



Etchells Milson Silver Goblets



24 - 28 February 2025

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee as per racing rule - Introduction.

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) as may be amended.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard (available here) <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/results/series/4358/races> by 1000 hours on the day they will take effect and signalled as per RRS Race Signals. After this time, any changes to the sailing instructions, including oral instructions given on the water, will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (available here) <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/results/series/4358/races> and may also be located at the event website. This can be accessed by clicking the entries and results link of the RSYS website.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74.

4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising, if any provided by the OA, with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the RSYS front lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. Schedule of Events

6.1

Date	Event	Time
Monday 24 February 2025	Race 1	1745hrs
Tuesday 25 February 2025	Race 2	1745hrs
Wednesday 26 February 2025	Race 3	1745hrs
Thursday 27 February 2025	Race 4	1745hrs
Friday 28 February 2025	Race 5	1500hrs

6.2 Five (5) races are scheduled for the series with one (1) race to be sailed each day.

7. Committee Vessel (CV) and Class Flag

7.1 The CV will be identified by the RSYS burgee surrounded by a white border.

7.2 The Class Flag (warning signal) shall be the International Etchells class insignia on a white background.

8. Racing Area

8.1 Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour). The race committee will advise competitors on VHF channel 74 of the intended starting area each day.

9. Courses

9.1 The diagrams detailed in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Marks 1 and 2 shall be left to port.

9.3 Mark 1 will be to windward of the starting line, and Mark 2 will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from Mark 1.

9.4 Marks 3P/3S are a gate approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line, and boats shall pass through the gate leaving either Mark 3P to port or Mark 3S to starboard.

9.5 In the event that either Mark 1 or Mark 2 is not in place or there is only one mark at the gate, boats shall round the single mark to port.

9.6 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

10. Marks

10.1 Marks 1, 2 and the gate marks will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.2 The start / finish marks will be black and white inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.3 Change marks as provided in clause 14 will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

11. Prohibited Areas/Obstructions

11.1 For the purposes of RRS 19 the following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas:

11.1.1 Cardinal Marks – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by cardinal marks.

11.1.2 Moorings – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

11.1.3 Garden Island and Chowder Bay – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay.

- 11.1.4 Shark Island – boats shall not sail between the yellow AS Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction.
12. **The Start**
- 12.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel (CV) at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
13. **Recalls**
- 13.1 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise recalls or UFD over VHF channel 74.
- 13.2 When a black flag has been displayed, any boat identified as BFD will be advised via VHF in lieu of the sail number being displayed by the race committee. This changes RRS 30.4.
- 13.3 Failure to announce the sail number or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1).
14. **Changing the Next Leg of the Course**
- 14.1 When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee will lay a new mark(s) as described in clause 10.3.
- 14.2 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 2 may be replaced by a new single Mark 1, and boats shall leave that single mark to port. Similarly, in the event that the position of Marks 3P/3S is changed, and there is only one new mark in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.
15. **The Finish**
- 15.1 The finishing line for course 1 will be in the vicinity of Mark 1. When viewed from the last mark of the course the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the CV at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 15.2 The finishing line for courses 2 and 3 will be in the vicinity of Marks 3P/3S. When viewed from the last mark of the course the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the CV at the port end of the line and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.
16. **Penalty System**
- 16.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, it shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.
- 16.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the race office.
- 16.3 RRS Appendix T Arbitration may be applied by the protest committee. Arbitration may take place promptly after racing or at some other time as advised to the parties. Arbitration may take place by email, telephone, or other electronic means.
17. **Time Limit**
- 17.1 The absolute time limit is 90 minutes for all races.
- 17.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, boats that start and do not finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

18. Boats Retiring

18.1 [NP] Boats which retire from a race before finishing shall notify the race committee by direct contact or on VHF channel 74 or by phoning the race officer on Ph. 0418 645 032.

19. Protests / Requests for Redress

19.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 60 and requests for redress in accordance with RRS 61, as amended by clauses 19.2 and 19.3.

19.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing at the RSYS Sailing Office or by electronic means.

19.3 The time limit for lodging protests, and requests for redress based on an incident in the racing area, will within one (1) hour, taken from the finish time of the last boat to complete the race that day. This changes 61.4 (b) (1).

19.4 Protest notices shall be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit or as soon as possible thereafter to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.

19.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 63.7.

19.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 63.7 (b).

20. Other Instructions

20.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping:

- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any seagoing ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the seagoing ship
- (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the orange diamond.
- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (non-excludable disqualification) without a hearing This changes RRS 63.1.

20.2 Boats shall report to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity any incident involving Injury or significant damage likely to cost more than \$5000.

21. Responsibilities

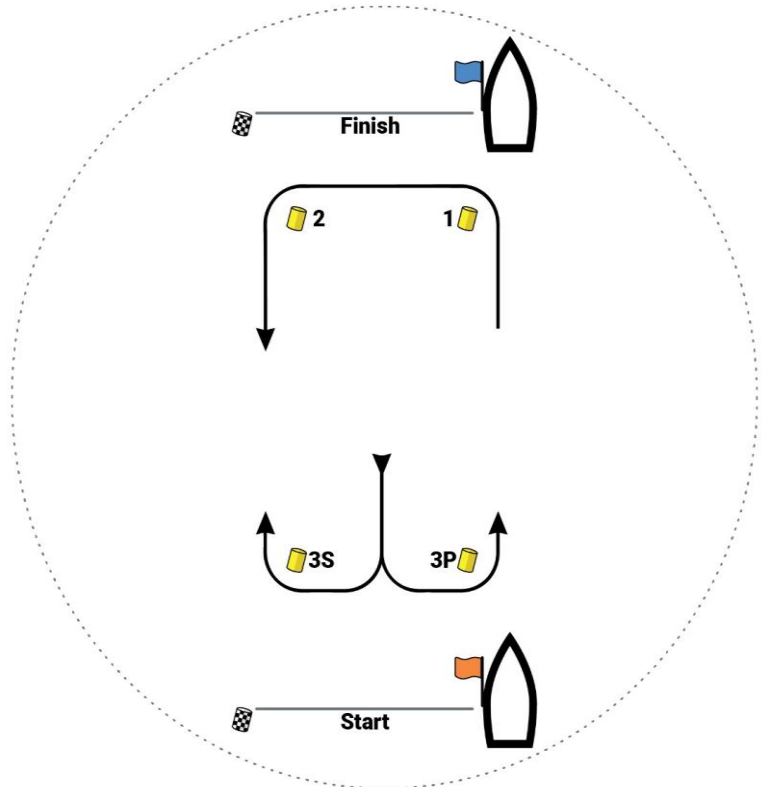
21.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the notice of race clauses 16.1 – Risk Warning, 16.2 – Competitors' Declaration and 16.3 – Disclaimer of Liability.

Attachment A - Course Diagrams

Course 1 (upwind finish)

Numeral Pennant 1

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



Course 2 (downwind finish)

Numeral Pennant 2

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

