



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES SYDNEY FLEET Inc.

WORLD QUALIFYING SERIES

January 28, 2015 – February 18, 2017

for the

2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061, in conjunction with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

1 RULES

All races will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS) of World Sailing (ISAF) as amended
- The Sailing Instructions for the SPR, SUM & MIN Series as contained in the 2015-16 RSYS/RPEYC Sailing Handbook, as amended

If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 PURPOSE

This is the Qualifying Series for members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. who wish to compete in the 2017 World Etchells Championship.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Skippers and Co-skippers shall comply with the requirements of Appendix A Clause 6 - ENTRY - DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY of the "Rules Governing the World Championship and other Sanctioned Events" as outlined on the International Etchells Class web site at www.etchells.org
- 3.2 All competitors, including skippers, co-skippers and crew, while racing, shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 56.
- 3.3 All Skippers and Co-skippers shall be Financial Active Members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. Any crew member who sails more than three races shall be a financial member of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the Organising Authority with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet.
- 3.4 All Skippers and Co-skippers and crew shall be nominated on the entry form. The date(s) the co-skipper will be helming the boat and any changes to crew shall be notified in writing to the RSYS Sailing Office by 0900 hours on the day of the race.
- 3.6 Race Committee may at any time request copies of a boats current Measurement Certificates and Sail Measurement Certificates. All sails used in the series must have been recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with the rules of the International Etchells Class Association. Any boat not complying with this requirement will be subject to protest and may be disqualified from the series.
- 3.7 All Skippers and Co-skippers are to be recorded on the boat's Measurement Certificate in accordance with the International Etchells Class Rules referred to in 3.1 above. In accordance with the class rules, to be eligible to skipper the boat in the World Championship a co-skipper is required to helm the boat in at least one qualifying race.
- 3.8 There shall be a maximum combined crew weight of 285kg in accordance with the rules of the International Etchells Class Association.

3.9 Boats selected from this Qualifying Series shall meet the eligibility requirements of this notice of race, and any boats infringing the eligibility requirements may be subject to protest.

4 ENTRIES

The completed entry form and associated documents are to be lodged with the Sailing Office no later than 1100 hours on Saturday 28 January 2017. Late entries will be accepted but late entrants' attention is drawn to clause 9.2 below.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Series will be conducted during the RSYS 2015-2016 Sailing Season.

Series Pointscore Race	Race Date	Racing	Scheduled Warning Signal
1	28 th January	Harbour	1245
2 - 4	4 th February	Mini Regatta	1330
5 - 7	18 th February	Mini Regatta	1330

6 NUMBER OF RACES

6.1 The Series will comprise six races.

6.2 Five completed races are required to constitute a series. A boat shall discard her worst race once five races have been completed (this changes RRS Appendix A).

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

There will not be separate Sailing Instructions for this Series. Sailing Instructions are as detailed in the RSYS Handbook including the Sailing Instructions for the MINI, SPR and SUM Series.

8 SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, applies except as modified in clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above and Clause 20 in the SPR & SUM Sailing Instructions and Clause 18 of MIN Sailing Instructions.

9 POINTSCORES

9.1 A separate pointscore will be maintained based on the entries in the Qualifying Series. The placings of non-entrants in each race will be ignored.

9.2 A Boat's finishing place shall be scored in the Qualifying Series only for races in which it sailed after its entry has been received and accepted by the Sailing Office. In all prior races it shall be scored DNC.

9.3 The Committee of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc will select eligible boats on the basis of their final position in the pointscore. The number of boats selected depends on the allocation percentage, as determined by the International Etchells Class Association, of the total number of financial boats registered as members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

9.4 Competitors should refer to the International Etchells Class Rules, Appendix A, Rule 9D in the event of changed boats or sail cards.

10 PRIZES

No prizes shall be awarded for places in the races or the pointscore for the Qualifying Series.

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ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE: NIL

Boat Name: _____ Sail No: _____

Owner(s): _____ Club: _____

The boat will be sailed by:

Skipper: _____ YA #: _____ Club : _____

Co-Skipper: _____ YA #: _____ Club : _____

If a Co-Skipper(s) is/are nominated – Appendix A, Rule 8.C of the "Rules Governing the World Championship and other Sanctioned Events" should be scrutinised.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation 2013-2016, the Prescriptions of the Yachting Australia (AS), the Current Rules of the International Etchells Class and the appropriate Safety Regulations all as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

I declare that the nominated boat has a valid AS Measurement Certificate and a valid Sail Measurement Certificate and that all sails used during this Qualifying Series have been measured and are recorded on the boats Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with the Class Rules. Furthermore I declare that the skipper and all crew are financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and that their combined weight in any race will not exceed 285kgs in accordance with the rules of the International Etchells Class Association.

I am aware that the race committee may at any time request a copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate, signed by an Etchells Class Measurer, and a copy of the AS Measurement Certificate for the boat registered in my name and to which the sails belong.

I declare that the nominated boat will have adequate current Third Party Property Liability and Third Party Personal Liability Insurance cover maintained during the period of racing of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) for any one incident over the period of racing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile)

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RSYS SAILING OFFICE AS PER CLAUSE 4 OF THE NOTICE OF RACE