



# 2012 JAGUAR CUP INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES WINTER REGATTA SERIES

## STANDARD ETHELLES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### For The

2011 PIANA CUP REGATTA  
2012 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

2012 SID DOREN MEMORIAL REGATTA  
2012 JAGUAR MID-WINTER REGATTA

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The 2012 Jaguar Cup - Winter Regatta Series will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*Rules*). The Prescriptions of US Sailing do not apply, except the US Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and appendix F.
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Rules are amended in that all competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving U.S. VHF channels.
- 1.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats. This restriction also applies to cellular phones.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the first floor of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

### **3. CHANGES**

- 3.1 Any changes will be posted by 0800 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the schedule of races will be posted prior to 18:00 hours on the day before they take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Flag "L", flown from the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Flagpole signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions, or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board.
- 4.3 Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that racing has been postponed. The first warning signal of the day will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

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|-----|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5.1 | December 10 & 11, 2011      | Piana Cup Regatta          | Up to 5 races are scheduled |
|     | January 7 & 8, 2012         | Sid Doren Memorial Regatta | Up to 5 races are scheduled |
|     | February 4 & 5, 2012        | Florida State Championship | Up to 5 races are scheduled |
|     | February 24, 25, & 26, 2012 | Mid-Winters Regatta        | Up to 8 races are scheduled |
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:55 am.
  - 5.3 If the Race Committee intends to start another race on the same day flag "R" will be displayed on the signal boat at the finish. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. If no more races are to be started on that day the Race Committee will display flag "H".
  - 5.4 On the final race day of each regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

**6. Class Flag**

6.1 The class flag will be the Etchells insignia on a white flag.

**7. Racing Areas**

7.1 All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area from 1 to 3 miles south of Dinner Key Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 4sec 16ft 5M).

**8. THE COURSES**

8.1 Courses will be as described below, and in **ADDENDUM #1 COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS**.

**8.2 COURSE DESIGNATIONS:**

**COURSE #2** – Windward, Leeward (finish).

**COURSE #3** - Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

**COURSE #4** - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish).

**COURSE #5** - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

8.3 Courses will be posted on the signal boat course board prior to the warning signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and the distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed (This changes *Rule 27.1*).

**9. MARKS**

9.1 Course Marks will be inflatable cylinder-shaped marks.

9.2 Windward marks will be 5 ft. cylinders, and offset marks will be 3 ft. balls.

9.3 When a windward mark is employed there will also be an offset mark. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall to be left to port.

9.4 Leeward marks will be 5 ft cylinders.

9.5 When a leeward "gate" is employed, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9.6 A single leeward mark shall be left to port.

**10. THE START**

10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with *Rule 26*.

10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end line boat.

10.3 The Race Committee signal boat may be protected by a nearby inflatable limit mark, which shall rank as a starting mark. Boats shall not pass between the limit mark and the nearby signal boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the signal boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of *Rules 19 and 20*.

10.4 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). (This changes *Rule A4.1*)

**11. RECALLS**

11.1 In the event of an individual recall, the bow numbers, sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *Rules 29.1 and 60.1 b*)

**12. CHANGE OF COURSE**

12.1 When changing the course after the start, the original inflatable cylinder mark will be moved, although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

**13. FINISH**

- 13.1 The Finish line for **Windward finishes** (Courses 3 & 5) will be between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee vessels or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and a nearby mark.
- 13.2 The Finish line for **Leeward finishes** (Courses 2 & 4) will be between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee vessels or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and a nearby mark.

**14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 60 minutes, or finishes within two and one half (2.5) hours of the start shall be abandoned. All boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race will be scored “TLE”. A “TLE” score for all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes *Rules* 35, A 4.1 and A 4.2)

**15. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2**

- 15.1 The penalty for breaking a *Rule* of Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a *Rule* of Part 2 her penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe, unless she breaks a *Rule* of Part 2 within the 3 boat length zone. Then her penalty will be a Two-Turns Penalty. (This changes *Rule* 44)
- 15.2 A boat is allowed to take a Scoring Penalty for a breach of a *Rule* of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing, by acknowledging the infringement or by accepting the opinion of an arbitrator. This penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered in that regatta (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 5 places added to her actual finish position. However, she will not be scored worse than Did Not Finish (DNF). (This changes *Rules* 44.1 and 44.3)

**16. PROTESTS, ARBITRATION, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the Jury desk at BBYC. Protests shall be delivered to the Jury desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks.
- 16.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of a *Rule* of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be offered prior to a protest hearing. After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to a Protest Committee. (This changes *Rules* Part 5, section B.)
- 16.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Protest Committee, but will be permitted to observe the testimony from the protestor and protestee and offer testimony if called upon by the committee. (This changes *Rule* 63.3(a))
- 16.4 A boat that accepts the arbitrator’s opinion that she broke a *Rule* of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 40% per section 14.2 of these sailing instructions. The acceptance of an arbitrator’s opinion cannot be grounds for redress.

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point System, as provided in *Rule* A4 will apply, except as changed in section 14.1 of these sailing instructions and as follows:
- 17.2 Up to five (5) races are scheduled for the Piana Cup, Sidney Doren Memorial, and Florida State Championship regattas, of which one (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.3 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled for the Jaguar Mid-Winter Regatta, of which three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 17.4 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a regatta, the boat’s score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.5 The word “series” in A 4.2, and in the final sentence of A9 is changed to “regatta”. (This changes *Rules* A 4.2. and A 9.)

**18. BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

18.1 The Race Committee will assign bow numbers to each participating boat. The numbers will be available at registration. These numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner; The leading edge of the forward number shall be 22 inches aft of the stem and 1 inch below the deck. The leading edge of the aft number shall be 3 inches aft of the aft edge of the forward number and 1 inch below the deck. All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting background.

**19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION**

19.1 All boats shall be afloat prior to the warning signal for the first race of each regatta and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to, the written terms and permission of the principal race officer or the chief judge for the event.

**20. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

20.1 Coach and support boats are required to register with the Race Committee prior to each regatta, and may be given an identifying flag to be flown while in the racing area. All coach and support boats shall monitor VHF 72 while in the racing area so that they may be contacted by the Race Committee.

20.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall not communicate with any boat during a race in any manner, unless assisting in an emergency. Support boats shall stay well outside of the starting and racing area from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished the race, or until the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**21. PRIZES**

21.1 Regatta trophies will be awarded to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) through fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) place skipper and crew in an awards ceremony at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club approximately 1½ hours after the Race Committee signal boat docks following the final race of each regatta.

21.2 Series awards for the Jaguar Cup Series will be awarded to the first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place boats qualifying for a series award in a ceremony at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club following the final race of the Jaguar Cup series.

# ADDENDUM #1

## COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

**EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT**

**Sail Course #4** - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish)

With **Offset** at the weather mark, and a **Gate** at leeward mark.  
 The Weather mark is **1.5 miles** from start at **120°** magnetic.

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1.5 nm.	120°

### COURSE # 3

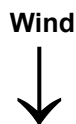


- Leg 1 – Windward (+ Offset)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (Finish)



Start ----- R/C

### COURSE # 5



- Leg 1 – Windward (+ Offset)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (+ Offset)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 5 – Windward (Finish)



Start ----- R/C

### COURSE # 4



- Leg 1 – Windward (+ Offset)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (+ Offset)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (Finish)



Start/ ----- R/C  
Finish

### COURSE # 2



- Leg 1 – Windward (+ Offset)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (Finish)



Start/ ----- R/C  
Finish