



**ETCHELLS FLEET 27
2022 SPRING, SUMMER, and FALL SERIES,
FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

May 17, 2022 through September 13, 2022

**ETCHELLS FLEET 27
Falmouth, Maine USA**

**NOTICE OF RACE
May 14, 2022 (v22.2)**

The notation “[DP]” in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Fleet 27 Spring, Summer, and Fall Series, and the Fleet Championship Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to all races of the series.
- 1.3. The current version of Development Rule DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room shall apply for races run between May 15, 2022, and July 15, 2022. See Addendum A.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Any Etchells Class boat having paid 2022 Class and Fleet dues shall be eligible to participate in any of the series. Class and Fleet dues must be paid and proof of insurance delivered to the Fleet Treasurer by the beginning of each series in order to be scored for that and subsequent series.
- 2.2. Eligible boats will display bow numbers assigned and provided by the organizing authority. [DP]
- 2.3. Boats that are owned by more than one person, need only complete one full membership. We encourage joint owners and syndicate members to join as Associates and REQUIRE that any co-owner steering in more than 5 races for the season join as an Associate.
- 2.4. Visiting Etchells are welcome to participate as long as they meet all requirements other than dues payment and bow numbers. They will be scored only for the individual races they participate in, but not any of the series. [DP]
- 2.5. Sail numbers shall match hull numbers unless a “Sail Waiver” has been granted by the Race Officer at least one week prior to the start of each series. One sail waiver per series is allowed for “new” sail trials (main or spinnaker) and this trial must be reported to the Race Officer three days prior to the nights racing AND verbally announced to the Race Committee when checking in. [DP]

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Fleet racing shall occur on Tuesdays according to the following schedule:
 - **Spring Series:** beginning May 17 and ending June 21
 - **Summer Series:** beginning June 28 and ending August 2
 - **Fall Series:** beginning August 9 and ending September 13
- 3.2. The Fleet 27 Championship shall consist of the combined results of all races sailed in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series with 1 drop for every 5 races sailed.
- 3.3. The warning signal for the start of each Tuesday evening is 1800 from May 17 to August 16, with an earlier 1730 warning signal for races starting August 23.
- 3.4. The Race Committee shall attempt to run multiple races each evening but not running multiple races shall not constitute grounds for redress.

4. MEASUREMENT

- 4.1. Boats, rigs, and sails may not be measured but shall be in compliance with IECA.
- 4.2. Boats may be inspected for safety equipment at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 4.3. Boats may be inspected for compliance with Class Rules at any time.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on May 14 at the Fleet website www.etchellsfleet27.com.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. The usual Tuesday Series start is to the south of Clapboard Island though wind conditions could allow use of other sailing areas. The Race Committee may announce the venue shortly after departing the dock.

7. The Courses

- 7.1. The usual courses will be Windward/Leeward with an offset using inflatable drop marks. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, use a Harry Anderson course. Further course descriptions may be found in the SIs.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V - US Alternative Penalties shall apply.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the *Racing Rules* shall be used. Rule A9 will apply.
- 9.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If the required minimum number of races are not completed in the Spring or Summer Series, the results of any races completed will be included in the scoring of the next series and the Championship Series.
- 9.3. For all series and the Fleet Championship, boats shall be allowed 1 drop after 5 races, 2 drops after 10 races, 3 drops after 15 races, 4 drops after 20 races, 5 drops after 25 races, and so forth.
- 9.4. A team shall be scored DNC until it has fulfilled all eligibility requirements. A DNC is the total number of individual boats coming to the starting area plus 1 for each series. Season DNC is the total number of individual boats coming to the starting area plus 1 for the season.

- 9.5. The Fleet 27 Season Championship will consist of the combined results of all races sailed in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series.

10. RACE COMMITTEE

- 10.1. Upon request of the Race Committee, the owner of each competing boat is responsible for providing 3-4 crew to assist with an evening of race management duties. The Portland Yacht Club Race Committee vessel *Lindsay Lord* must have either a club or staff member aboard while underway.
- 10.2. Race Committee dates will be assigned by the Race Officer. Owners are free to swap evenings, but the Race Officer must be notified.
- 10.3. The boat performing Race Committee duty shall be awarded average points for the races for which it performs Race Committee duties. The average shall be calculated using only the races of the series in which the boat is OOD and shall exclude the discarded scores of that series.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1. The online notice board is located at www.etchellsfleet27.com
- 11.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 78.
- 11.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy VHF radio broadcasts to competitors. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 11.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except for an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Awards will be given for the top three finishers in each Series though the Fleet, at its discretion, may give awards for finishers beyond third in each Series. Awards will also be provided for the Overall Fleet Championship.
- 12.2. Awards may be provided for winners of each individual Tuesday evening as well as the yacht that is most improved that night over its current overall standing in that Fleet Series. An award for the winner of the Thursday Night Series will also be provided.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**
- 13.2. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or equivalent and a copy of this insurance policy must be provided prior to engaging in any racing activity.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- Fleet 27 Captain: Jay Corson at jaycorson@live.com
- Fleet 27 Treasurer: Rich Hubbell at hubbell.rich@gmail.com
- Fleet 27 Race Officer: Seth Sprague at sethsprague310@gmail.com

Addendum A to the Notice of Race

DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room

This Development Rule has been approved by World Sailing in accordance with Regulation 28.1.5 (b) and shall be published as part of the NoR.

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Definition Mark-Room

Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark*, and *room* to pass a finishing *mark* after *finishing*.

Preamble to Section C

*Section C rules do not apply at a starting **mark** surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line.*

18 MARK-ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

- (a) Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply
- (1) between boats on opposite *tacks* on a beat to windward or when the *proper course* at the *mark* for one but not both of them is to tack;
 - (2) between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it, or
 - (3) if the *mark* is a continuing *obstruction*, in which case rule 19 applies.
- (b) Rule 18 no longer applies between boats when the boat entitled to *mark-room* has left the *mark* astern and is on a course to begin sailing the next leg, or is no longer *racing*.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first of two boats reaches the *zone*,
- (1) if the boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall give the inside boat *mark-room*.
 - (2) if the boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* at that moment shall give the other boat *mark-room*.
- (b) When a boat is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(a), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins.

- (c) If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an *overlap* before the first of two boats reached the *zone*, it shall be presumed that she did not.
- (d) Rule 18.2(a) no longer applies if the boat entitled to *mark-room* passes head to wind or leaves the *zone*.
- (e) When rule 18.2(a) does not apply and the boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*.

18.3 Tacking in the Zone

If a boat has passed head to wind in the *zone* and another boat was *fetching* the *mark* at that time,

- (a) rule 18.2 does not apply between them, and
- (b) at a *mark* to be left to port, if the other boat has been on *starboard tack* since entering the *zone*, the boat that tacked shall
 - (1) not cause the other boat to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, and
 - (2) give *mark-room* if the other boat becomes *overlapped* inside her.

18.4 Gybing in the Zone

When an inside *overlapped* boat must gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, she shall not sail farther from the *mark* than needed to sail her *proper course* if this affects the choice of course of an outside boat.