

# Etchells Lobster Bowl Regatta

September 13-14, 2014  
Sailing Instructions

Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth Maine

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 Sections A, and B of Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 Section D of Appendix T will not apply. (This changes NOR 2.1)
- 1.4 Conflicts between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions shall be resolved in favor of these Sailing Instructions.

## 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the porch of Portland Yacht Club (“PYC”).

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on 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.
- 3.2 Code Flag “L” accompanied by a sound signal will be displayed over a numeral pennant corresponding to the number of the amendment to call attention to the posting of the change.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Committee Boat located at the PYC Dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP

## 5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c) changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the R/C Signal Boat displays Code Flag “L” over “A” with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the R/C Signal Boat to receive oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for this regatta.
- 6.2 The Race Committee will run no more than 4 races on any race day.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for first race each day will be at 1100.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be a blue flag with a white Etchells logo.

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Racing Area will be on Casco Bay with the exact location to be at the discretion of the Race Committee. However, it will usually be between Clapboard Island and Long Island.

## **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1 A diagram of the courses is attached to these sailing instructions as Appendix A. All courses will be windward/leeward. Each leg will be approximately 1 to 1.75 miles in length, depending upon wind conditions.
- 9.2 The course will be designated on a board at the stern of the race committee boat by a single number representing the course described in Appendix A. An approximate course heading and distance to the windward mark will also be displayed.
- 9.3 The race committee may set a single windward and leeward mark or may set a windward mark with offset or a leeward gate. With the exception of the usage of a leeward gate, all marks will be rounded to port.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 The windward and leeward marks will be orange inflatable cylinders. If an offset mark is used it will also be an orange inflatable cylinder. The starting pin will be either a yellow inflatable cylinder or a boat displaying an orange flag on a staff. The finishing pin will either be a green inflatable cylinder or a boat displaying an orange flag on a staff.
- 10.2 The “new” or “change” marks will be the same color as the original marks.

## **11. CHECK IN**

- 11.1 Each boat will check in with the Race Committee before the warning signal of the first race sailed by that boat each day by sailing by the Committee boat on starboard tack and her hailing bow or sail number.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races shall be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 A mark or boat may be attached to the stern of the RC Signal Boat and shall be considered part of the starting mark.

## **13. RECALLS**

- 13.1 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by broadcast on channel 72. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing, or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

## **14. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or remove the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable in accordance with rule 33. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14.2 The bearing and distance to the new mark will be displayed on a board on the RC change boat before the leading boat has begun the changed leg.

15. **THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 15.2 After finishing a race, boats shall stay clear of the finish line.

16. **TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

17. **PENALTY SYSTEMS**

- 17.1 T1 “Penalties at the Time of the Incident” of Section A of Appendix T applies, which states as follows:

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

- 17.2 T2 “Penalties Taken After a Race” of Section B of Appendix T applies.

18. **PROTESTS**

- 18.1 Protest forms are available outside the PYC business office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one (1) hour of the docking time of the Race Committee Finishing Vessel. The docking time will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
- 18.2 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.3 The protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after that day’s races. The protest committee will attempt to hear protests in the approximate order of receipt.
- 18.4 It is the sole responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and to remain on call in the vicinity of the club to attend the hearing in a timely manner with all witnesses standing by.

19. **SCORING**

- 19.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A2 of the RRS will apply.
- 19.2 If more than four (4) races are completed one (1) race score shall be excluded.
- 19.3 One (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.

20. **WITHDRAWAL**

- 20.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee on station via hailing or through VHF radio using channel 72 and receive RC acknowledgement. If this is not possible they shall promptly report their actions to Race Headquarters on shore.

21. **SAFETY**

- 21.1 All vessels must carry a VHF radio.

22. **USAGE OF RADIO AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- 22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats after the Warning Signal of the first race of each day until the boat has completed its day's racing. In addition, except in an emergency, the use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of connecting to the internet is prohibited after the Warning Signal of the first race of each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing.

23. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS/SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 23.1 The Race Committee will monitor the VHF Channel 72. All communications from the race committee to the competitors will be broadcast on VHF channel 72

APPENDIX A; COURSES IS A SEPARATE FILE