



**ETCHELLS FLEET 27
2023 SPRING, SUMMER, and FALL SERIES,
FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

May 16, 2023 through September 12, 2023

**ETCHELLS FLEET 27 – Organizing Authority
Falmouth, Maine USA**

**NOTICE OF RACE
May 9, 2023 (v23.1)**

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.

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- 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Any Etchells Class boat having paid 2023 Class and Fleet dues and having provided proof of insurance to the Fleet Treasurer shall be eligible to participate in any of the 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 16 and ending June 20
 - **Summer Series:** beginning June 27 and ending August 1. No racing July 4.

- **Fall Series:** beginning August 8 and ending September 12
- 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 16 to August 15, with an earlier 1730 warning signal for races starting August 22.
- 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 13 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 4-5 crew to conduct 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.

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

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