



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES SYDNEY FLEET Inc.
WORLDS QUALIFYING SERIES

7 September – 26 October 2024

**FOR THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP**

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

This is the qualifying series for members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. who wish to compete in the International Etchells Class World Championship in Melbourne in January 2025.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061, 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. (DP)' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, as amended, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the 2024-25 RSYS Season Program and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. Equipment Audit Forms will expire on 31 July each year.
- 1.3 The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) will apply except as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 (DP) This series will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website [code-of-conduct20230705.pdf \(etchells.org\)](https://www.etchells.org/code-of-conduct20230705.pdf) Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to entering the series. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the series.
- 1.5 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Skippers and Co-skippers shall comply with the requirements of the IECA Championship Event Manual, Part A 3.2)
- 2.2 All competitors, including skippers, co-skippers and crew, while racing, shall conform to RRS 46 and its Prescription.
- 2.3 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 OA with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

- 2.4 All Skippers and Co-skippers and crew shall be nominated when entering the series. The date(s) the co-skipper will be helming the boat in this Worlds Qualifying series and any changes to crew shall be notified in writing to the RSYS Sailing Office by 0900 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.5 (DP) The Race Committee may at any time request copies of a boat's current Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate (if applicable). All sails shall either bear a royalty tag or be correctly recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with the rules of the IECA. Any boat not complying with this requirement will be subject to protest and may be disqualified from the series.
- 2.6 All Skippers and Co-skippers are to be recorded on the boat's Measurement Certificate in accordance with the IECA class rules, and in accordance with the class rules, to be eligible to helm the boat in the World Championship a co-skipper is required to helm the boat in at least one qualifying race.
- 2.7 There shall be a maximum combined crew weight of 285kg in accordance with the IECA Class Rule C.2.
- 2.8 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.

3 ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entries are to be lodged utilising the RSYS online entry system by 1200 hours on Monday 2 September 2024.

4 ENTRY FEE

- 4.1.1 There is no entry fee for boats already block entered in RSYS Mini Regatta and the Club Championship series.
- 4.2 Boats not already block entered in both the RSYS Mini Regatta series and the Club Championship series are required to enter and pay the casual entry fee for each race in which the boat competes.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The World qualifying series for the 2025 Melbourne World Championship will be conducted during the RSYS 2024-2025 sailing season.

Series Pointscore Races	Race Date	Racing	Scheduled First Warning Signal
1	7 September	Club Championship	1300
2-3	14 September	Mini Regatta	1300
4	21 September	Club Championship	1300
5-6	28 September	Mini Regatta	1300
7	19 October	Club Championship	1300
8-9	26 October	Mini Regatta	13400

- 5.2 The Worlds qualifying series will comprise up to nine (9) races.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 There will not be separate sailing instructions for this Worlds qualifying series. Sailing instructions are as detailed on the RSYS website for the Mini Regatta and Etchells Club Championship series.

7 SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.3 except as modified in clause 7.3 below.
- 7.2 In accordance with IECA Championship Manual, Part A Championship Rules, Clause 3.2), a minimum of five completed races is required to constitute a fleet's Worlds qualifying series.
- 7.3 A boat shall discard her worst race once five races have been completed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
- 7.4 A separate point score will be maintained based on the entries in the Worlds qualifying series. The placings of non-entrants in qualifying series races will be ignored.

- 7.5 A boat's finishing place shall be scored in the Worlds qualifying series only for races in which it sailed after its entry for the Worlds qualifying series has been received and accepted by the Sailing Office. In all prior races it shall be scored DNC.
- 7.6 The committee of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. will select eligible boats based on their final position in the Worlds qualifying series point score. The number of boats selected will depend on the allocation percentage, as determined by the IECA, of the total number of financial boats registered with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

8 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of yachting whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the OA. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 8.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of AS, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:
- (a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above, and
 - (b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the OA.

8.3 **Disclaimer of Liability**

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The OA, sponsors, class association, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The OA, sponsors, the class association, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

9 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 **(DP) Safety Requirements** – All boats are encouraged to provide crew contact details (including the skipper) in the prescribed format prior to the boat's first warning signal on each day that the boat intends to race.
- 9.2 Competitors' attention is drawn to Appendix 5 – NSW RMS Requirements on the RSYS website which outline the reporting of incidents involving injuries to any person or damage to boats.
- 9.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to Appendix 13 - Race Committee on the RSYS website which outlines the composition of the race committee referred to in this notice of race and the sailing instructions and sets out guidelines for race committees to consider when deciding whether racing should proceed or be abandoned.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 No prizes shall be awarded for places in the races or the point score for the Worlds qualifying series.