



7TH ANNUAL LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA

September 13-15, 2019
Etchells Fleet 27 and Portland Yacht Club
Falmouth, Maine, USA



NOTICE OF RACE Revision A

*Etchells Fleet 27, the organizing authority, and Portland Yacht Club, the host club, invite members, associates and friends of the International Etchells Class to the **LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA** to be sailed on Casco Bay.*

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta is governed by the rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - 1.1.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply as described below in paragraph 10.1, Penalty System.
 - 1.1.2. The RRS changes will be described in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.2. The International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Class Rules apply.
 - 1.2.1. IECA Class Rule C.5.1 will be modified as described below in paragraph 14.2.
 - 1.2.2. The IECA Class Rule changes will be described in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other IECA Class Rules.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration and paying the regatta entry fee online through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com).
- 3.3. Boats with their original, unmodified short keel and have a hull number less than 900 also are eligible for the Heritage Division, in addition to the open series.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$275 per boat. The entry fee includes mooring and all regatta activities at the Portland Yacht Club. This includes food and beverages at the welcome meeting

on Friday evening, morning coffee and pastries each race day, and a traditional Maine lobster dinner for skipper and 2 crew members on Saturday night.

- 4.2. A discounted entry fee of \$225 is available if paid before August 15.
- 4.3. Additional tickets for the Saturday evening Lobster dinner will be available for \$40 when registering online and during the onsite registration.
- 4.4. For boats arriving from out of town, launching and haul out for the event will occur at Handy Boat Services (HBS) in Falmouth, Maine. We will endeavor to launch (and haul) using a rented crane that allows for a standard single point lift. Otherwise, HBS will launch and haul boats with their travel lift. More launch/haul information is provided in Attachment 1 to this NOR.
- 4.5. A launch/haul fee of \$100 per boat will be charged when registering online and during the onsite registration. It is the responsibility of the boat owner/crew to launch during the scheduled time window, as the special launch fee and the tow boats are scheduled only during this time window. If this isn't possible, they may make other arrangements independently (Handy Boat operates a marine travel lift).

5. SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

- 5.1. Onsite registration and competitor check-in: Friday, September 13 from 1500-1800 at the Portland Yacht Club, 40 Old Powerhouse Rd, Falmouth, ME 04105
- 5.2. Boat Launch: 1400-1700 Friday, September 13 at Handy Boat Services, 215 Foreside Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105
- 5.3. Welcome and opening ceremony: 1800-1930 Friday, September 13 at PYC.
Light food and beverages provided
Competitor and crew introductions
- 5.4. Late onsite registration and competitor check-in: Saturday, September 14 0800-0845 at Portland Yacht Club
Coffee and bagels available
- 5.5. Skippers meeting: 0900 Saturday, September 14 at Portland Yacht Club
- 5.6. After Sailing: Beer Boat, Dock Talk, Social Time at Portland Yacht Club
- 5.7. Saturday Evening Party: 1800-2100 Saturday, September 14 at Portland Yacht Club
Traditional lobster shore dinner
- 5.8. Sunday morning welcome: 0800-0900 Sunday, September 15 at Portland Yacht Club
Coffee and bagels provided
- 5.9. Harbor Start: 0915 Sunday, September 15
- 5.10. Racing: Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15 on Casco Bay
- 5.11. Number of races: It is the intent of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee to run as many races as practical on each race day up to a maximum total of 7 races for the regatta
- 5.12. Race time: The scheduled time of the warning signals for the first race of each day:

1100 on Saturday, September 14

1000 on Sunday, September 15

5.13. *Time of last race*: No warning signal will be made after 2:30 pm on Sunday, September 15.

5.14. *Haul out and Awards Ceremony*: After conclusion of racing ~1530-1800 Sunday, September 15 at Handy Boat.

5.14.1. Awards and farewell BBQ on the docks at Handy Boat Services.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. During onsite registration, each boat shall produce a valid hull certificate and sail acquisition form (sail card) for the boat.

6.2. Boat owners and any other persons in charge are reminded that a boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 while racing.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The sailing instructions will be available online through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com) after August 15, 2019.

7.2. A limited number of copies of the Sailing Instructions may be available during onsite regatta check-in at PYC on Friday evening and on Saturday morning.

8. VENUE

8.1. The Lobster Bowl Regatta will be held out of the Portland Yacht Club, 40 Old Powerhouse Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105.

8.2. Races will be held on the waters of Casco Bay in the vicinity of the Portland Yacht Club. The exact location will be at the discretion of the PRO.

8.3. Please be advised that the Portland Yacht Club and its grounds are designated as a *No Smoking Facility*. All participants are required to adhere to this club policy. While on the grounds of the Yacht club smoking is permitted only in private vehicles. The organizing authority will strictly enforce this rule.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The courses will be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks and may include offset marks and gates as more fully described in the sailing instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply.

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

- 10.1.2. Penalty taken after a race. After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One completed race will constitute the Lobster Bowl Regatta.
- 11.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during onsite registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.
- 12.2. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first 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. All coach and support boats shall have a working marine VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat no later than 10:00 am on Saturday, September 14 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chair.

14. RADIO AND CELL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1. This section supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41.
- 14.2. All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on USA marine VHF channels 9, 16, 22A (1022 under new channel designation), 68, and 72. This changes IECA rule C.5.1.
- 14.3. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall notify the race committee by radio at the completion of that race, or in writing within the protest time limit.
- 14.4. Boats may use the radio or cell phone to request assistance in an emergency.
- 14.5. No radio or cell phone communications other than those proscribed herein are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.

- 14.6. The Race Committee may use the radio to provide competitors with race information on channel 72.
- 14.7. The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited from the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in clause 14, or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat, or with the express permission of the Jury or Race Committee.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers of the Heritage and the Open divisions in the regatta.
- 15.2. The organizing authority reserves the right to award other prizes, including winners of individual races, or establish other divisions within the regatta.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, PC, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17.2. Each entry shall provide proof of insurance to the Organizing Authority during onsite registration and check-in.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. For further information please contact the Lobster Bowl Regatta chairperson: **Andrew Carey** Andrewcmd@aol.com.



ATTACHMENT 1
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2019 Lobster Bowl Regatta



A. Regatta Schedule

Date	Time	Event(s)
Friday, September 13		
	2:00-5:00 pm	Launch Boats at Handy Boat Services
	3:00-6:00 pm	Onsite Registration at Portland Yacht Club
	6:00-7:30 pm	Welcome and opening ceremony at Portland Yacht Club Competitor and crew introductions. Includes food and beverage.
Saturday, September 14		
	8:00 – 8:45 am	Late Arrivals Onsite Registration at Portland Yacht Club
	8:00 – 9:00 am	Coffee and pastries at Portland Yacht Club
	9:00 am	Skippers meeting at Portland Yacht Club
	9:45 am	Harbor Start
	11:00 am	First Race Warning Signal
	After Sailing	Social time at Portland Yacht Club
	6:00-8:00 pm	Traditional lobster shore dinner at Portland Yacht Club
Sunday, September 15		
	8:30 am	Coffee and pastries at Portland Yacht Club
	9:15 am	Harbor Start
	10:00 am	First warning
	After racing	Haul out boats at Handy Boat Services
	~2:30-6:30 pm	
	4:30 pm	Awards and farewell BBQ on the docks at Handy Boat Services

B. Housing for Visiting Crews

1. Some local housing will be available to crews of visiting boats. Please see NOR paragraph 18 for contact information.

C. Key Regatta Officials

1. Andrew Carey is the Regatta Chairman. Andrewcmd@aol.com.

2. Jimi Cullum is the PRO for the Lobster Bowl Regatta.

D. Bow Numbers

1. Bow numbers will be provided to visiting boats at Handy Boat prior to launch. Put them on so they are within 3 feet of the bow, and do not wrap the numbers around the stem or deck edge.
2. As a rough guide on installation, the forward edge of the forward digit should be about 19 inches aft of the tip of the bow (measured along the deck edge), and the top edge of the digits should be about 2 inches below the deck edge. Applying painter's masking tape to the hull to outline the location for the forward and upper edges may help you get them aligned. Leave a 2 to 3 inch gap between digits.

E. Launch on Friday

1. Launching will occur on Friday, September 13 from 2:00-5:00 pm at Handy Boat Services located at 215 Foreside Road, just south of Portland Yacht Club.
2. Handy Boat operates a busy restaurant and waterfront service and the lower parking and boatyard areas can get congested. ***Arriving boats must park and prepare for launching in the upper gravel parking area. Please do not bring the boat down to the waterfront unless directed to do so by a regatta volunteer.***
3. There are a couple fresh water hose bibs with hoses located along the perimeter of the upper lot. Please use them as needed, but move your boat when done so as not to block other boats from accessing these hoses.
4. No more than two boats at a time will be permitted down at the Travel Lift operating area. A regatta volunteer will direct when a boat may be towed down to the lower area.
5. Boats may be launched using the HBS marine travel lift with slings or a rented crane using the standard single point lift. The boat's mast must remain down on deck until the boat is in the water.
 - a. ***Caution to all visitors:*** There are high voltage electrical power lines running overhead across the road leading from the upper lot to the waterfront. Under no circumstances should you tow your boat on that road with the mast erected.
6. Once in the water, the boat will be towed over to the PYC dock where the mast may be stepped and rigging completed.
7. When ready, the boat will be towed by a PYC regatta volunteer out to its assigned mooring.
8. Try to complete all launch activities before 5:00 pm to enable participation in the welcoming ceremony in the PYC clubhouse.

F. Haul Out on Sunday

1. Haul-out will begin immediately following the last race on Sunday, September 15 and is to be completed by 6:00 pm.
2. The visiting boat should dock at PYC and the boat's mast be unstepped and put on deck.

3. A regatta volunteer will tow the boat over to the Handy Boat service dock.
4. Only 2 trailers may be in the travel lift area, but there will be plenty of time to retrieve your trailer.
5. Boats may be hauled using the HBS marine travel lift with slings or a rented crane with standard single point lift. The boat's mast must remain down on deck prior to being hauled.
6. You should have long (25-30 ft) bow and stern lines ready. One person may remain on the boat as it goes into the lift slip. You may need to paddle the boat into the slip.
7. Orient your boat correctly in the lift slip. If your boat goes stern forward on its trailer, make sure your stern is first into the lift slip.
8. Most likely, one person will ride the boat up to the ground level, where the lift operator will let you step off onto land.
9. Once your boat is on its trailer, tow it to the upper parking lot to prepare it for travel. There are a couple hose bibs with hoses around the perimeter of the upper lot. Again, once you are done using the hose, please move your boat so another boat can get to the hose.

G. Moorings and Launch Service

1. *Mooring assignment:* You will be assigned a mooring by a PYC representative after being launched. The mooring location is described on a card that will be given to each visiting boat during the time you are rigging your boat at the PYC dock. If you do not get the card with the mooring assignment, please look for a regatta volunteer to obtain that card and mooring assignment before leaving the dock. Please use the assigned mooring all weekend unless you are reassigned by PYC.
2. *Mooring arrangement:* It is recommended that you use a dockline to pass through the eye on the mooring pendent and tie the dockline to your mast. If your dockline is sufficiently long, this arrangement will keep the mooring pendent off your boat, since the mooring pendent may be coated with slime, etc. You may also use a small line or sail tie to loosely restrain the bow line(s) to your bow/deck eye. Have the mast chocked firmly at the partners and snug your backstay.
3. *Launch Service:* Launch service is available from PYC only, even for transport from Handy Boat to PYC. Handy Boat's launch service may not be used. The PYC launch monitors VHF channel 68. Remember to switch your VHF to 68 (low power) and hail "PYC Launch, PYC Launch; Etchells XYZ requests a pick up" and monitor for the response from the launch operator.

H. Vehicle and Trailer Parking

1. Each visiting boat will receive 1 visitor's parking pass to the Portland Yacht Club parking lot when they register at PYC. Only vehicles with PYC parking stickers or passes may park in the PYC lot. Please make sure that the pass is visible at all times the vehicle is parked on PYC property.
2. Etchells trailers may be parked for the weekend in the uppermost section of Handy Boat's yard as directed by a regatta volunteer.

3. Alternative/additional vehicle parking is available:
4. Next door to PYC at the upper lot at Handy Boat (for a fee)
5. During the day at the Shaw's parking lot on Route 1 south of the Club. **VEHICLES LEFT OVERNIGHT AT SHAW'S ARE SUBJECT TO BEING TOWED.**
6. Overnight parking is available at the medical center at the corner of Route 1 and Bucknam Road, across Route 1 from Shaw's. Please do not park in this lot prior to 6:00 pm on Friday evening.
7. Should you need transportation to or from a designated parking area, don't hesitate to ask a Fleet 27 member for a ride.

I. Venue Protocols

1. Docking at PYC needs to be shared with club members, so docking will be limited to the outermost dock and to the junior docks that stick out parallel to shore to the east of the main docks. Be careful at the junior docks at dead low tide as there is (sometimes) insufficient depth for an Etchells.
2. Overnight docking is not allowed. All competitors must moor their vessels on the moorings assigned to them at launch.
3. The Portland Yacht Club and its grounds are designated as a ***No Smoking*** facility. All participants are required to adhere to this club policy. While on the grounds of the PYC, smoking is permitted only in private vehicles. This rule will be strictly enforced by the organizing authority.

J. Chartered or Loaned Boats

1. Chartered or loaned Etchells may be available for the regatta. If you are interested in this possibility, please reference NOR paragraph 18 for contact information.
2. RRS G3 applies (regarding rules for national letters or sail numbers).



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Organizing Authority: **Etchells Fleet 27**

Falmouth, Maine, USA



ONSITE ENTRY FORM

Name of Person in Charge: _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Yacht Club or Sailing Organization: _____

Boat's Name: _____

Boat's Hull No.: _____ Sail No.: _____

The sail number above is the mainsail number to be used throughout the regatta. If any spinnaker is a different sail number, please note the alternate number(s) below:

Spinnaker 1 Alternate Sail No.: _____ n/a (circle if not applicable)

Spinnaker 2 Alternate Sail No.: _____ n/a (circle if not applicable)

Helmsperson Name: _____

Middle Crew Name: _____

Forward Crew Name: _____

4th Crew Name: _____

In consideration of accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights to claim damages that I may have or acquire against Etchells Fleet 27 or its members, or the Portland Yacht Club or its members, its employees, agents, representatives, or assigns, from any claim for injury or other damages to me or my family during this regatta's events. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Etchells Class Rules, and by all other rules that govern this event.

Signature of
Person In Charge: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only: Entry Fee Proof of Insurance Hull Certificate Sail Card
Extras: _____ Bow Nos