

**2018 LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA
INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES
RHODES 19
SEPTEMBER 22-23
PORTLAND YACHT CLUB FALMOUTH, ME**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Casco Bay Etchells Fleet 27 and Rhodes 19 Fleet 52, in conjunction with the Portland Yacht Club, invite members and associates of the International Etchells and Rhodes 19 classes to the **2018 LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA** to be sailed on Casco Bay September 22-23.

1. Organizing Authority

The organizing authority is Etchells Fleet 27, Rhodes 19 Fleet 52, and the Portland Yacht Club is the host club. *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 only permitted in private vehicles. This rule will be strictly enforced by the organizing authority.

2. Rules

2.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.

2.2 The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association and Rhodes 19 Class Association will apply.

2.3 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

3. Advertising

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

4. Eligibility

4.1 This regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class (IEC) and Rhodes 19 Class (R19).

4.2 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the IEC or R19.

4.3 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.

4.4 In order for an Etchells 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.

4.5 In order for an Etchells to be eligible for the Heritage Division, a boat shall have its original, unmodified short keel and have a hull number less than 900

5. Entry

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

6. Fees

6.1 Fees for the regatta shall be paid on-line through Regatta Management Solutions.

6.2 The entry fee is \$275 per boat. A discounted rate of \$225 is available if paid before August 15.

6.3 The entry fee includes 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, a Traditional Maine Lobster dinner for skipper and 2 crew members on Saturday night, Beer Boat on Saturday and Sunday, Haul out BBQ on Sunday. Additional tickets for the Saturday evening Lobster dinner will be available for \$40 when registering.

6.4 Launching and haul out for the event will occur at Handy Boat Services. An additional fee of \$100 per boat will be charged when registering. It is the responsibility of the boat owner/crew to launch and haul during the scheduled hours. If this isn't possible, they may make other arrangements independently with Handy Boat.

7. Measurement and Registration

7.1 Registration and Check-In will take place on Friday, September 21 from 3-6 pm at the Portland Yacht Club (40 Old Powerhouse Rd, Falmouth, ME 04105).

7.2 Each boat will sign off that they are carrying all required safety equipment per the IECA rules/R19 Class rules.

7.3 Etchells Crew will also be required to verify their qualification for the Corinthian Division.

8. Schedule of Events

8.1 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.

8.2 A minimum of one completed race will constitute the Lobster Bowl.

8.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 2:30 pm on Sunday, September 23.

8.4 Schedule

Friday, September 21

1400-1800 Launch boats at Handy Boat Service.

1500-1800 Registration at Portland Yacht Club

1800-1930 Welcome and opening ceremony at PYC. Competitor and crew introductions. Includes light food and beverages.

Saturday, September 22

0800-0845 Late Registration at Portland Yacht Club & Coffee and pastries at PYC

0900 Skippers meeting at PYC

0945 Shore start

1100 First warning

After Sailing Social time at Portland Yacht Club

6:00-8:00 pm Traditional lobster shore dinner at Portland Yacht Club

Sunday, September 23

0800-0900 Coffee and pastries at Portland Yacht Club Shore start

0945 Shore Start

1100 First warning

1430 No Races to be Started

After Sailing Haul out boats at Handy Boat

Awards and farewell BBQ on the docks at Handy Boat Services

9. Sailing Instructions

Will be available at registration

10. 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.

11. Courses

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

12. Penalty System

12.1 The first two sentences of RRS 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 RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

12.2 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.

13. Scoring

13.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

13.2 Up to seven races are scheduled. One completed race will constitute the Lobster Bowl.

13.3 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.

14. Coach and Support Boats

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

14.2 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.

15. Haul-Out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat no later than 10:00 am on Saturday, September 22 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chair.

16. Radio and Cell Phone Communications

16.1 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 to 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.

16.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to provide competitors with race information.

16.3 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 20 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organizing Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 16.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the International Jury or the Race Committee.

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 Etchells 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 Etchells division. This division shall be open to any boat with hull number less than 900 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. 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 Race 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.

19. Launching and Haul-Out

19.1 Launching for the regatta will occur on Friday, September 21 from 1400-1800 pm at Handy Boat Service located at 215 Foreside Road just south of Portland Yacht Club.

19.2 Handy Boat operates a busy restaurant and waterfront service. Arriving boats will be directed to the upper parking area.

19.3 Hauling will begin immediately following the last race on Sunday, September 23 and is to be completed by 1800.

20. Launch Service and Moorings Launch service is available from PYC only, even for transport from Handy Boat to PYC. The PYC launch monitors VHF channel 68. You will be assigned a mooring by a PYC representative after being launched. Please use the assigned mooring all weekend unless you are reassigned by PYC. (Handy Boat Service is providing moorings and dock space to the R19 fleet, as well as launch service. There may be overnight dockage at HBS for the R19's, weather permitting. I can ask HBS about getting parking passes for the R19 fleet/any Etchells sailors who need to park there (for a fee).

21. Venue Protocols

21.1 Docking will be limited to the outermost dock and to the junior docks that stick out to the east of the main docks. Be careful at the junior docks at dead low tide as there is (sometimes) insufficient depth for boats.

21.2 Overnight docking is not allowed. All competitors must moor their vessels on the moorings assigned to them at launch.

21.3 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 Yacht club smoking is only permitted in private vehicles. This rule will be strictly enforced by the organizing authority.

22. Parking and Trailer Storage

22.1 Each away boat will receive 1 visitors parking pass to the Portland Yacht Club lot. Please make sure that the pass is visible at all times.

22.2 Alternative parking is available: Next door at Handy Boat (for a fee). During the day at the Shaw's parking lot on Route 1 south of the Club. **22.3** Should transportation to or from a designated parking area, don't hesitate to ask a Fleet 27 member for a ride.

22.4 Trailers should be parked in the uppermost section of Handy's boatyard.

23. Additional Information

23.1 [Regatta Management Solutions \(www.regattaman.com\)](http://www.regattaman.com)

23.2 For further information please contact the regatta chairperson:

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