



2026 Etchells Atlantic Coast Championship

Shelter Island Yacht Club/Fleet 15

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September 9-12, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is The Shelter Island Yacht Club and Etchells Fleet 15

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Etchells Class Association (IECA).

1.2 The Organizing Authority shall require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats. Bow numbers will be provided by the Organizing Authority.

1.3 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2.

1.4 No US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except RRS 61.4, prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2, 67, 76.1, and Appendix V1.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 In accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to World Sailing 20.3.2 (Advertising chosen by Person in Charge on hulls, spars, and sails) in all Etchells Class Sanctioned Events.

2.2 The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to Active Skippers of the International Etchells Class. All skippers and crew are required to be registered 2026 Active or Associate members of the IECA. Membership can be obtained at www.etchellsna.com/class-registration.

3.2 A Corinthian Division will be established. The awarding of the trophy will be open to boats whose Skipper and crew are registered members of the International Etchells Class and hold a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22 – Sailor Classification Code. <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations>

3.3 Crew weigh-ins shall be done at Registration during the times indicated below under Schedule and Events. Competitors shall be weighed as a team wearing light clothing, a minimum being outerwear, shorts, and a T-shirt.

3.4 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3.5 This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct, which is available on the IECA website:

[https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code of Conduct Approved 2023.07.25.pdf](https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf)

Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at registration for the event.

4. ENTRY AND FEES

4.1 Entries shall be made online on www.YachtScoring.com using the online entry form. The Shelter Island Yacht Club website (SIYC.com) will also include a registration link to Yacht Scoring. Only online entries will be accepted.

4.2 The entry fees of **\$575** for a three-up team, or **\$625** for a four-up team, shall be paid in accordance with the online entry system before August 3, 2026

4.3 On and after August 3, 2026, there will be a late fee of **\$75** for late registration. No refunds for canceled registrations shall be made after August 3, 2026

4.4 The entry fee includes launching, hauling, and docking at the Shelter Island Yacht Club, and parking for boat trailers during the event. The entry fee also includes invitations to all social events for the Owner/Charterer and their crew. Social packages

for coaches and/or guests will be available for purchase online and at registration as described under 4.5 and 4.6.

4.5 The Coach/Support boat fee is \$100 each and includes one social package. An identifying flag issued by the Organizing Authority shall be displayed on each support boat. Payable on Yacht Scoring.

4.6 Non-competitor social packages must be purchased online at Yacht Scoring for \$100 each.

5. SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

5.1 Schedule:

Wednesday Sept 9th	11:00–17:00 12:30 14:00 18:30 18:30	Registration, Weigh-in and Launching Competitors' Briefing Practice Race All Etchells afloat Welcome reception
Thursday Sept 10th	09:00–09:30 09:30 11:00 19:00	Supplemental crew weigh-in Competitor's Briefing Harbor Start Regatta Dinner
Friday Sept 11th	09:30 11:00 18:30	Competitors' Briefing Harbor Start Post event gathering
Saturday Sept 12th	09:30 11:00 17:00 TBD TBD	Competitors' Briefing Harbor Start No Warning signal after Haul-out Awards

5.2 Two to three races are scheduled for each day. One additional race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races completed.

5.3 On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 17:00 hours.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 All competitors, coaches, guests, etc. will be required to obtain a “guest” card upon arrival, instead of using a reciprocal club charge. In addition, upon arrival, all boat owners MUST complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.

6.2 In addition to online entry and payment, complete registration/check-in requires completion and inspection/delivery of the following forms:

1. Valid Hull Measurement Certificate
2. Sails Declaration Form (Form available at registration)
3. Safety Equipment Declaration Form (Form available at registration)
4. Proof of Insurance, copy to be provided at registration
5. World Sailing Sailor Classification (copy to be provided at registration) - If the skipper wishes to be eligible for Corinthian Division scoring
6. Signed Etchells Class Code of Conduct

6.3 Each Competitor shall complete a Sail Declaration Form indicating the sails to be used for the duration of the Atlantic Coast Championship, including one main, two jibs, and two spinnakers. The sails on the Sail Declaration Form are the only sails to be used for the regatta.

6.4 It is the responsibility of all competing boats to ensure compliance and adherence to the Etchells Class rules. During competition, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination at any time.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring and posted on the Official Notice Board.

7.2 The Official Notice Board is located on the South Deck in the Main Clubhouse.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

8.1 All races will be sailed in the waters surrounding Shelter Island.

8.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

8.3 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks.

9. Penalty System

9.1 US Sailing Prescription V1 will apply.

10. SCORING

10.1 Three (3) races will constitute a regatta.

10.2 When five (5) races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 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.

10.4 VAKAROS RACESENSE system will be required. See Attachment A

11. PRIZES

11.1 Awards shall be provided to the top 3 boats in the regatta and the top Corinthian team. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

11.2 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian team. <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations>

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Coach and support boats as well as the designated responsible person, must be registered with the Organizing Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organizing Authority. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.

12.2 All registered coaches and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

12.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats 10 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day (Discretionary Penalty applies). The 10-minute notification method will be identified in the Sailing Instructions. Between races, coach or support boats 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 Race Committee.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 A boat shall be afloat no later than 18:30 on Wednesday, September 9th, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.

14.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice board.

14.3 All competitors shall carry a VHF radio per the Etchells class rules.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15. 1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority 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.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18. BOATS AND VEHICLE STORAGE OUTSIDE REGATTA DATES

18.1 Competitors may arrive early by contacting the Sailing Center in advance. Upon arrival, all boat owners must complete a registration form available at the front desk and include an emergency contact number.

18.2 Boats may arrive early by making arrangements with the Sailing Center in advance. (RC@SIYC.COM or 631-749-1829, Cell 860-867-6197. Each competitor is responsible for storage before or after these dates.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact:

Regatta Chair: Jeff Bresnahan
Tel: Sailing Center 631-749-1829 Cell 860-867-6197
Email: RC@SIYC.COM

PRO: Amanda Clark RC@SIYC.COM

Judge: John Mooney RC@SIYC.COM

Susan Brewer: Registration/Housing RC@SIYC.COM

ATTACHMENT A:

ATTACHMENT A – VAKAROS RACESENSE Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

D.1 [DP][NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted above any other device, on the aft side of the mast, at all times while racing. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. Boats must make arrangements with OA 30 days in advance.

D.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC), and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

D.3 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 or Edge device will be posted.