



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

As The Organizing Authority in Conjunction With

The Geelong Int. Etchells Fleet Inc.

Invites Entries For The

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

2011 Australian Championships

To be sailed on Corio Bay, Geelong, Victoria, Australia,
Saturday 8th to Saturday 15th January 2011.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the special regulations part 1 of Yachting Australia(YA).
- 1.2** The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3** All crew members shall wear an Australian Standard PFD 1 or 2 at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.4** In accordance with rule 70.7 Yachting Australia has agreed to the appointment of a National Jury for this event and the right of appeal is denied.
- 1.5** The Championship is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class B event.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising is not permitted pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.1.2 and IECA Rules.
- 2.2** The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all competitors of the International Etchells Class that comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, RRS Appendix2, (ISAF Regulation 19).
- 3.2 Each crew member shall be weighed on Sunday 9th January between the hours of 1000 and 1700 to ensure compliance with One-Design Rule 7.1.
- 3.3 Each crew member shall be reweighed on Friday 14th January between the hours of 0800 and 1100 to ensure compliance with One-Design Rule 7.1 is maintained. Crews that fail to reweigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with One Design Rule 7.1. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 3.4 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.5 The maximum total crew weight of 285kg including skipper, will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1 and the total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.6 Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Racing Office.
- 3.7 Entries open at 0900hrs on November 1st 2010 and close at 1200hrs on 1st January 2011. Entries will be made on-line from the following link.
[\(Etchells Australian Championships On-Line Entry\)](#)
- 3.8 A boat's current Hull and current Spars Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate and valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 17 are to be received no later than 1700hrs on 09/01/2011.
- 3.9 Australian entrants must be current YA card holders. Foreign entrants must be members of their National Authority.
- 3.10 A completed Safety Compliance Certificate to Category 7 shall be presented at registration.
The Cat 7 safety declaration form may be downloaded from the Yachting Australia website. [Yachting Australia](#)
- 3.11 Late entries may be accepted up to and no later than the close of registration on 9th of January 2011 and a late entry fee of **\$150** shall apply above the standard entry fee. Late entries shall only be able to be made by personal attendance at registration on the 8th to the 9th of January. Please note registration hours **WILL NOT BE EXTENDED for the purpose of accepting late entries.**

3.12 The entry Fee is AUD \$630 for a three person crew or AUD \$720 for a four person crew, including GST.

3.13 Payment of Entry Fee will be by credit card with the on-line entry.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time		
01/11/10	Commencement of Entry period		0900hrs
01/01/11	Close of Entries		1200hrs
08/01/11	Registration		1000 to 1700hrs
09/01/11	Registration		1000 to 1700hrs
09/01/11	Crew Weigh-In		1000 to 1700hrs
09/01/11	Closure for acceptance of Late Entries		1200hrs
09/01/11	Welcome Night		1700hrs
10/01/11	Invitation Race	Warning Signal Not Before	1355hrs
11/01/11	Race Day 1	"	1155hrs
12/01/11	Race Day 2	"	1155hrs
13/1/2011	Race Day 3		1155hrs
14/1/2011	Crew Re-weigh	"	0800 to 1100hrs
14/1/2011	Race Day 4	"	1155hrs
15/1/2011	Race Day 5	No warning signal after	1355hrs
15/1/2011	Presentation Night		1830hrs

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organizing Authority at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, VIC on Saturday 8th January 2011 between the hours of 1000 to 1700 and Sunday 9th January 2011 between the hours of 1000 hours and 1700 hours.
- 5.2 Boats will not be measured for the Australian Championship however entrants shall present current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 5.3 Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta must be presented at registration for recording and marking by the Organizing Authority. All sails competitors intend to present for use during the regatta are to be measured and correctly recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with IECA Rules prior to registration. There will be no facility available to measure unmeasured sails at registration.
- 5.4 All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required Certificates, must be completed by 1700 hours on Sunday 9th January 2011
- 5.5 During the competition, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organizing Authority at any time.
- 5.6 Bow numbers will be provided and fitted by the organizing authority.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Royal Geelong Yacht Club web site from the following link. ([Sailing Instructions](#)) from the 1st of January 2011 or at registration. Hard copies will be available from the RGYC General Office.

7. VENUE

Racing will be on Corio Bay.

8. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward as per the sailing instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1** The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
- 9.2** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

10. SCORING

- 10.1** Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1** Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the day until all boats have finished racing for the day.
- 11.2** Between races, support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment to any boats competing in the regatta.
- 11.3** Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.4** Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority. Support boats will supply and display a pink flag approximately 40cm square.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1** All boats shall be afloat by 2000 hours on Sunday 9th January 2011 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.
- 12.2** No boat that is already afloat at 1200 hours on Sunday 9th January may be hauled out and re-launched prior to the 2000 deadline except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority.

13. PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

This supplements but does not change RRS2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

15. PRIZES

- The Skip Etchells Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- The Roger Dane Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Masters Division (skipper over 50 years of age).
- The Jim Annand Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Grand Masters' Division (total age crew of 150 years for a three person crew and 200 years for a four person crew).
- Prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall, individual race winners, Masters Division and the Grand Masters Division winners.
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- Age is that applicable at midnight on the 8th of January 2011.

16. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent, **plus racing risk endorsement.**
- 17.2 All owners/competitors who enter are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 17.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18. MEDIA

By lodging an entry, the owner/competitor gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.