



2025 ETHELLES
NORTH AMERICANS
SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

2025 North American Championship

San Diego California

May 14-18, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Except for breaking a rule of Part 2, or rules 2, 28 or 31, the notation **[DP]** in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification. The notation **[NP]** in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the San Diego Yacht Club in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 13.
- 1.2. The Race Committee (RC) will use the Vakaros RaceSense system. Refer to **Addendum D** and the official notice board (online) for instructions, rules, and details.
- 1.3. Appendix T - Arbitration will apply. See SI 17.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted on the official notice board before 0915 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. Courtesy communications will be provided per SI 3.2 as well.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50026>.
- 3.2. As a courtesy, announcements on *WhatsApp* will alert competitors to new notices. QR codes found in **Addendum E** and posted around the venue provides a link to join the WhatsApp group.
It is highly recommended that at least one crew member from each entry subscribe to the WhatsApp group.
- 3.3. Registration is located in the Race Office in the Jessop Classroom, downstairs in the Burnham Sailing Center.
- 3.4. On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69.
- 3.5. **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.6. On shore, the OA, RC, and PC will communicate with competitors using WhatsApp messaging service. Failure to receive messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. **[DP]** Competitors and support persons shall comply with requests from race officials and as directed in NOR 1.2.



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5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be communicated via WhatsApp Group text. The WhatsApp post constitutes the display of or removal of the signal, and associated timing.
- 5.2. When flag AP is communicated ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 6.1. In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the SI may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal vessel displays flag L over A with one sound signal. This means monitor VHF channel 69 or come within hail of the RC vessel to receive the oral changes to the SI.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES *Amended NOR 5/12/25*

- 7.1. **Wednesday, May 14** Safety Inspection, Registration1200-1700
- 7.2. **Thursday, May 15** Safety Inspection, Registration, Weigh-In.....0800-1700
 - Competitors' Briefing.....1000
 - Tow1100
 - Practice Race.....1300
 - Welcome Reception.....1800-2000
- 7.3. **Friday, May 16** Competitors' Briefing0900
 - Tow0930
 - Race Day 1, 1st Warning1130
 - Regatta Social/Debrief1800
- 7.4. **Saturday, May 17** Competitors' Briefing0900
 - Tow0930
 - Race Day 2, 1st Warning1130
 - Regatta Dinner (Blazer)1800
- 7.5. **Sunday, May 18**..... Competitors' Briefing0900
 - Tow0930
 - Race Day 3, 1st Warning1130
 - Prizegiving1700
- 7.6. Competitors' Briefing will be held on the Sailwash Lawn adjacent to the Burnham Sailing Center.
- 7.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500. *Amended NOR 5/12/25*

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The Class flag will be white with a black Etchells logo.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area will be located approximately 3.5 nm bearing 130°mag. from Zuniga Jetty "Z."

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses shall be in a windward-leeward configuration. See **Addendum B**.
- 10.2. The RC will post the following signals located on either side of the signal vessel at the starboard end of the starting line:
 - a) The number of the course to be sailed will be a single white number posted on a black placard.
 - b) The distance to Mark 1 will be two black numbers posted on a white board located under the Course #.
 - c) The approximate bearing to Mark 1 will be three black numbers posted on a white board located on the railing either side of the signal vessel bridge.





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- 10.3. No later than the display of the orange line flag, the RC signal vessel will display, and announce on VHF channel 69, the course to be sailed, the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 10.4. If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.
- 10.5. Courses will not be shortened per RRS 32.2 (flag S). This changes RRS 32.2.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1 and 2g (port/starboard gate) will be 7' red cones. Mark 1a for the weather offset will be a 5' green tetrahedron.
- 11.2. The starting marks will be the RC signal vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and RC signal vessel displaying an orange flag on the port end.
- 11.3. The finishing marks will be an RC vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and Mark F, a 5' pink tetrahedron on the port end.
- 11.4. Change marks will be 8' yellow tetrahedron(s).

12. THE START

- 12.1. Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of the day, boats shall sail on starboard tack, passing the stern of the RC signal vessel displaying flag L, to be recorded.
- 12.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag(s) will be displayed with one (1) sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 12.3. The starting line will be between a Vakaros unit secured on a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a Vakaros unit secured on a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the port end of the line.
- 12.4. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2. The RC may adjust the course during a race, provided no boats are on the leg to be adjusted, of no more than 10 degrees or 0.1nm, to maintain course alignment, without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33. The RC will attempt to announce these changes on VHF radio.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and a nearby mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 15.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
- 15.3. A boat that has taken a penalty turn or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete and submit a written acknowledgment form which will be available at the Race Office within the protest time limit.





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16. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 16.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	90 minutes	120 minutes	15 minutes

- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- 16.4. Boats racing and failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.5. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. RRS 60.2(a) is modified to add the additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC upon finishing or retiring and obtain RC acknowledgment.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3. Hearing Request forms will be available at the Race Office.
- 17.4. Hearing requests and scoring inquiries shall be filed at the Race Office within 60 minutes of the docking time of the RC signal vessel. Alternately, requests may be emailed to protests@sdyc.org within the same timeframe, using the electronic Hearing Request form *via* the US Sailing Rules app (click on the red pencil) or a clear photo of a paper form. The docking time and protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.5. Appendix T: Arbitration T1, T2, T3 and T4 will apply as changed:
T1(b) A post-race penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty if taken before the protest time limit or a 30% Scoring Penalty if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.
- 17.6. Notices of protests by the RC or the PC will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).
- 17.7. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. As a courtesy, announcements on *WhatsApp* will alert competitors of new notices from the PC.
- 17.8. Hearings will be held in the Dockside Room.
- 17.9. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed by the PC will be DPI.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 18.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. **Amended NOR 5/12/25**





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19. TOWING

- 19.1. An attempt will be made to provide towing for competitors to the starting area. If available, tows will be made up in the fairway adjacent to the east side of the club and La Playa turning basin and will commence at approximately 0930 each day. Towing is limited and will be available on a first come first served basis.

20. WITHDRAWAL

- 20.1. **[DP]** A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any RC vessel, by hail or VHF 69, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area, and if not successful, shall notify the Security Gate of SDYC (619-758-6322) as quickly as possible.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. **[DP]** Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the PC. A request for a crew substitution must be made in writing and submitted to the Race Office.
- 21.2. **[DP]** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the PC. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the PC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race, and turned in to the Race Office.
- 21.3. All written requests for crew or equipment change will be answered by the PC, in writing, and posted on the official notice board.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NOR and SIs.
- 22.2. **[DP]** When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

23. **[DP]** COACH AND SUPPORT VESSELS

- 23.1. All coach/support vessels shall register in the Race Office during Registration and shall comply with local law and event support regulations found in **Addendum C**.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL AND SUSTAINABILITY

- 24.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.
- 24.2. **[DP]** Use of single-use plastic water bottles is discouraged.
- 24.3. Water bottles may be refilled at filling stations on the northeast side of the Burnham Sailing Center (by Dockside Room), on north side of brick wall at Angler Station, and outside the pool heads.

25. BERTHING

- 25.1. **[DP]** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbor.

26. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 26.1. **[DP]** Boats are required to remain in the water for the duration of the event and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the PC.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. Prizes will be given in accordance with NOR 20.





28. RISK STATEMENT

- 28.1. RRS 3 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.**

29. FURTHER INFORMATION

29.1.	Event chair	Marnie Jenkins	marniejenkins18@gmail.com	619-665-7404
	PRO	Mark Foster	mfoster1053@gmail.com	361-816-9801
	Chief Judge	Shannon Bush	swmadero@gmail.com	361-319-0142
	Sailing Director	Jeff Johnson	sailing@sdyc.org	619-933-9922

SI ADDENDUM A – BLANK

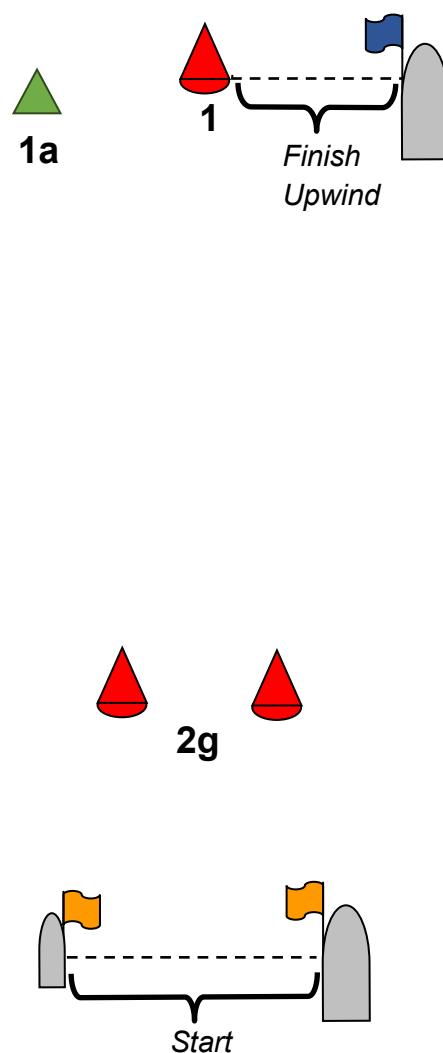
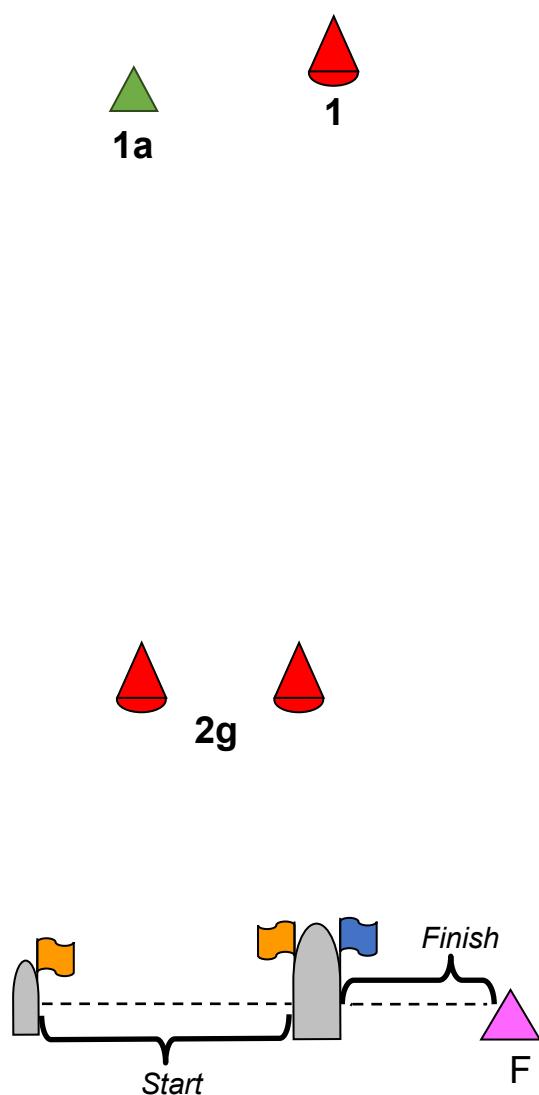




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SI ADDENDUM B – COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course	Marks	Course	Marks
4	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish	3	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, Finish Upwind
		5	Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, 2g, Finish Upwind



SDYC aspires to host its 2025 sailing season in accordance with Int'l Green Regatta guidelines: Use reusable drink containers instead of throwaway plastic bottles; Recycle trash to the greatest extent possible; Use water sparingly to wash boats; Use green cleaning products; Respect the ocean.





SI ADDENDUM C – COACH AND SUPPORT VESSELS

- C.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with a flag provided by the OA at Registration and comply with NoR 5.5
- C.2 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel, and their coach and support vessels shall remain detached from competitors and stay outside areas where boats are racing, from 30 minutes before the first scheduled or amended warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- C.3 Between races, coach and support vessels shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the RC.
- C.4 In the event of a postponement on shore, competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support vessels more than 90 minutes after the AP ashore is lowered. The time for AP down will be posted as a courtesy on the official notice board located on the east side of the Sailing Center and announced on the VHF Radio.
- C.5 Unless instructed by the RC, coach and support vessels are not allowed:
- within 100 meters of the starting line after the warning signal for a start sequence
 - inside the racecourse during a race
 - to be within 100 meters of competing boats (including mark roundings)
- C.6 Coaches and support vessel drivers operating alone shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.
- C.7 All Coach and support vessels with an open helm station not enclosed by at least three (3) bulkheads shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut- off switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm, at all times, while the vessel is underway. Failure to comply may be the subject of a support person hearing under RSS 62.1.
- C.8 Coaching and support vessels shall carry a VHF radio and monitor RC communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.





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SI ADDENDUM D – VAKAROS RACESENSE

RaceSense RRS changes

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

- D.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the class at all times while racing. All units shall be mounted on mast per NOR 1.5.
- D.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the RC and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- D.2 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 or Edge device will be posted on the official notice board.
- D.3 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Edge safe and operational and promptly notify the RC on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- D.4 RRS 26 is changed. The countdown to the start on the Atlas2 or Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes.
- D.5 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.
- D.6 Any failure of the Atlas 2 or Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the PC. This changes RRS 41(c), 61.1(a), 61.1(c).
- D.7 If the RC vessel displays flag O with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, D.4 and D.5 inclusive will not apply to that race.
- D.8 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or What'sApp.





SI ADDENDUM E – EVENT QR CODES

WhatsApp Group



Offical Notice Board



Results



Protest Filings

