

**ETCHELLS FLEET 27
2017 SPRING, SUMMER, and FALL SERIES,
FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES,
and THURSDAY NIGHT SERIES**

**NOTICE OF RACE
April 24, 2018**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Fleet 27 Spring, Summer, and Fall Series and the Fleet Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions Appendix T (Arbitration) and Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.
- 1.3. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) of the PYC Thursday Night Series will apply except as modified or amended by the sailing instructions published for these series by Fleet 27.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Organizing Authority is Etchells Fleet 27.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, AND FEES

- 3.1. Any Etchells Class boat having paid Class and Fleet dues will 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.
- 3.2. Boats that are owned by more than one person, need only complete one full membership. We encourage that joint owners and syndicate members join as Associates and REQUIRE that any co-owner steering in more than 5 races for the season join as an Associate.
- 3.3. Guest Etchells visiting our area are welcome to participate as long as they meet all other requirements. They will be scored only for the individual races they participate in, but not any of the series.
- 3.4. Sail numbers will 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 also verbally announced to the Race Committee when checking in.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Fleet racing will occur on Tuesdays according to the following schedule:
 - **Spring Series:** beginning May 15 and ending June 19
 - **Summer Series:** beginning June 26 and ending July 31
 - **Fall Series:** beginning August 7 and ending September 11
- 4.2. The Fleet 27 Championship will consist of the combined results of all races sailed in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series with 1 drop for every 5 races sailed.
- 4.3. The warning signal for the start of each Tuesday evening is 1800 from May 15 to August 14, with an earlier 1730 warning signal for races starting August 21 and after.
- 4.4. The Race Committee will attempt to run multiple races each evening but not running multiple races shall not constitute redress.
- 4.5. The PYC Thursday Night Races begin May 25 and finish September 14. Fleet 27 recommends racing on the second and fourth Thursdays during June, July, and August to maximize turnout.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1. Boats, rigs, and sails will not be measured but shall be in compliance with IECA.
- 5.2. Boats may be inspected for safety equipment at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 5.3. Boats may be inspected for compliance with Class Rules as needed.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available by May 15 and may be posted in advance on the event web site.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. 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.

8. PENALTIES

8.1. Appendix V will apply for all series races.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the racing rules will be used. Rule A9 will apply.
- 9.2. For all series and the Fleet Championship, boats will 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.
- 9.3. A team will be scored DNC until it has fulfilled all eligibility requirements.
- 9.4. The Fleet 27 Season Championship will consist of the combined results of all races sailed in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series.
- 9.5. The best 5 races on the first and third Thursdays count for the Thursday Night Series, CHIPS scoring to be used.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1. All boats must carry a working VHF radio. VHF channel 72 will be used for communication.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.

12. RACE COMMITTEE

- 12.1. The owner of each competing boat is responsible for providing 3-4 crew to assist our Race Committee for at least one evening. The Race Committee volunteers, including ONE WHO MUST BE A PORTLAND YACHT CLUB MEMBER, will be aboard the Race Committee vessel while underway.
- 12.2. Race Committee dates will be assigned by the Race Officer. Owners are free to swap evenings. The Race Officer must be notified of a swap.

Average points are awarded for the races in which the boat performs RC.

12.3. The boat assigned RC duty is also in charge of running the social hour after that nights racing. Contact the Social Director for ideas.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Etchells Fleet 27 and the Portland Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or 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: Chris Morin at etchellsfleet27@gmail.com
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