



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS SYDNEY FLEET Inc.

WORLD QUALIFYING SERIES

March 17, 2018 – April 7, 2018

2018 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

- 1.1 All races will be governed by:
 - The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing, as amended The Sailing Instructions for the SPR/SUM & MINI Series as contained in the 2017-18 RSYS/RPEYC Sailing Handbook, as amended.
- 1.2 All boats shall have a current valid Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form, subject to the following variation approved by AS: 'Etchells may use anchors that are compliant with class rule C.5.1(a) in lieu of Special Regulations Part 1, 4.05.'
- 1.3 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 2018 International Etchells Class World Championship.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Skippers and Co-skippers shall comply with the requirements of the International Etchells class rule 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.
- 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 The Race Committee may at any time request copies of a boat's current Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate. 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

Entries are to be lodged utilising the online entry system which can be accessed via the RSYS website at www.rsys.com.au no later than 1000 hours on Friday 16th March 2018. Late entries will be accepted but late entrants' attention is drawn to clause 9.2 below.

5 ENTRY FEE

5.1 There is no charge for boats already entered in RSYS Main and/or Mini Regatta Series.

5.1.1 All boats not already block entered in the RSYS Mini Regatta Series and/or Main Series must enter through the RSYS website and are required to pay \$150 entry fee.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Series will be conducted during the RSYS 2017-2018 Sailing Season.

Series Pointscore	Race	Race Date	Racing	Scheduled Warning Signal
1 - 3		17 th March	Mini Regatta	1330
4		24 th March	Harbour	1245
5 - 7		7 th April	Mini Regatta	1330

7 NUMBER OF RACES

7.1 The Series will comprise seven races.

7.2 In accordance with the International Etchells Class Rules, Appendix A, Rule 7B, a minimum of five completed races are required to constitute a series.

8 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 and SPR/ SUM Series.

9 SCORING SYSTEM

9.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies except as modified in clause 8.2 below and clause 20 in the SPR/SUM Sailing Instructions and clause 18 of MINI Sailing Instructions.

9.2 A boat shall discard her worst race once five races have been completed (this changes RRS Appendix A).

10 POINTSCORES

10.1 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.

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

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

11 PRIZES

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