



**ETCHELLS FLEET 27  
2025 SPRING, SUMMER, and FALL SERIES,  
FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

**May 20, 2025 through September 9, 2025**

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

**NOTICE OF RACE  
April 23, 2025 (v25.2)**

*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 V Arbitration shall apply to all races of the series.
- 1.3. IECA Class Rule C2.1 (crew number limitations) does not apply.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. Any Owner of an Etchells Class boat having paid 2025 Class and Fleet dues; and having provided proof of insurance to the Fleet Treasurer; and having submitted the Etchells Class Association Personal and Portable Equipment form to the Fleet Race Officer; and having attended the mandatory RC training session or fulfilled this training requirement by joining an assigned RC team for RC night 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] Bow numbers should be displayed on both sides of the bow and remain consistent throughout the entire season.
- 2.3. Basic membership consists of EtchellsNA Class dues of \$220 and local Fleet dues of \$150 and is required prior to racing. If the boat is co-owned or in a multi owner syndicate, a local associate membership of \$20 for each member must be added to the membership. If there will be a non-owner helmsperson driving the boat for 5 or more races during the entire season, a local associate membership is needed for that person as well.
- 2.4. Visiting Etchells (non-Fleet 27 member) are welcome to participate as long as they meet all requirements other than 1) dues payment, 2) RC mandatory training session and 3) bow numbers. They will be scored only for the individual races they participate in, but not any of the series. [DP]
- 2.5. Matching sail numbers are required on mainsails and jibs and shall also remain consistent throughout the entire season. If a competitor has a new sail and has not yet acquired sail

numbers and/or is testing a borrowed sail on a trial basis must apply for a one-time “Sail Waiver” and must be granted approval 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 night's 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:
  - 3.1.1. **Mandatory RC Training Session:** Tuesday, May 20 from 1730 to 1930 and replaces what would traditionally be the first night of racing
  - 3.1.2. **Spring Series:** beginning May 27 and ending June 24
  - 3.1.3. **Summer Series:** beginning July 1 and ending August 5
  - 3.1.4. **Fall Series:** beginning August 12 and ending September 9
- 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 27 to August 12, with an earlier 1730 warning signal for races starting August 12 to Sept 9.
- 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 no later than 1200 on May 20 at the Fleet website [www.etchellsfleet27.com](http://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 not be allowed to race 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 based on 1) the **average of her scored races for the season** in which she performs RC, excluding the discarded scores of that **season** and 2) the **average of her scored races in the total series**, excluding the discarded scores of the **series**.

## 11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1. The online notice board is located at [www.etchellsfleet27.com](http://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 are not available to all boats.

## 12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Awards may be provided for winners of each Tuesday evening as well as the yacht that is most improved that evening over its position in the prior Tuesday's racing.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Awards will also be provided for the Overall Fleet Championship.

## 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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