

ETCHELLS LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

Portland Yacht Club
Falmouth Maine

1. Venue/Authority

- 1.1 International Etchells Fleet 27-Casco Bay, in conjunction with the Portland Yacht Club, invites members and associates of the International Etchells class to the **LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA**. Etchells Fleet 27 is the organizing authority, and the Portland Yacht Club is the host club. The regatta features 3 days of racing on the beautiful waters of Casco Bay on September 20, 21, and 22, 2013.
- 1.2 The regatta will be managed by a regatta committee of Etchells Fleet 27
- 1.3 For visiting competitors launching will be provided by Handy Boat Services located next to the Yacht Club. Using a mobile crane they will provide typical Etchells single point, keel lift launching. For boats that prefer or do not have a lifting bridle, Carry-Lift launching is also available. This launch service is available on Thursday September 19 from noon to 5:00 P.M., and if needed on Friday September 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 A.M. Pull out will be immediately following the racing on Sunday September 22. Free boat storage (mast down) is available in the area both before and after the event. Please contact event organizers for details. Overnight dock space is not available. Each boat will be assigned a mooring for overnight use. Launch service will be provided by Portland Yacht Club.

2. Rules

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 61.4, 76.1 and Appendix T, sections A, B, and D.
- 2.2 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 2.3 This regatta is classified as an "Open" event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class rules. These rules will be amended to allow all competitors to carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communications only.
- 2.4 There will be no limitations to advertising on any boat before, during or after the regatta. This amends Etchells Class Rule Appendix A paragraph 3c. RRS rule 80 shall not apply.
- 2.5 All other rules and regulations of the Etchells Class will apply. See Class Rules and Regulations on etchells.org website.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance (\$300,000 minimum), and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place prior to participating in this event. Proof of insurance shall be supplied with each entry at registration.

4. Entry Fees

- 4.1 Entries can be made on-line through Regatta Management Solutions (regattaman.com). The regatta is listed in the Gulf of Maine region.**
- 4.2 If the entry fee is paid in full prior to September 1, 2013, the entry fee is \$250 per boat.
- 4.3 If the entry fee is paid after September 1, 2013, the entry fee is \$275 per boat.
- 4.4 The entry fee includes the fee for mooring, and all activities at the Portland Yacht Club. This includes food and beverages at the welcome meeting on Thursday evening, morning coffee, after race food and beverages each day, and 3 tickets for a Traditional Maine Lobster dinner for skipper and crew on Saturday night. Additional tickets for the Lobster dinner will be available at check-in. For those who prefer, a chicken dinner is also available.
- 4.5 For boats needing to launch and pull out at Handy Boat for the event an additional fee of \$100 per boat will be charged when registering.**

5. Schedule of Events

Thursday September 19

Noon-5:00 p.m.	Prep boats/launch, park trailers, assign moorings
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	Registration (Weigh-In, Sail and Hull Card Check, Sails checked and stamped)
5:00 p.m.	Welcome Remarks and Ceremony (Beverages and Food)
8:00 p.m.	Social Time in Old Port

Friday September 20

7:30 to 9:00 a.m.	Late Launch
9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Bagels
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	Late Weigh In/Registration
9:30 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Shore Start
11:30	Warning Signal for First Race
After Racing	Beverages and Snacks
7:00	Social Time in Old Port

Saturday September 21

9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Bagels
10:00 a.m.	Shore Start
11:30 a.m.	Warning Signal for First Race
After Racing	Beverages
6:00 p.m.	Maine Lobster Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Social Time in Old Port

Sunday September 22

9:00 a.m.	Coffee and Bagels
10:00 a.m.	Shore Start
11:30 a.m.	Warning Signal for First Race
3:00	Pull out and deRig
5:00 p.m. (approx)	Awards ceremony, Keg, Food, and Farewell

6. Measurement and Registration

- 6.1** Each boat shall present an original or legible copy of their Sail Measurement and Hull Certificates at registration. Per class rules each boat will select and bring to registration 5 sails for use during the regatta. These sails will be checked and stamped during the registration process. Each boat will sign off that they are carrying all required safety equipment per the IECA rules.
- 6.2** Skipper and crew will be weighed at registration to verify compliance with class rule C2.2. If their combined weight exceeds 285 kg, they may try again to make weight later in the registration period or during late weigh in period on Friday morning.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions shall be made available at registration and online at the fleet 27 website at least two weeks prior to the event.

8. Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward courses.

9. Scoring System

- 9.1** The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2** Up to 11 races are scheduled, but one or more completed races will constitute a regatta. This regatta will serve as the 2014 Etchells World Qualifying event for Fleet 27, and if a minimum of 5 races are not completed in the regatta, races will be held on subsequent Tuesday nights until a total of 5 races are completed solely for the purpose of determining the Fleet27 World Qualifying boats.

10. Haul Out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday September 20 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chair.

11. Radio and Cell Phone Communications

- 11.1** All competitors are required to carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communications only.
- 11.2** 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 days racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Participants and Competitors in the schedule of events described in this Notice of Races are participating entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, its officers or members, the race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury of any participant, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this regatta. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the regatta

13.2 A Corinthian division will also be established. A prize will be awarded to the top finisher in this division.

This division shall be open to any boat whose skipper is a member of the International Etchells class and whose skipper and crew hold valid Group 1 classification in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22- Sailor Classification Code.

13.3 A Heritage division will also be established. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in this division.

This division shall be open to any boat whose hull # is 900 or below.

13.4 The organizing authority reserves the right to award other prizes, including winners of individual races, or establish other divisions within the regatta.

14. Further Information

For further information, please visit: <http://etchellsfleet27.blogspot.com/>

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