



# 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*  
GOSFORD

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 (*RRS*).
- 1.2** The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia will apply. Yachting Australia Special Regulation, Part1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.3** Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code.
- 1.4** The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5** The Championship is classified as a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Rules, Appendix A, Rule 3.
- 1.6** If there is a conflict between the rules or regulations, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs within the Gosford Sailing Club.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff on the south-western corner of the Gosford Sailing Club.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP in RRS.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the RRS Part 4 preamble.

**5 REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at Gosford Sailing Club on Thursday 27 November 2008 between 0800 hours and 2000 hours and on Friday 28 November 2008 between 0730 hours and 0845 hours. Final documentation is to be lodged prior to 0845 hours on 28 November 2008.
- 5.2 All boats will be issued with bow numbers at registration. Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the after part of the bow number to be no more than one metre from measurement point A (the point of the bow) and the bow number to be no more than twenty millimetres below the gunwale. No numbers may wrap around the stem or the gunwale.
- 5.3 All boats will be issued with stickers supplied by our sponsors. The stickers shall be fixed in accordance with directions supplied at the time of registration.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows

| <i>Date</i>                | <i>Race</i> | <i>Time</i>       |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Friday, 28 November 2008   | Race 1      | 1055 hours        |
|                            | Race 2      | ASAP after Race 1 |
|                            | Race 3      | ASAP after Race 2 |
| Saturday, 29 November 2008 | Race 4      | 0955 hours        |
|                            | Race 5      | ASAP after Race 4 |
|                            | Race 6      | ASAP after Race 5 |
| Sunday, 30 November 2008   | Race 7      | 0955 hours        |
|                            | Race 8      | ASAP after Race 7 |

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1055 hours on Friday and 0955 hours on Saturday and Sunday

- 6.2 The Race Committee may permit races to become further ahead of the above schedule.
- 6.3 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1425 hours.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be Code Flag E.

**8 RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place within the Brisbane Water at Gosford.

**9 PROHIBITED AREAS**

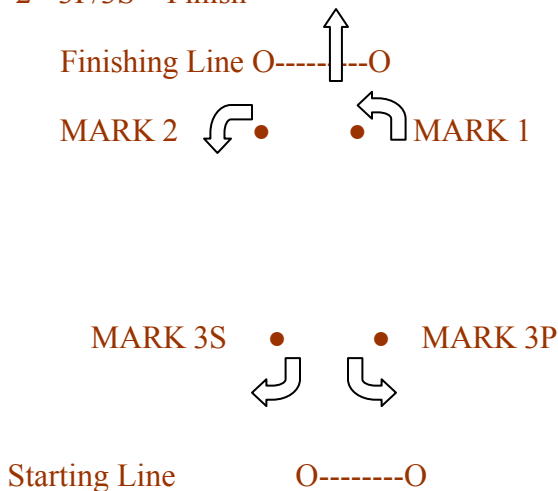
- 9.1 Boats shall not pass while racing between the outside line of registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline.
- 9.2 Boats shall not pass while racing between the cardinal mark approximately 400 metres south west of Point Frederick and the adjacent shorelines of Point Frederick.
- 9.3 The above areas rank as obstructions.

**10 THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The diagrams below show the course configuration.  
The approximate length of the windward legs will be one nautical mile.

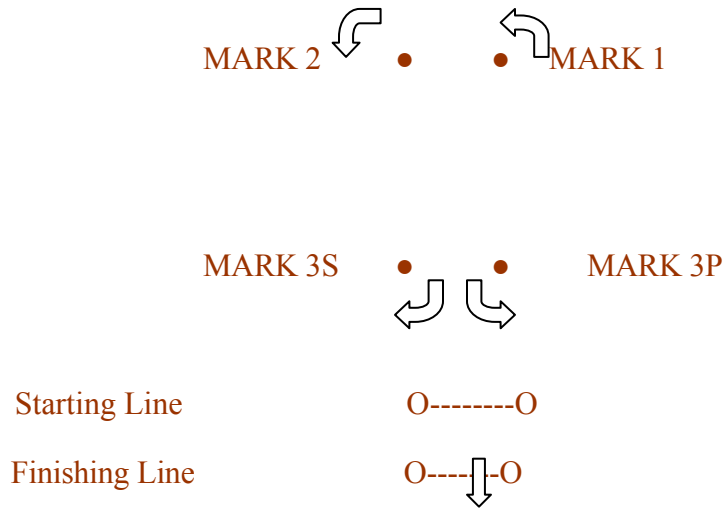
**Course 1**

Start – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – 1 – 2 - 3P/3S – Finish



## Course 2

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Finish



- 10.2** The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 from the Race Committee Boat no later than the warning signal.
- 10.3** The race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.
- 10.4** The gate will be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line (note that the gate may be laid after the starting signal). Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 10.5** Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32 and Race Signals.

## 11 MARKS

- 11.1** Mark 1, 2 and the gate marks will be orange spherical buoys.
- 11.2** A new mark, as provided in Sailing Instruction 13, will be a pink cylindrical buoy.
- 11.3** The start mark will be a Race Committee vessel displaying the burgee of the GSC.
- 11.4** The finish mark will be a Race Committee vessel displaying the burgee of the GSC.
- 11.5** The start pin mark will be a dan buoy displaying a pink / blue quartered flag.
- 11.6** The finish pin mark will be a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between the signal mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end start pin mark.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

A change to the position of the next mark or the finishing line will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1** The finishing line will be between the signal mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end finish pin mark
- 14.2** The boat stationed on the finishing line may be a different boat to that stationed on the starting line.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** As provided in RRS 67, the Race Committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken RRS 42.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1** The time limit for all races will be two hours from the starting signal. If no boat finishes within two hours, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.2** If one boat finishes within the time limit, boats will be finished for 30 minutes after the first boat finishes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1** Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office at the Gosford Sailing Club. Protests shall be delivered there within two hours of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.2** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses. These notices are deemed to fulfil the requirements of RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.3(b).
- 17.3** Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.4** Breaches of Sailing Instructions 5.2, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.5** On the last day of the regatta
- (a) a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) a request for reopening a hearing held on the last day shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day;
  - (c) the time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the Race Committee or Protest Committee shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted.
- This changes RRS 62 and 66.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1** The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3** If three or four (3 or 4) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules 7.1 and 7.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 CREW WEIGHING**

- 21.1** The total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper will be determined prior to racing and the weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the official notice board.
- 21.2** Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Regatta Office from 0730 hours to 1030 hours.
- 21.3** Substitution of crew members will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Such requests shall be submitted to the Race Office for verification of eligibility and weight of the substitute crew.

## **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat before 2000 hours 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 Race Committee.

## **24 BOAT BAGS**

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

## **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. The race committee will monitor VHF Ch 16 and 27Meg Ch 88. This rule has been varied to allow competitors to monitor the race frequency on VHF. As indicated above no transmission is allowed except in an emergency.

## **26 PRIZES**

**26.1** At the discretion of the Race Committee the following prizes shall be awarded:

Regatta Winner - Perpetual Trophy

First, Second and Third Overall

Each Heat Winner

Winner of Masters Division (skipper over 50)

Grand Masters (total crew age if three on board 150, if four on board 200)

Age is that applicable at Thursday 27 November 2008.

**26.2** Other prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

## **28 INSURANCE**

**28.1** All yachts competing are to carry current Third Party Property Liability Insurance.

**28.2** Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party personal injury claims. It is required that each yacht be covered by appropriate Third Party Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000.