



# INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2008-2009

**28 – 30 November 2008**

The Organising Authority is  
GOSFORD INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES FLEET  
in conjunction with  
GOSFORD SAILING CLUB



*Etchells*  
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## NOTICE OF RACE

This notice invites entries for the International Etchells NSW State Championship 2009.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1** The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) and YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.3** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended to change the Penalties for Breaking the Rules of Part 2. These are detailed in paragraph 10 of this NOR.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1** Advertising will be restricted to Category A of the ISAF Advertising code
- 2.2** The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the sponsors advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES**

- 3.1** The championship is open to yachts of the International Etchells Class. Competing yachts shall comply with all IECA rules.
- 3.2** All competitors (helmsmen and crew) shall be current financial members of the International Etchells Class Association of Australia.
- 3.3** The maximum total crew weight of 285 kg including skipper will be determined at registration, prior to racing to ensure compliance with the One Design Rule 7.1.
- 3.4** Except as provided in Clause 5.1, crews that fail to make the weight limit by close of registration at 2000 hrs on Thursday 27 November 2008 shall be ineligible to compete.
- 3.5** Eligible yachts must confirm their entry by submitting the completed Entry Form at the Gosford Sailing Club, Masons Parade, Gosford NSW 2250 by 2000hrs on Friday 21 November 2008, accompanied by the required fee.
- 3.6** Late entries will be accepted no later than the close of registration at 2000 hrs on Thursday 27 November 2008 and a late fee paid in place of the standard entrance fee.
- 3.7** Australian crew must be current members of YA. Foreign crew must be members of their National Authority.

**3.8** Entries shall be accompanied by:

- The entry fee
- A copy of the Current Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate
- A copy of the Current Sail Measurement Certificate
- A copy of the Category 7 Equipment Audit or Declaration.
- A copy of an Insurance Certificate or Declaration.
- YA membership numbers for all crew and age declarations.

**4. FEES**

The entry fee is \$420.00 for 3 person crews and \$460.00 for 4 person crews.

The late entry fee is \$600.00.

The fee includes the following:

- launch and retrieval of all competing boats, and a mooring or marina berth,
- barbeque and drink voucher for all sailors on return to GSC daily.

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**5.1 Registration.**

All entrants must register at the Race Office before racing. A Race Office will be set up at Gosford Sailing Club between 0800 and 2000 hrs on Thursday the 27 November 2008 to receive and register entries. All crew members will be weighed.

Any extensions to the registration procedures will be considered by the Organising Committee. This will require a written application to:

The Etchells Organising Committee  
Gosford Sailing Club  
Masons Parade  
Gosford NSW 2250

PO Box 187  
Gosford NSW 2250

or by email to  
gossail@ozemail.com.au

by the close of entries on 21 November 2008.

If an extension is granted to the registration procedure it will apply to that entrant only and will extend only until 0845 hrs on Friday 28 November 2008.

**5.2 Skippers Meeting**

A briefing will be held in Gosford Sailing Club at 0900 hrs on Friday 28 November 2008.

### 5.3 Races

Races are scheduled for the following times:

Race	Day / Date	Time of warning Signal
1	FRIDAY 28 November	Not before 1055hrs
2	FRIDAY 28 November	ASAP after race 1
3	FRIDAY 28 November	ASAP after race 2
4	SATURDAY 29 November	Not before 0955hrs
5	SATURDAY 29 November	ASAP after race 4
6	SATURDAY 29 November	ASAP after race 5
7	SUNDAY 30 November	Not before 0955hrs
8	SUNDAY 30 November	ASAP after race 7

5.4 The Race Committee may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and reserves the right to change the race schedule solely at its discretion.

### 6. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

6.1 Measurement is not required but each boat shall submit valid Measurement Certificates for inspection at registration.

6.2 Sails to be nominated for use at the regatta must be marked on the Sail Measurement Certificate. Stickers will be fixed to the nominated sails.

6.3 Technical and Measurement issues will be dealt with by the Regatta Protest Committee.

### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

**Note:** If the "Y" flag is flown, then all competitors will be required to wear PFD's.

### 8. COURSES

They will be windward leeward courses 1 and/or 2 as set out in IECA Appendix B.

### 9. VENUE

The regatta headquarters is at:

Gosford Sailing Club

Masons Parade

Gosford NSW 2250

Boats will be allocated pens on the Gosford Sailing Club marina in order of completed registrations. Once available berths have been allocated, the remainder will be assigned berths behind the Gosford breakwater approximately 500m from the club.

The courses will be set in Brisbane Waters.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 4.1 and 44.2 are amended so that 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 for infringements occurring within the Two Length Zone, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

## **11. SCORING**

**11.1** The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A as modified below will apply.

**11.2** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**11.3** If three or four (3 or 4) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**11.4** If five (5) or more races are completed, then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS**

Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and will be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be issued in the Sailing Instructions.

## **13. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept at their assigned pens or moorings.

## **14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats will be afloat by 2000 hrs on Thursday 27 November 2008 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

## **15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Radios may be carried and used to report emergencies and monitor the race frequency on VHF. The race Committee will monitor VHF Ch 16 and VHF72.

## **17. PRIZES AND TROPHIES**

The NSW State Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

Other Prizes will be given as follows:

- First, second and third places overall
- Individual race winners
- Masters Champion - skipper aged over 50 years
- Grand Masters Crew - total crew age greater than 150 years with 3 crew or greater than 200 years with 4 crew.

Age is that applicable on Thursday 27 November 2008.

Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

The prizes for the heat winners will be awarded at a ceremony held at Gosford Sailing Club following the end of each day's racing.

The final trophy presentations will be made following the last race.

## **18. SOCIAL EVENTS**

Following racing each day, a free barbeque will be held at GSC and crews can redeem their drink vouchers or purchase more drinks at the bar.

GSC recommends the restaurant at the club for more formal dining.

A social function will be held at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf on Saturday night. Tickets will be available from the Organising Committee.

## **19. ENTRY DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk - see RRS 4, Decision to Race.

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 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.

## **RISK WARNING**

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Gosford Sailing Club and the NSW Maritime Authority, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Gosford Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Gosford Sailing Club and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Gosford Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Gosford Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting Australia.

## **20. INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht is required to be insured with valid comprehensive insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the following:

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