



2027 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS BISCAYNE BAY REGATTA SERIES (IEBBS)

December 2026 through February 2027

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB

2540 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

The Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with Etchells Fleet 20 – Biscayne Bay, invites members and associates of the International Etchells Class to the 2027 International Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series (IEBBS). Four individual regattas will be sailed on Biscayne Bay from December 2026 through February 2027. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Etchells Fleet 20, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the host club, and the BBYC Regatta Committee is designated as the race committee (RC).

Except for breaking a rule of Part 2, or rules 2, 28 or 31, 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 (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 event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] International Etchells Association [Class Rules](#) will apply.
- 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 US Sailing Prescriptions that will apply: the preamble to Part 5, 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, and APPENDICES R and V1. See the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.6 [DP] [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned and supplied by the OA and fixed to each participating boat prior to racing. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the series.
- 1.7 Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the person in charge will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails must display the same sail number.
- 1.8 Arbitration in accordance with RRS APPENDIX T, ARBITRATION, will be offered. The Scoring Penalty, T1(b) is changed to 20%.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between a rule on the Notice of Racing and a rule on the Sailing Instructions, the rule on the Sailing Instruction will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).
- 1.10 Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge devices are allowed. The RC will use the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes Class Rule C.5.1. Refer to Appendix RS – VAKAROS RACESENSE for rules and details.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at Yacht Scoring by December 1st, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The ONB is located online at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=50921.
- 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 channel 72. Failure by a competitor to hear a courtesy broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

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 The Louis Piana Cup and Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta are classified as IECA Open events.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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/>).
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 Enter the Piana Cup or the entire 2025 Biscayne Bay Series online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50921>
- 4.7 Enter the Sidney Doren Memorial online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50922>
- 4.8 Enter the Florida State Championships online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50923>
- 4.9 Enter the US Midwinters East Regatta online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50924>
- 4.10 Only online entries shall be accepted.
- 4.11 Boats may be entered for an individual event or the complete Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series.
- 4.12 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 2026 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: \$150 per event or \$500 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 12-13, 2026	5 races scheduled
Monday, December 7, 2026	18:00	Entry and payment deadline
Friday, December 11, 2026	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/check-in
Saturday, December 12, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, December 13, 2026	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)
Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta:	January 9-10, 2027	5 races scheduled
Monday, January 4, 2027	18:00	Entry and payment deadline
Friday, January 8, 2027	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/check-in
Saturday, January 9, 2027	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, January 10, 2027	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)
Florida State Championship:	January 29-31, 2027	8 races scheduled for Overall 5 races scheduled for Corinthian
Monday, January 25, 2027	18:00	Entry and payment deadline
Thursday, January 29, 2027	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/crew weigh-in
Friday, January 29, 2027 Overall	08:00-08:45 09:00 10:55 17:00-18:00	Crew weigh-in Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled) Crew weigh-in (Corinthian teams only)
Saturday, January 30, 2027 Overall and Corinthian	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, January 31, 2027 Overall and Corinthian	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)
US Midwinters East Regatta:	February 26-28, 2027	8 races scheduled
Monday, February 22, 2027	18:00	Entry and payment deadline
Thursday, February 25, 2027	09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:00	Registration/crew weigh-in
Friday, February 26, 2027	08:00-08:45 09:00 10:55	Crew weigh-in Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Saturday, February 27, 2027	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (3 races scheduled)
Sunday, February 28, 2027	09:00 10:55	Competitor's Briefing First warning (2 races scheduled)

- 7.2 Five races are scheduled for the Louis Piana Cup and Sid Doren Memorial Regatta and one completed race will constitute an event.
- 7.3 Eight races are scheduled for the Florida State Championship and US Midwinters East Regatta and two completed races will constitute this event.
- 7.4 Three races each day are scheduled for Friday and/or Saturday, and two races are scheduled for Sunday.
- 7.5 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 before the close of check-in:
- a) On-line entry and payment (on-line through Yachtscoring only)
 - b) All crew registered in Yachtscoring including name, email and phone number (on-line Yachtscoring only)
 - 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) Valid Hull & Spar Measurement Certificate (available at <https://etchells.org/yacht-database>)
 - h) 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 Yachtscoring prior to registration.

10 VENUE AND COURSES

- 10.1 Races will be sailed on Biscayne Bay. The courses will be windward/leeward.
- 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
- 11.4 For each individual regatta of the IEBBRS, if five (5) or more races are completed, there will be (1) race excluded in accordance with RRS A2
- 11.5 For the Florida State Championship all races completed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be counted for the Overall score. Only the races completed on Saturday and Sunday will be counted for the Corinthian score. NORS 11.4 will apply.
- 11.6 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.
- 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 in the event of a valid emergency.
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 Yachtscore.
- 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/50921
- 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
BBYC Office: gm@biscaynebayyachtclub.com , (305) 858-6303

APPENDIX RS – VAKAROS RACESENSE

RaceSense RRS changes

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

- RS.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense and enabled with only the functionality listed [here](#) at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted above any other device, on the aft side of the mast, at all times while racing.
- RS.2 Competitors shall
- a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
 - b) Turn the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approx. 100 hours
- RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- RS.4 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#)
- RS.5 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- RS.6 The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.
- RS.7 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.
- RS.8 Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).
- RS.9 If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.
- RS.10 If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.
- RS.11 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the Regatta WhatsApp Group.