

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS

**2026 World Championship
Hosted by Fleet 13
Organized by San Diego Yacht Club
San Diego, California, USA
May 7 – 15, 2026**

Amendment #2 to the NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

A) NOR 1.13 is deleted and replaced with the following:

- 1.13. Vakaros Atlas2 or Edge devices are allowed. The RC will use the Vakaros RaceSense system.
This changes Class Rule C.5.1. Refer to Addendum RS for rules and details.

Reason: *This clarifies the use of Vakaros functionality and brings the NOR up to the current class guidelines on Vakaros and RaceSense.*

B) NOR 4.6 is deleted and replaced with the following:

- 4.6. A Corinthian division will be established. The division will be open to boats whose entire crew hold a valid Group 1 Categorization in accordance with World Sailing Categorization Code (Nov 24) (<https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations>). ***Per Classification Code 2.3 the Crew Deadline shall be April 18, 2026.***

Reason: *This allows time for protests under Classification Code 3.*

C) NOR 5.7 is added:

- 5.7. Youth teams as defined by NOR 6.1(a) shall receive a 50% discount on entry fees, assistance with boat charter, pre-owned sails, and housing.

Reason: *The Organizing Authority understands traveling to a World Championship is expensive and would like to offer additional support to Youth teams.*

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D) NOR 8.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, May 7	Measurement and Registration	0900 to 1700
Friday, May 8	Measurement and Registration	0900 to 1700
Saturday, May 9	Measurement and Registration	0900 to 1700
Sunday, May 10	Crew Weigh-in	0730 to 1000
	Practice Race, Warning Signal	1230
	All boats afloat	1700
Monday, May 11	Race Day 1, Crew Weigh-in	0730 to 0900
	Competitors' Briefing	0900
	1 st Warning Signal	1130
Tuesday, May 12	Race Day 2, 1st Warning Signal	1130
Wednesday, May 13	Race Day 3, 1st Warning Signal	1130
	Crew Re-weigh	1630 to 1800
Thursday, May 14	Crew Re-weigh	0730 to 0900
	Race Day 4, 1st Warning signal	1130
Friday, May 15	Race Day 5, 1st Warning Signal	1130
	Prizegiving	1800

Reason: *This change corrects an error in the schedule. Crew weigh-in is offered only the day before the first race and (by appointment) on the morning of the first race, consistent with class practice and at the direction of the IGC.*

E) NOR ATTACHMENT D is deleted and replaced with ATTACHMENT RS

Reason: *ATTACHMENT RS shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and may be referred to in the Sailing Instructions as well as the NOR.*

Organizing Authority
1600, 24 March 2026

ADDENDUM 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, including a valid subscription RaceSense Pass, and enabled with only the functionality listed [here](#) at check-in. This shall be mounted above any other device, on the aft side of the mast, at all times while racing.
- RS.2. Competitors shall:
- 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.
 - 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.