

ETCHELLS LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2014
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 2 days of racing on the beautiful waters of Casco Bay on September 13 and 14, 2014.
- 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 spreader bar and their travel lift they will provide typical Etchells single point, keel lift launching. This launch service is available on Friday September 12 from noon to 5:00 P.M. Pull out will be immediately following the racing on Sunday September 14 and will be coordinated by the regatta committee. Free boat storage (mast down) is available in the area both before and after the event, and for the time between the New England Championships and the Lobster Bowl Regatta. 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, including all prescriptions of US Sailing, except Appendix S and section C of Appendix T.
- 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.
- 2.4** The punishment for any violation of RRS rule 80 shall be No Action.

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 \$175 per boat prior to August 31, and \$200 per boat September 1 and later.

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 Friday evening, morning coffee and pastries, and a Traditional Maine Lobster dinner for skipper and 2 crew members on Saturday night. Additional tickets for the Lobster dinner will be available when registering for boats with a 4th crewmember or guests wishing to attend.

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

Friday September 12

Noon-5:00 p.m. Prep boats/launch, park trailers, assign moorings

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m. Skippers Meeting. Welcome Remarks and Opening Ceremony
Food and Beverages Provided

7:00 p.m. Social Time in Old Port

Saturday September 13

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Pastry

9:45 a.m. Shore Start

11:00 Warning Signal for First Race

After Racing Beverages

6:00 p.m. Traditional Maine Lobster Dinner

Sunday September 22

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Bagels

9:45 a.m. Shore Start

11:00 a.m. Warning Signal for First Race

3:00 to?? 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 and Spar Certificates at registration. Each boat will select and identify at registration 5 sails for use during the regatta. Each boat will sign off that they are carrying all required safety equipment per the IECA rules. Crew will also be required to verify their qualification for the Corinthian Division.

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 7 races are scheduled, but one or more completed race will constitute a regatta.

10. Haul Out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday September 13 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, **and is sailing with its original "old" design keel.**

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

13.5. Prizes will also be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the combined Etchells New England Championship held on August 29 and 30 in Marblehead and the Lobster Bowl Regatta. The winner of this division will be recognized as the Etchells Northeast Series Winner for 2014.

14.Further Information

For further information log onto the Etchells Fleet27 Website: Etchellsfleet27.blogspot.com or the info section in Regatta Management Solutions (regattaman.com) website, Gulf of Maine region, Etchells Lobster Bowl Regatta listing

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