



**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES
2016 WEST COAST SPRING SERIES
SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO, CA**

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY:

- 1.1 The San Diego Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13 – San Diego, invites members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the 2nd Annual West Coast Spring Series (the “WCSS”). Etchells Fleet 13 is the Organizing Authority, and the San Diego Yacht Club is the host. Sailing World is the Organizing Authority for the NOOD Regatta which will include the Etchells Class sailing the Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta as the WCSS #1 of 4 series regattas. Four individual regattas will be sailed on the waters off San Diego, south of Coronado and east of Point Loma in the Coronado Roads area from March 2016 through May 2016.
- 1.2 The series will be managed by a regatta committee of the San Diego Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 13.
- 1.3 Visiting competitors who wish boat storage and launching facilities at the San Diego Yacht Club must contact the SDYC Dockmaster’s Office at (619) 758-6308 or ty@sdyc.org to arrange for storage.
- 1.4 Etchells boat storage is available at SDYC on a limited basis and will be assigned on a first to apply, first accepted basis. Fees may apply. Additional boat storage facilities in the close vicinity to SDYC are available in the Point Loma area. Those facilities should be contacted directly for their details.

2.0 RULES:

- 2.1 The Etchells WCSS Regattas will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R only.
- 2.3 The NOR for the WCSS (this document) shall be applicable to the Etchells Class in the NOOD regatta.
- 2.4 Two of the regattas (the Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta - NOOD and the Orca Bowl Regatta) in this series are classified as “Open Events” under Appendix “A” of the International Etchells Class rules, except that all skippers are required to be current members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.5 Two of the regattas (the Mid-Winters West Regatta and the Pacific Coast Championship) in this series are classified as “Sanctioned Events - Class C” under Appendix “A” of the International Etchells Class rules, requiring that all skippers and crew be currently registered and paid members of the International Etchells Class Association for the applicable membership year.
- 2.6 Advertising is restricted to the Etchells class rules Category A under ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.7 The International Etchells Class Rules will be in effect, including crew weight and sail card limitations.
- 2.8 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio to be used exclusively for purposes of safety and Race Committee communications. The use of mobile telephones and other electronic communication devices is prohibited while racing during Sanctioned Events.

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3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 The Etchells WCSS is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Boats should register and pay online in advance the prescribed entry fee for each regatta by completing the online entry form for each of the four regattas at <http://www.westcoastspringseries.com>.

4.0 ENTRY FEES:

- 4.1 The entry fees for each individual regatta are as follows: Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta (NOOD): \$130.00, the Mid-Winters West Regatta \$225.00, Pacific Coast Championship \$150.00, the Orca Bowl Regatta: \$150.00. For entering any one of the individual regattas, entries and full payment must be received by 1800 hours on the Wednesday preceding each of the regattas. Entries submitted later than the above dates and times may be accepted by the Organizing Authority, and if accepted, will be subject to a \$30 late fee.
- 4.2 Early entries completed and paid by March 1, 2016 can deduct \$20.00 from the entry fee for each of the 4 regattas. Payments may be made online by Pay Pal, credit card or SDYC member charge.
- 4.3 Fees for entering each individual regatta are detailed on the official entry form on the WCSS website at <http://www.westcoastspringseries.com>.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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March 19th and 20th, 2016 Saturday and Sunday First Start 1130 daily Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta Entry Form: http://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1589	Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta (NOOD) Up to 9 races scheduled over 2 days in the Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp.	Skippers meeting 900 - March 19 th Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat. Debrief 1800 – Jessop Room Entry Fee: \$130.00
April 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2016 Friday, Saturday and Sunday First Start 1130 daily Mid-Winters West Regatta Entry Form: http://www.westcoastspringseries.com	Mid-Winters West Regatta Up to 11 races scheduled over 3 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp.	Skippers meeting 0900 - April 1st Coronado Roads off Point Loma Fri./Sat. Debrief 1800 – Jessop Room Entry Fee: \$225.00
April 9th & 10th, 2016 Saturday and Sunday First Start 1130 daily Pacific Coast Championship Regatta Form: http://www.westcoastspringseries.com	Pacific Coast Championship Regatta Up to 9 races scheduled over 2 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp.	Skippers meeting 0900 - April 9th Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat. Debrief 1800 – Jessop Room Entry Fee: \$150.00
May 14th & 15th, 2016 Saturday and Sunday First Start 1130 daily Orca Bowl Regatta Entry Form: http://www.westcoastspringseries.com	Orca Bowl Regatta Up to 9 races scheduled over 2 days Daily tow out from La Playa Basin at 0930 sharp.	Skippers meeting 0900 - May 14 th Coronado Roads off Point Loma Sat. Debrief 1800 – Barbeque Entry Fee: \$150.00

6.0 REGISTRATION AND CREW WEIGH-IN:

- 6.1 Competitor's weigh in will be required at registration. There shall be three or four persons on each boat and their total combined weight in light clothing at the time of registration shall be no more than 285 kg.
- 6.2 For the **Bill Bennett Memorial Regatta - NOOD**, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Thursday, March 18th from 1600 to 1900 hours and on Saturday, March 19th from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.3 For the **Mid-Winters West Regatta**, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Thursday, March 31st from 1600 to 1900 hours and on Friday, April 1st from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.4 For the **Pacific Coast Championship**, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Friday, April 8th from 1600 to 1900 hours and on Saturday, April 9th from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.5 For the **Orca Bowl Regatta**, registration and crew weigh-in will be held at SDYC on Friday, May 13th, from 1600 to 1900 hours and on Saturday, May 14th from 0800 to 0900 hours.
- 6.6 **Measurement - For Sanctioned Events Only (Mid-Winters West and Pacific Coast Championship):**
 - 6.6.1 Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured but shall be in compliance with IECA.
 - 6.6.2 Each boat shall present a valid Sail Measurement Card as well as a Hull & Spar Measurement Certificate at registration/check-in.
 - 6.6.3 Competitors, at the time of registration, will declare from their sail card which sails they will use. No more than 1 mainsail, 2 jibs and 2 spinnakers which have been previously measured will be used.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions for all regattas in the 2016 Etchells WCSS will be distributed at registration. Extras copies of the SIs will be available all skipper's meetings for the series, as well as being posted on the WCSS website (<http://www.westcoastspringseries.com>) and SDYC website (www.sdyc.org) prior to the first race of each regatta.

8.0 COURSES:

- 8.1 The race course configuration will be Windward-Leeward and may include offset marks and gates.

9.0 PENALTIES:

- 9.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. This changes Rule 44.1
- 9.2 However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty, each turn including one tack and one jibe.

10.0 SCORING:

- 10.1 For each individual regatta in the series, the Low Point scoring system, *Rule A2*, will apply, except when fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes *Rules A2*.)
- 10.2 To qualify for the overall Etchells WCSS awards, boats must count their place in the Mid-Winters West Regatta, and any two of the other three individual regattas (Bill Bennett memorial Regatta, Pacific Coast

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Championship and Orca Bowl Regatta). Place scores from each individual regatta of the series will be used with a Low Point Scoring System (1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc.). The boat with the lowest score will be declared the winner of the 2016 West Coast Spring Series.

11.0 AWARDS:

- 11.1 For each individual regatta in the series, the top three boats will receive awards.
- 11.2 For the overall Etchells WCSS, the top five boats qualifying for the series will receive awards.
- 11.3 For the overall Series and each regatta, a Corinthian class will be scored for those boats who request to be classified as such. The top Corinthian boat competing in that class will be awarded a trophy. To qualify for the Corinthian class, skippers must register as Corinthian class sailors at the online registration and certify that the skipper and all crewmembers are eligible Category 1 sailors as defined by ISAF Regulation 22.

12.0 TOWING:

- 12.1 An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area if the wind is too light to sail. If available, tows will be made up in the Star Hoist Area and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately 0930. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

13.0 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 13.1 Support and coach boats shall register with the race committee prior to the skippers meeting for each regatta. Support boats may be given an identifying flag. The identifying flag shall be flown at all times during the regatta(s), and all support boats are required to monitor VHF 69 during the regattas. Additional rules pertaining to support boats may be supplied with the Sailing Instructions.

14.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

- 14.1 Hoisting facilities are available at the San Diego Yacht Club. Boats shall be afloat no later than the warning signal of the first race for each regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without an approved written request to the Principal Race Officer and a Designated Class official. This changes RRS 45.

15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 15.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk.. The race organizers (organizing authority, 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 to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.



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16.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:

16.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. **Proof of insurance shall be supplied with each entry or upon registration.** Insurance policy declaration page should be emailed to: miketerry77@yahoo.com or faxed to SDYC at (619) 224-3059, attention WCSS – Etchells Fleet 13 or mailed to; WCSS – Etchells Fleet 13, c/o San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, CA 92106.

17.0 WEBSITE / INFORMATION:

17.1 The WCSS website (<http://www.westcoastspringseries.com>) will have information, the Notice of Race, entry forms for the series, local housing information for San Diego, visiting boat & trailer storage details, San Diego Yacht Club information, and more.

17.2 Additional information about the **2016 Etchells West Coast Spring Series** may also be obtained from:

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