



NOTICE OF RACE

FOR THE

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sydney, Australia

16th February – 25th February 2012

CONDUCTED BY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

In conjunction with the

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS SYDNEY FLEET Inc

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

1 RULES

All races will be governed by:

1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended
2. The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association shall apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
3. The Championship is an ISAF Recognised Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class A Event.
4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
5. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia will not apply.
6. In addition to the equipment required to be carried in accordance with Etchells Class Rule C.5, the following equipment will be required to be carried:
 - a. Buoyant rescue quoit with 15 metres of line or lifebuoy with 30 metres of line
 - b. Flares – 2 red and 2 orange
 - c. V-Sheet
 - d. Compass and chartlet of area (approaches to Sydney Harbour - suitable chartlets will be available at registration)
 - e. Water – a minimum of 2 litres per person
 - f. an operating VHF radio and to monitor channel 69 during all races.
7. The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with PFD Type 1, PFD Type 2 or AS4758 PFD (minimum level 100) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members will be mandatory at all times while afloat.
8. If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with Etchells Class Rules and ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 (advertising chosen by the person in charge on sails, spars and hulls). The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.2 All competitors are required to have a current ISAF Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be done online at www.sailing.org
- 3.3 Entry allocation is 23% of each Etchells Fleet's paid boats (rounded up). Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the Organising Authority with the International Etchells Class Association Secretariat.
- 3.4 For the purposes of complying with Etchells Class Rule C.2.2, each crew member of each boat shall be weighed between the hours of 0800 and 1100 on Sunday 19th February, 2012.
- 3.5 Each crew member on each boat shall be re-weighed between the hours of 0700 and 0930 on Thursday 23rd February, 2012 to ensure compliance with of Etchells Class Rule C.2.2. Crews that fail to re-weigh 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 Etchells Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 3.6 The total combined weight of crew members of each boat will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.7 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.8 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 3.9 Weighing scales will be available on each race day from 0900 to 1200.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System, to be completed by no later than 1700 hours 31st December 2011 and accompanied by the entry fee of \$A1,600 for boats sailing with three crew. For boats sailing with four crew, the fee shall be \$A2,000.
- 4.2 Entries received after 31st December, 2011 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of \$A500.
- 4.3 The Official Online Entry System will be available from the 1st October 2011 at www.rsys.com.au
- 4.4 The entry fee includes launching and docking during the regatta and selected social events for skipper and all crew. Social packages for additional guests will be available.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 16 February	Registration & Measurement	1000-1600
Friday 17 February	Registration & Measurement	1000-1600
Saturday 18 February	Registration & Measurement	1000-1600
Sunday 19 February	Skippers Briefing	0830
	Registration & Measurement	1000-1600
	Weigh In	0800-1100
	Invitation Race	1330
	Opening Ceremony	1900
Monday 20 February	Race Day 1	1200
Tuesday 21 February	Race Day 2	1200
Wednesday 22 February	Race Day 3	1200
Thursday 23 February	Weigh in	0700-0930
	Race Day 4	1200
Friday 24 February	Race Day 5	1200
Saturday 25 February	Race Day 6	1200
	Prizegiving & Regatta Dinner	1900

- 5.1 Nine races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any Race Day.
- 5.2 The Class International Governing Committee members present may permit the Race Committee to deviate from the above schedule.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Saturday 25th February 2012.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron between 16 February 2012 and 19 February 2012 between 1000 hours and 1600 hours.
- 6.2 All boats will be measured for compliance with ISAF measurement regulations and Class rules. Each skipper or co-skipper shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 6.4 All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, boat and sail measurement, presentation of original Hull and Sail Measurement Certificates and audit of safety equipment are required to be completed by 1600 hours on 19 February 2012.
- 6.5 A boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time during the competition.
- 6.6 After measurement and until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 6.7 After measurement until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the International Jury. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 6.8 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendations of the Class IGC/ODT and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the International Etchells Class Association.

6.9 All safety equipment will be audited before the commencement of the regatta and random audits may be conducted during the regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on line and at Registration.

8 RACING AREA

Races will be held in the Tasman Sea off Sydney Heads or Sydney Harbour, Port Jackson.

9 COURSES

The Courses will be as described in the current International Etchells Class "Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions" Appendix B as detailed on the International Etchells Class website.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Three Length Zone as defined in the RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

10.2 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.

10.3 As provided in RRS 67, the International Jury may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

11 SCORING SYSTEM

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

11.2 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12 INTERNATIONAL JURY

12.1 The Championship will have an International Jury constituted in accordance with RRS 91 (b) and Appendix N. Substitutions may be made. Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.

12.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

13 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Coach and support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as coach or support boats and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

13.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from 11.30am each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.

13.3 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

13.4 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1700 hours on Sunday 19 February 2012.

14.2 Boats entering the regatta site may be directed at the discretion of the Organising Authority to be wet stored prior to Regatta.

14.3 The Organising Committee may allocate launch times for each boat and may impose a schedule for boats to be hauled out for measurement and maintenance.

14.4 No boat shall be lifted out of the water after 0900 hours on Sunday 19th February 2012, except for measurement purposes, through to the conclusion of the championship without prior written permission of the International Jury. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

15 PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio (Channel 69) to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 69 to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.
- 16.2 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after 11.30am on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 16.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the International Jury or the Race Committee.

17 LOANER BOATS

- 17.1 Loaner boats will be available for overseas entrants and will be allocated in accordance with the Class Rules by 18 January 2012 at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. The Loaner boat fee of \$A2,000 includes all insurance premiums. An additional Damage Deposit of \$1000 is payable to cover repairs, replacing broken fittings or insurance excess. Any balance remaining is refundable.
- 17.2 Application for a loaner boat is to be made on the Official Entry Form and forwarded to the Organising Authority with the applicable fee.

18 INSURANCE

All boats competing shall carry current third party property insurance cover and third party personal liability insurance cover valid in Australia. The minimum third party personal liability cover shall be \$A10 million. Proof of insurance shall be presented at registration. Alternative cover will be available at registration for those that need it.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organising Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 PRIZES

The World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the individual race winners of races one through nine, together with the Masters' Division winner, the Seniors' Division winner, the Grand Masters' Division winner, the Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy and the Corinthian Trophy. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three placegetters overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact;
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| David Sturrock | Regatta Director | dws@advancecarriers.com.au |
| Roger Gain | Fleet Secretary | rtgain@gmail.com |
- 21.2 For RSYS information, please contact the Sailing Office, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Peel St Kirribilli NSW 2061 Phone 9017 0152 Fax 9955 3404 email sailing@rsys.com.au
The official regatta notice board will be located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove Room stairs.

22 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 22.1 **Temporary Membership** - Temporary Membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Regatta.
- 22.2 **Parking** – There is no parking available at RSYS for non-members. NO trailers may be brought to RSYS after Friday 17th February 2012 and no trailers will be permitted to stay at RSYS. Further parking information for trailers will be advised.
- 22.3 **Mooring** - During the Championship, boats will be moored alternating bow and stern to the dock on trot moorings. All boats must have adequate mooring lines and fenders.