

2026 Etchells World Championship — Boat Park & Facility Guidelines

A message from the Port Captains Committee, San Diego Yacht Club

Whether you're a longtime SDYC member or joining us from across the world, we are so glad you're here. Hosting the 2026 Etchells World Championship is a point of enormous pride for our club, and we want every competitor to feel at home on our docks.

To make sure the event runs smoothly for everyone — competitors, coaches, and club members alike — the Port Captains Committee asks that all competitors, members included, follow the facility guidelines below. It's worth noting that every Etchells on the grounds takes up two member car-parking spots, so the more we all pull together on this, the happier the whole club will be.

We appreciate your cooperation — let's make this a Worlds to remember.

Boat Park Guidelines

- **Hoists & Hoist Pads** — Please do not park cars, or leave boats or empty trailers unattended on the hoists, hoist pads or entry points to and from. If you need to hang a boat for a longer period, the A-frame in the Etchells yard is the right spot for that.
- **Keep Gear on Your Trailer** — Please keep your equipment consolidated on your trailer as much as possible. Masts and gin poles are the only exception — we know they need their own space.
- **Mast Storage** — A loose mast is a safety risk, so please store them properly. Spare masts should be tied securely to the fences in the Etchells yard, or to the chain-link fence between the Tennis Courts and the first row of Etchells in the back lot. Outside of arrival and departure, please do not leave masts lying on boats or unattended on sawhorses where they could fall.
- **Washdowns** — All boat washdowns must take place in the designated areas: the Etchells hoist pad, the Star hoist pad, or the washdown area near the Star Hoist. Please do not wash down boats in your slip.
- **Trailer Parking** — Please leave your trailer hitch facing out (toward the traffic lane). In areas where cars may be traveling near boats, we want to ensure cars contact your hitch rather than your rudder or hull. Boats not already positioned at an appropriate angle for ingress and egress will be repositioned by the yard team.
- **In-Water Parking** — “I” dock near the Etchells Hoists and the “Temp” dock near the Star Hoists are available at any time. On regatta weekends, the Front Dock is reserved for Etchells, and the end of “E” dock/race dock is open to coach boats up to 25 feet (per NoR 5.5). Please do not park your boats in other areas. During the Worlds, you will be assigned a specific parking location.
- **Boat Work** — Light wet sanding, waxing, and buffing are all fine. For anything more involved, please give the Dockmaster's office a heads-up at david@sdyc.org before you get started.

Important Dates & Notes

Opening Day Weekend — April 17–19

SDYC's Opening Day is one of the biggest weekends in our club calendar. Please note: the club will not be able to accommodate non-member practice sessions on Friday, April 17, Saturday, April 18, or Sunday, April 19. Parking, dock space, boat movement in the lot, and hoist access will not be available to non-members those days. Please plan ahead — we don't want any surprises.

For more information, see the [Opening Day notice](#).

Guest Departure Deadline — Wednesday, May 20

Guests are asked to be off the premises by Wednesday, May 20. This gives our team a little breathing room before Memorial Day weekend, which is a very busy time at the club. If you need extra time, reach out to david@sdyc.org and we'll see what we can work out. The daily rate for short-term guests remaining after the event will be \$82.50/day.

Thank you — members and guests alike — for treating our club with care. A little consideration goes a long way, and it means the world to us (pun intended). We can't wait to see great racing and great sportsmanship from every nation represented on our docks.

— *The Port Captains Committee, San Diego Yacht Club*