

ETCHELLS LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA
SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27 2015
NOTICE OF RACE

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 host 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 only permitted in private vehicles. This rule will be strictly enforced by the organizing authority.

1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3 This regatta is classified as an "Open" event under Appendix A of the International Etchells Class rules.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 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.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the Corinthian Division, each skipper and crewmember is required to have a current Group 1 ISAF Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org

4. Entries

Entries can be made on-line through Regatta Management Solutions (regattaman.com).

5. Fees

- 5.1 Fees for the regatta can be paid on-line through Regatta Management Solutions, or at registration.
- 5.2 The entry fee is \$175 per boat if paid prior to August 31, and \$200 per boat September 1 and later.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 **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.**

6. Measurement and Registration

6.1 Registration and Check-In will take place on Friday September 25 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Portland Yacht Club.

6.2 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 and Heritage Divisions.

7. Schedule

Friday September 25

10:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Launch at Handy Boat Services
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Registration and Check In at Portland Yacht Club
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Welcome and Opening Ceremony. Includes Food and Beverage. Competitor and Crew Introductions

Saturday September 26

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Pastries at Portland Yacht Club
9:00 a.m.	Skippers Meeting at Portland Yacht Club
9:45a.m.	Shore Start
11:00 a.m.	First Gun
After Sailing	After Race Social Time with Drinks at Portland Yacht Club
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Traditional Lobster Shore Dinner at Portland Yacht Club

Sunday September 27

8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Pastries at Portland Yacht Club
9:00a.m.	Shore Start
10:00 a.m.	First Gun
After Sailing	Pull Out, (masts down at Portland Yacht Club dock, then tow to Handy Boat for Pull out, wash down and trailering
4:30 p.m.	Awards and Farewell BBQ on the docks at Handy Boat Services

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions shall be made available at registration and check in.

9. Racing Area

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

10. Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward courses with inflatable marks

11. Penalty System

11.1 The penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty. That complies with RRS 44.2, except that for infringements occurring within the *zone* of any rounding or finishing *marks*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. That complies with RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1.

11.2 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.

12. 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.

13. Coach and Support Boats

13.1 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority during registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.

13.2 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 VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

14. Haul Out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday September 27 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chair.

15. Radio and Cell Phone Communications

15.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats are to use the radio to report retirement from racing, the completion of penalty turns and request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.

15.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

15.3 The use of cell phones as data gathering instruments for only the raceQs program will be allowed. No cell phone communication nor information from the internet or cell phone shall be obtained or referenced while racing

16 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.

17. Prizes

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

17.2 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.

17.3 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, unmodified keel.

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

18. Further Information

For further information log onto Etchellsfleet27.blogspot.com or the info section in Regatta Management Solutions (regattaman.com).

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