



14TH ANNUAL LOBSTER BOWL REGATTA

September 19-20, 2026

Etchells Fleet 27 and Portland Yacht Club
Falmouth, Maine, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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. This regatta is governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.1.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply as described below in paragraph 10.1, Penalty System.
- 1.1.2. Notwithstanding the language of International Etchells Class Rule C. 5. 1 due to safety concerns, all boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of operating on US channels 09, 13, 16, 21a, 68, 69, 71, and 72.
- 1.1.3. Racing Rules shall be changed as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class. Class rule B. 1.2 is waived for this competition.

3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration and paying the regatta entry fee online through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com).

3.3. Boats with their original, unmodified short keel and have a hull number less than 900 also are eligible for the Heritage Division, in addition to the open series.

4. FEES

4.1. The registration fee is \$475 per boat. There is a late fee of \$100 for registering after August 19. The registration fee includes launch, haul, and a guest mooring for visiting boats, and all regatta activities.

5. LAUNCH/HAUL FOR VISITING ETCHELLS

5.1. Launching and haul-out for the event will occur at SailMaine in Portland, Maine. It is the responsibility of the boat owner/crew to launch during the scheduled time windows as the tow boats are scheduled only during this time.

5.2. Competitors are free to make other launch/haul arrangements to meet their needs.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Friday, September 18

Launching for visiting boats [DETAILS TBD]

6.2. Saturday, September 19

0800 Competitor check-in at Portland Yacht Club

0900 Competitor's briefing

1100 First warning signal

1800 Dinner & music at Portland Yacht Club

6.3. Sunday, September 20

1100 First warning signal

1500 No warning signal after this time

After racing Haul-out, BBQ from Terlingua, Awards at SailMaine

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Presentation of a valid hull certificate and sail acquisition form (sail card) for the boat will not be required for this event.

7.2. Boat owners and any other persons in charge are reminded that a boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 while racing.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available online through Regatta Management Solutions (www.regattaman.com) after August 15, 2025.

- 8.2. A limited number of copies of the Sailing Instructions may be available during onsite regatta check-in at PYC on Friday evening and on Saturday morning.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The Lobster Bowl Regatta will be held at the Portland Yacht Club, 40 Old Powerhouse Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105.
- 9.2. Races will be held on the waters of Casco Bay in the vicinity of the Portland Yacht Club. The exact location will be at the discretion of the PRO.
- 9.3. Please be advised that 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 club grounds smoking is permitted only in private vehicles. The organizing authority will strictly enforce this rule. [DP]

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be windward/leeward with dropped inflatable marks and may include offset marks and gates as more fully described in the sailing instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. US Sailing prescription Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 12.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority during onsite registration and display any identifying flags provided by the organizing authority.
- 13.2. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall not communicate with competitors and shall stay outside areas where boats are starting, finishing, and racing, from the time of the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the sailing instructions. All coach and support boats shall have a working marine VHF radio onboard and actively monitor the race committee channel and assist the race committee in matters of safety as requested.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1. All boats shall be afloat no later than 1000 on Saturday, September 19 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the written permission of the Race Committee or Regatta Chairs. [DP]

15. RADIO AND CELL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. This section supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41.
- 15.2. All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on USA marine VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 22A (1022 under new channel designation), 68, 69, and 72. This changes IECA rule C.5.1.
- 15.3. The Race Committee may use the radio to provide competitors with race information on channel 69.
- 15.4. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall notify the race committee by radio at the completion of that race, or in writing within the protest time limit.
- 15.5. No radio or cell phone communications or data services other than those described herein are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 15.6. Boats may use the radio or cell phone to request assistance in an emergency.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers of the Open division and the top 3 finishers of the Corinthian division.
- 16.2. The organizing authority reserves the right to award other prizes, including winners of individual races, or establish other divisions within the regatta.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers(OA, race committee, PC, host club,sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death,sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizersfrom all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 18.2. Support vessel drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the RC/OA.
- 18.3. Each entry shall provide proof of insurance to the Organizing Authority.
- 19. FURTHER INFORMATION
- 19.1. For further information please contact the Lobster Bowl Regatta organizing committee:
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