



2026 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES (IEBBS)

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB

2540 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

Etchells Fleet 20 is the organizing authority (OA), the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the host club, and the BBYC Regatta Committee is designated as the race committee (RC).

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Rules ([Etchells Class Rules effective 11 Nov 2022.pdf](#)) will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 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_2024.07.25.pdf). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct prior to the close of registration for the event. Failure of a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 1.4 Except for breaking a rule of Part 2, RRS 2, 28, or RRS 31, the protest committee (PC) may impose a discretionary penalty (DP) less than disqualification, in accordance with RRS 60.5(c).1.
- 1.5 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 88.2, Appendix R, The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1, and Appendix V1. These will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.6 Arbitration in accordance with RRS APPENDIX T, ARBITRATION, will be offered. The Scoring Penalty, T1(b) is changed to 20%.
- 1.7 The OA will require bow numbers to be installed on competing boats. Bow numbers will be provided by the OA.
- 1.8 The Louis Piana Cup and Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta are classified as IECA Open events.
- 1.9 The Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East Regatta are designated as IECA Class C events by the North American Etchells Association. All skippers must be Active Members of the IECA and crew must be Active Members or Associate Members for these two events.
- 1.10 Class Rule C.5.1(b) is amended to add: (17) Electronic devices with the following functionality:
Full Vakaros Atlas 2 functionality will be used for all four events.
This change is permitted by RRS 87 and written permission is posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.11 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee (RC). This changes RRS 41(c). A working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in shall be mounted above any other instruments on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) for a fee
- 1.12 Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at Yacht Scoring by December 1st, 2025.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The ONB is located online at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=50466.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA VHF Marine Channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI. Failure by a competitor to hear a courtesy broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4 The use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The events are open to all boats of the Etchells Class with a valid measurement certificate. The skipper shall be an Active Member of the IECA.
- 4.2 A Corinthian Division will be established at registration for each event. To be eligible, a boat's skipper and crew are required to have a current Group 1, World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22, classification at the time of registration. (Apply here: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>).
- 4.3 For the Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East Regatta, in accordance with IECA Class Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2, crew weigh-ins will be held during the times indicated in NOR 7 (**SCHEDULE**). Competitors will be weighed in as a team, with each crew member wearing light clothing, minimum being outer wear shorts and t-shirt.
- 4.4 Enter the Piana Cup or the entire 2025 Biscayne Bay Series online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50466>
- 4.5 Enter the Sidney Doren Memorial online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50467>
- 4.6 Enter the Florida State Championships online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50468>
- 4.7 Enter the US Midwinters East Regatta online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50469>
- 4.8 Only online entries shall be accepted.
- 4.9 Boats may be entered for an individual event or the complete Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series.
- 4.10 The Etchells Fleet 20 website (www.etchellsfleet20.org) will include a registration link to Yachtscoring.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees for the events are:
- 5.1.1 Louis Piana Cup and Sid Doren Memorial Regatta: \$300 for a crew of 3 and \$400 for a crew of 4.
- 5.1.2 Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East Regatta: \$500 for a crew of 3 and \$600 for a crew of 4.
- 5.1.3 Complete IEBBR Series: \$1,600 for a crew of 3 and \$2,000 for a crew of 4.
- 5.1.4 For the individual events, entries and full payment must be received by 18:00 on the Monday preceding the event. Late entries for an event will be accepted until 18:00 at the close of registration for each event with a \$100 late fee.
- 5.2 For the complete Series a \$100 discount will be applied if paid in full before November 15, 2025. Go to the 2025 Piana Cup page on Yachtscoring and check the boxes for entering four regattas and check the box for the discount.
- 5.3 Support/Coach Boat fee: \$100 per event or \$400 for the series.
- 5.4 Payments shall be made on-line through Yachtscoring using a credit card or Pay Pal.
- 5.5 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the race committee for all four events. Atlas 2 units will be available for rent. Details of rental fees will be announced when available.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Schedule:

Louis Piana Cup:	December 13-14, 2025	
Friday, December 12, 2025	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/check-in
Saturday, December 13, 2025	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, December 14, 2025	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)
Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta:	January 10-11, 2026	
Friday, January 9, 2026	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/check-in
Saturday, January 10, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, January 11, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)
Florida State Championship:	January 30-31 and February 1, 2026	
Thursday, January 29, 2026	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/crew weigh-in
Friday, January 30, 2026	08:00-08:45 09:00 10:55	Crew weigh-in Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Saturday, January 31, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, February 1, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)
US Midwinters East Regatta:	February 13-15, 2026	
Thursday, February 12, 2026	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/crew weigh-in
Friday, February 13, 2026	08:00-08:45 09:00 10:55	Crew weigh-in Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Saturday, February 14, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, February 15, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)

7.2 Five races are scheduled for each event and one completed race will constitute an event, except eight races are scheduled for the US Midwinters East Regatta and two completed races will constitute this event.

7.3 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and/or Saturday, and two races are scheduled for Sunday.

7.4 On the Sunday of each event, no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hours.

8 REGISTRATION

- 8.1 To complete registration requires completion and inspection/delivery of the following:
- a) On-line entry and payment (on-line through Yachtscore only)
 - b) Valid Hull & Spar Measurement Certificate (available at <https://etchells.org/yacht-database>)
 - c) Waiver of Liability Form (shall be signed by all members of the crew, in person at registration)
 - d) Etchells Class Code of Conduct (shall be signed by all members of the crew, in person at registration)
 - e) Safety Equipment Declaration Form (Form available at registration and online).
 - f) Proof of Insurance - copy to be provided at or before registration.
 - g). Sails Declaration Form – For both the Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East, a Sails Declaration Form indicating the sails to be used for the duration of each event including one main, two jibs and two spinnakers. The sails on the sail declaration form shall be identified by serial number and are the only sails to be used for the event. (Form available at registration and online).
- 8.2 For the Louis Piana Cup and Sidney Doren Memorial Regattas, skippers and crew are required to check-in at the regatta desk located on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse prior to each event before racing. There will be no boat, rig, or sail measurements, and no weigh-in. See NOR 7 (SCHEDULE) for details.
- 8.3 For the Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East Regatta, skippers and crew are required to check-in at the regatta desk located on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse prior to each event before racing. There will be no boat, rig, or sail measurements. Crew weigh-ins will be during registration during the times indicated in NOR 7(SCHEDULE).
- 8.4 *Support Persons* and their vessels shall be registered in accordance with NOR 13 (*Support Persons* and Vessels).
- 8.5 The registration desk will be open from 09:00 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 on the day before the first scheduled day of racing, and from 08:00 to 08:45 on the first scheduled day of racing, as indicated in NOR 7(SCHEDULE).

9 INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions, applicable US Sailing rules and prescriptions and amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at Yachtscore prior to registration.

10 VENUE AND COURSES

- 10.1 Races will be sailed on Biscayne Bay. The courses will be windward/leeward drop mark courses, to be more particularly described in the SIs.
- 10.2 Regatta headquarters will be at the BBYC.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The word “series” is replaced by “event” in RRS A2.1.
- 11.2 RRS A2.2 shall not apply.
- 11.3 The “number of boats entered in the series” is replaced by “number of boats that came to the starting area for the event” in rule A5.2
- For the Louis Piana Cup and Sid Doren Memorial Regatta, if fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat’s event score will be the total of her race scores. For the Louis Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial Regatta and Florida State Championship, if five (5) races are completed, a boat’s event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
- For the Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East Regatta, if fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat’s event score will be the total of her race scores. If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat’s event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
- 11.4 For the IEBBRS Championship Series, a boat’s score will be her final overall position in the US Midwinters East Regatta added to her two (2) lowest final overall finishing positions from the other three events (Louis Piana Cup, Sid Doren Memorial, or Florida State Championship).

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 For each individual event in the Series, prizes will be awarded to the first through fifth place overall finishers in the event, and to the first through third place finishers within the Corinthian Division.
- 12.2 Boats registered in the Corinthian Division are also eligible for overall prizes.
- 12.3 For the IEBBRS Championship Series, the top three overall boats and top Corinthian boat will receive prizes following the conclusion of the series. In addition, the top overall boat and top Corinthian boat will be awarded the *International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series* perpetual trophies.

- 12.4 For the US Midwinters East Regatta, the first-place Corinthian boat will receive the *International Etchells US East Midwinters – Top Corinthian* prize, the Pat Stadel Trophy.

13 SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 13.1 *Support Persons* and their vessels shall be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Support boats shall always display identifying flags while they are acting as a coach or support vessel.
- 13.2 All registered *Support Persons* and vessels shall carry a VHF radio while on the water, monitor the race committee and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 13.3 For the Florida State Championship and the Midwinters East events, competitors shall have no communication with, nor shall competitor's boats be tied to coach or support vessels from 5 minutes before the first Warning Signal of each day until racing has concluded for the day. Between races, *Support Persons* and vessels shall not approach, communicate with, or transfer provisions or equipment to or from any competitor's boat which they support, except to provide aid in connection with a medical or emergency that threatens the safety of the crew or the flotation of the boat, and then only with the expressed permission of the Race Committee.
- For the Louis Piana Cup and the Sid Doren Memorial events, between races, *Support Persons* and vessels may approach, communicate with, or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats.
- 13.4 Team leaders, coaches, other *Support Persons*, and all coach and support boats, shall stay outside of the race course and the starting area from 5 minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has concluded for all boats for the day.
- 13.5 *Support persons* and guests during events may not launch their vessels or store trailers on the BBYC club grounds, and docking is not permitted except on the BBYC west seawall.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Before participating in this event, every owner, competitor, and *Support Person* shall sign a Waiver of Liability on Yachtscoring.
- 15.2 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 any of the events described in this Notice of Regatta Series, each competitor acknowledges that he or she is participating entirely at his or her own risk. None of the OA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, nor any other organization or official affiliated with these events, accept any liability for damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with these events, whether occurring prior to, during or after.
- 15.3 By participating in any of these events, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among other these risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by one's own boat or by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue among others, any of which may result in an 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. At all times it remains the sole responsibility of each competitor to determine whether he or she will race or continue racing, and each competitor so assumes all risks associated with this activity.**

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000/\$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 16.2 Boats utilizing a rental Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

17 MEDIA RIGHTS AND DATA PROTECTION

- 17.1 By participating in this event, competitors are deemed to have granted to the OA 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 BOAT STORAGE

- 18.1 Competitors requesting boat storage at BBYC must submit a fully completed BBYC Guest Registration Form and complete the Yachtscoring Biscayne Bay Regatta Series entry including fee(s). Etchells storage at the club is limited to approximately 20 boats and will be assigned on a first to register and pay entry fees for the series, first accepted basis. Entry fees do not include fees for boat and trailer storage. There are nearby launching/storage facilities. Contact them directly for information: Shake A Leg Miami at www.shakealegmiami.org , or US Sailing Center at www.usscmiami.org .

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Official Notice Board website at Yacht Scoring: https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50466
- 19.2 The Fleet 20 website www.etchellsfleet20.org will provide additional information.
- 19.3 The IECA Class Rules: <https://etchells.org/class/technical/rules-and-plans>
- 19.4 For inquiries about the 2025 Etchells Biscayne Bay Series:
Regatta Committee Chairman: Jeff Nehms – racing@etchellsfleet20.org , (305) 281-9519
BBYC Boat Storage: Ezra Culver – racing@etchellsfleet20.org , (305) 788-4510
Principal Race Officer: Mark Foster – mfoster1053@gmail.com , (361) 816-9801
Protest Committee Chairman: Tom Rinda - mercofl@aol.com , (727) 560-6365
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