



ETCHELLS FLEET 27 LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA



September 15-17, 2023

Welcome to the 2023 Lobster Bowl Regatta organized by Etchells Fleet 27 of Casco Bay and hosted by Portland Yacht Club. This guidance is intended to inform visiting Etchells sailors who are launching their boat for this weekend's regatta on Casco Bay. If there are any conflicts between this guidance and the NOR or Sailing Instructions, the NOR or Sailing Instructions take precedence. This flier may be found on the Etchells Fleet 27 website at: <https://etchellsfleet27.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-Lobster-Bowl-Welcome.pdf>.

1 Registration, Check-in, and Regatta Documents

- 1.1 Registration and Check-In will take place on Friday, September 15 from 3-6 pm at the Portland Yacht Club (40 Old Powerhouse Rd, Falmouth, ME 04105).
- 1.2 Sailing Instructions, etc. are be provided on the [Lobster Bowl XI](https://etchellsfleet27.com/race/lbr/2023-lbr/#documents) page of the Etchells Fleet 27 website at <https://etchellsfleet27.com/race/lbr/2023-lbr/#documents>. A limited number of printed copies may be available at registration and check-in at the PYC clubhouse.
- 1.3 Bow numbers will be provided to you prior to launch. Put them on so they are within 3 feet of the bow, and do not wrap the numbers around the stem or deck edge. As a rough guide, the forward edge of the forward digit should be about 19 inches aft of the bow (measured along the deck edge), and the top edge of the digits should be about 2 inches below the deck edge. Applying painter's masking tape to the hull to outline the location for the forward and upper edges may help you get them aligned. Leave a 2 to 3 inch gap between digits.
- 1.4 The PYC waterfront staff has prepared mooring location cards showing where each boat's mooring is located. The mooring location card will be provided to each visiting boat. Look for that card before you go sailing or prior to being towed to your mooring.

2 Regatta Schedule

Friday, September 15	2:00-6:00 pm	Launch visiting boats at SailMaine
	3:00-6:00 pm	Registration at Portland Yacht Club
	6:00-7:30 pm	Welcome and opening ceremony at Portland Yacht Club Competitor and crew introductions. Includes food and beverage.
Saturday, September 16	8:00 am	Registration at Portland Yacht Club
	9:00 am	Skippers meeting at Portland Yacht Club
	9:45 am	Shore start
	11:00 am	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 17	8:30 am	Coffee and pastries at Portland Yacht Club
	9:00 am	Shore start
	10:00 am	First warning
	2:30-6:30 pm	Haul out visiting boats at SailMaine
	4:30 pm	Awards and farewell BBQ at SailMaine

3 Launch on Friday

- 3.1 Launching will occur on Friday, September 15 from 2:00-5:00 pm at SailMaine located on the Portland waterfront.
- 3.2 Arriving boats will be directed to the area to prepare the boat for launch.
- 3.3 There are a couple fresh water hose bibs with hoses. Please use them as needed, but move your boat when done so as not to block other boats from accessing these hoses.
- 3.4 A regatta volunteer will direct when a boat may be towed down to the launch area.



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- 3.5 Boats will be launched with a crane. The boat owner and crew are responsible for all aspects associated with the boat's lift sling – suitability, integrity, installation, attachment, etc. The boat's mast may be stepped, or may remain down on deck.
- 3.6 Once in the water, the boat will be towed over to the PYC dock where the mast may be stepped and rigging completed.
- 3.7 When ready, the boat will be towed by a PYC regatta volunteer out to its assigned mooring.
- 3.8 Try to complete all launch activities before 6:00 pm to enable participation in the welcoming ceremony in the clubhouse.

4 Haul Out on Sunday

- 4.1 Haul-out will begin immediately following the last race on Sunday, September 23 and is to be completed by 6:30 pm.
- 4.2 The visiting boat should sail back to SailMaine. Towboats will be provided if conditions warrant.
- 4.3 The boat owner and crew are responsible for rigging the boat's lifting sling and attaching the boat to the crane.

5 Moorings and Launch Service

5.1 Mooring

You will be assigned a mooring by a PYC representative after being launched. The mooring location is described on a card that will be given to each visiting boat. It is recommended that you use a dockline to pass through the eye on the mooring pendent and tie the dockline to your mast. If your dockline is sufficiently long, this arrangement will keep the mooring pendent off your boat, since the mooring pendent may be coated with slime, etc. You may also use a small line or sail tie to loosely restrain the bow line(s) to your bow/deck eye. Have the mast chocked firmly at the partners and snug your backstay. Please use the assigned mooring all weekend unless you are reassigned by PYC.

5.2 Launch Service

Launch service is available only from PYC only. Handy Boat's launch service may not be used. The PYC launch monitors VHF channel 68. Remember to switch your VHF to 68 (low power) and hail "PYC Launch, PYC Launch; Etchells XYZ requests a pick up" and monitor for the response from the launch operator.

6 Vehicle and Trailer Parking

- 6.1 Each visiting boat will receive 1 visitor's parking pass to the Portland Yacht Club lot when they register at PYC. Only vehicles with PYC parking stickers or passes may park in the PYC lot. Please make sure that the pass is visible at all times the vehicle is parked on PYC property.
- 6.2 Etchells trailers may be parked for the weekend as directed by a regatta volunteer.
- 6.3 Alternative/additional vehicle parking is available:
 - Next door at the upper lot at Handy Boat (for a fee)
 - During the day at the Shaw's parking lot on Route 1 south of the Club. VEHICLES LEFT OVERNIGHT AT SHAW'S ARE SUBJECT TO BEING TOWED.
 - Overnight parking is available at the medical center at the corner of Route 1 and Bucknam Road, across Route 1 from Shaw's. Please do not park in this lot prior to 6:00 pm on Friday evening.
 - Should you need transportation to or from a designated parking area, don't hesitate to ask a Fleet 27 member for a ride.

7 Venue Protocols



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- 7.1 Docking at PYC needs to be shared with club members, so docking will be limited to the outermost dock and to the junior docks that stick out parallel to shore to the east of the main docks. Be careful at the junior docks at dead low tide as there is (sometimes) insufficient depth for an Etchells.
- 7.2 Overnight docking is not allowed. All competitors must moor their vessels on the moorings assigned to them at launch.
- 7.3 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 PYC, smoking is only permitted in private vehicles. This rule will be strictly enforced by the organizing authority.

2023 Lobster Bowl Scratch Sheet

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