



2017-2018 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

16 – 18 February 2018



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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.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the 2017-2021 Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7. Etchells shall use anchors that are compliant with class rule C.5.1 (a) in lieu of Special Regulations Part 1, 4.05
- 1.3 The Championship is classified as a Class C event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with the International Etchells Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 (advertising chosen by the person in charge on sails, spars and hulls).
- 2.2 Participating boats shall display the event bow numbers and the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with instructions detailed at registration

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46.
- 3.3 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made using the RSYS Online Race Entry portal available on the RSYS website at <http://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/regattas>
- 3.4 A boat upon entering shall supply current copies of its Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, Mast Measurement Certificate if applicable, AS Equipment Audit Form validating compliance with Category 7 (declarations are not acceptable) and insurance documentation.
- 3.5 **Amended entries close at 23.59hrs on 9th February 2018.** Late entries *may* be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge up until 1800hrs on 15 February 2018.

3.6 All competitors in all categories (Standard, Masters & Grand Masters) are eligible for the NSW State Championship.

4 FEES

4.1 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with three crew is \$A500.00 (Inc. GST).

4.2 Regatta entry for boats sailing with four crew is \$A550.00 (Inc. GST).

4.3 The late entry surcharge is \$A100.00 (Inc. GST).

4.4 The entry fee includes launching and berthing during the regatta dates and selected social events.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled and up to three (3) races will be sailed on any one day.

5.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

5.3 Schedule of Events;

Day	Event	Time
Thursday , 15 February 2018	Registration and Weigh In	1000 - 1800
Friday , 16 February 2018	Weigh In	0900 - 1000
Friday , 16 February 2018	Competitors Briefing	1030
Friday , 16 February 2018	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1230
Saturday, 17 February 2018	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1330
Sunday, 18 February 2018	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1230
Sunday, 18 February 2018	Presentation Ceremony	After Racing

6 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

6.1 All boats shall register with the Organising Authority at RSYS on Thursday 15 February, 2018 between 1000hrs and 1800hrs.

6.2 All boats shall present current original Measurement Certificates, Sail Measurement Certificates, AS Equipment Audit Forms validating compliance with Category 7 and insurance documentation at registration.

6.3 Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta shall be marked on the copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate presented at registration. Stickers may be issued for affixing to the nominated sails. There will be NO facility available to measure sails at registration.

6.4 The weights and total combined weight of each crew member of each boat will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with Etchells Class Rule C.2.2. The total combined crew weight of crew members of each boat will be published on the Official Notice Board.

6.5 Each crew member on each boat shall be weighed, wearing a minimum of outerwear shorts and t-shirt, on Thursday 15th February between 1000 hours and 1800 hours or on Friday 16 February 2018 between 0900 hours and 1000 hours at the RSYS Regatta Office. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of weigh in at 1000 hours on Friday 16th February will be ineligible to compete.

6.6 Crew substitutions after close of registration shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

6.7 All registration formalities (including payment of event fees, Class Fees, boat and sail registration, crew weigh in and presentation of all Certificates) and compliance documentation are required to be completed by 1000hrs on Friday 16th February 2018. The Race Committee *may* approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests shall be submitted in writing in advance to the Race Committee.

6.8 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing; to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.

6.9 During the regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time, including compliance with the AS Special Regulations. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration or from the club website from Wednesday 14 February 2018.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
8.2 The racing area will be the area defined as "Port Jackson".

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the Protest Time Limit.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
10.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
10.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coach and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Coach and support boats may be required to display an identification flag provided by the Organising Authority at all times throughout the regatta.
Note: Should coach or support boats require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, a booking should be made with the Dockmaster prior to Monday 12 February 2018. RSYS reserves the right to charge for such bookings.
11.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
11.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
11.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.
11.5 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
11.6 Registered coach and support vessels are obligated to act on the instructions of the Race Officer throughout the regatta

12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats competing in the regatta shall be stored or berthed free of charge at RSYS from Wednesday 14th February to Monday 19 February 2018.
12.2 Boats will be allocated berthing at RSYS and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the regatta.
12.3 To allow for ample competitor parking, no boat trailers of any description shall be stored in any RSYS car parking facility. The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking at a venue to be advised.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1800 hrs on Thursday 15 February, 2018 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.
13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.
- 14.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 14.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Jury or the Race Committee.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the series.
- 15.2 The NSW State Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 15.3 A prize will be awarded to the boat finishing 1st in the Masters' division (skipper over 50 years of age).
- 15.4 A prize will be awarded to the boat finishing 1st in the Grand Masters' division (total age crew of 150 years for a three person crew and 200 years for a four person crew).
- 15.5 Age is applicable as of midnight on Thursday 15 February 2018.
- 15.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING & FERRIES

- 16.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations specify "*Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal*". Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 16.2 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 16.3 Any yachts reported by NSW Roads and Maritime Services as having contravened NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.

17, RESPONSIBILITIES

- 17.1 **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority 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 Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in sailing 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.
- 17.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020. Each competitor who enters the event declares to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:
 - (a) RRS 46;
 - (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - (c) current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident, recommended. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
 - (d) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority

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 Organising Authority to the risk warning above;

- (e) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

17.3 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 Fundamental Rule 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, sponsors, the Etchells Class Association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, sponsors, the International Etchells 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 Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 All boats competing shall be covered by current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

19. MEDIA

- 19.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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