championship

September 9 – 13, 2008
Annapolis MD, USA



The Annapolis Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 28
are the Organizing Authority (OA) for this event.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of US SAILING do not apply, except the US SAILING prescriptions to rules 68, 76.1, and added rule 76.3 which are stated in full in paragraph NOR 18 below.
- 1.3. This Championship is an ISAF Recognized Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class B event.
- 1.4. The ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, will apply.

2. **ADVERTISING** - Advertising will be restricted to Category A. Boats may be required to display bow stickers provided by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells class.
- 3.2. Entries shall be made online at: <http://www.race.annapolisyc.org>. No entries will be accepted after August 28, 2008. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 3.3. Sail Measurement and Hull & Spars Measurement Certificates shall be presented at Measurement/Registration.
- 3.4. The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew including the skipper will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with Etchells One Design Rule 7.1.
- 3.5. Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$300,000 covering the person in charge (RRS 46) during this regatta must be provided to the OA at registration

4. **FEES** - The entry fee is \$500.00 (US) prior to August 1, 2008. After this date, the entry fee will be \$650.00 (US). Payment may be made online by credit card or you may mail a check. The entry fee includes launching and docking during the regatta and all social events for three crew. Social packages for additional crew and guests will be available.

5. SCHEDULE

Monday, September 1	Measurement 1000 – 1300
Saturday, September 6	Measurement 1000 – 1600
Sunday, September 7	Measurement 1000 – 1800
Monday, September 8	Measurement 1800 - 2100
Tuesday, September 9	Registration 1000 – 1800 Measurement 1600 - 2100
Wednesday, September 10	Registration 1000 – 1800 Measurement 0700 - 1200 Practice Race 1400 Competitors Meeting and Opening Reception 1830 All boats must be in the water by 1830
Thursday, September 11	Late weigh in 0800 - 0900 Race Day 1; First Warning Signal 1045
Friday, September 12	Race Day 2; First Warning Signal 1045 Dinner at Annapolis Yacht Club
Saturday, September 13	Race Day 3; First Warning Signal 1045 Awards Ceremony at Annapolis Yacht Club
Sunday, September 14	Reserved if we have not completed the required 4 races.

6. MEASUREMENTS - Each boat shall produce valid Sail Measurement and Hull & Spars Measurement Certificates at registration. Measurement will only be done during the times indicated above. After Sunday, September 9th, measurement must be concluded prior to launching. Contact Jeff Borland: Phone - 410-320-1843; Email: jborland@systematicsolutns.com

7. SAILING INSTRUCTION - The sailing instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the event web site as soon as available.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Regatta headquarters will be at the Annapolis Yacht Club in Annapolis MD.
- 8.2. The racing area will be on Chesapeake Bay, off the mouth of the Severn River, between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Thomas Point light.

9. THE COURSES - The courses to be sailed will be drop mark courses, windward/leeward, with provisions for upwind and downwind finishes.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A2 will apply.
- 10.2. Seven races are scheduled, of which 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 10.3. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes Appendix A2

11. SUPPORT BOATS - Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the 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.

12. BERTHING – For storage at the AYC Sailing Center contact Dockmaster Jim Hyde: Phone - 410-320-4304; Email - jhyde@annapolisyc.org.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - All boats shall be afloat no later than 1830 on Wednesday, September 10 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission from the race committee.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS - Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2. The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors.

16. PRIZES - Prizes will be given for first through fifth overall and first through fifth daily.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

18. US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY:

Rule 68 DAMAGES – US Sailing prescribes that:

- a. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- b. A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the *rules*. No protest committee shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- c. A basic purpose of the *rules* is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the *rules* a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the *rules* shall be based on fault as determined by application of the *rules*, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76.1 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS – US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 76.3 – US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be entitled to a hearing, conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4, and 63.6.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Linda Ambrose, AYC Racing Manager:
Phone – 410-263-9147; Email – Lambrose@annapolisyc.org or Rick Crow, Event Chairman: Phone - 410-533-6477; Email - rcrowjr@verizon.net.