



# 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.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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. In accordance with the AS variation dated 12 December 2017, 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 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, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with instructions detailed at registration.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board is located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and RSYS web site by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled 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.
- 3.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000hours the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.
- 4.2 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.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

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

5.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled and up to three (3) races will be sailed each day.

5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

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

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the International Etchells class insignia on a white background.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) in the general area between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

## 8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.

8.2 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

8.3 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

8.4 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow AS Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

## 9 THE COURSES

9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel 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.

9.2 The diagrams and the accompanying notes 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.

9.3 In the event that either mark 2P or 2S is not in place, boats shall round the single mark to port.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1a and 2S/2P will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.2 The finish mark will be black and white inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

10.3 Change marks as provided in clause 12 will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

## 11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the race committee vessels, one at each end of the starting line. In the event there is only one committee vessel, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of a black and white inflatable mark at the port end.

11.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

- 11.3 As a courtesy, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS, UFD or BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF channel 74. Failure of equipment, failure to hail, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the race committee or protest committee. This changes RRS 62.1.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 The race committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the amendments detailed in clauses 12.2 and 12.3.
- 12.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee will lay a new mark as described in clause 10.3 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.
- 12.3 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 2S/2P or the finishing line, as appropriate.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line for courses 1, 2 and 3 when viewed from the last mark of the course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the line and the course side of the finishing mark at the starboard end of the line.
- 13.2 The finishing line for courses 4, 5 and 6 when viewed from the last mark of the course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end of the line.
- 13.3 The finishing line will be approximately 50m below Marks 2S/2P for courses 1 to 3 and approximately 50m above Marks 1 and 1a for courses 4 to 6.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is amended so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction), except for infringements occurring within the Three Length Zone the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any boat in another race, the Two Turns Penalty applies.
- 14.2 A boat that has retired or taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the RSYS Sailing Office within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 There may be on-water umpires for all races. The umpires will let competitors know of any perceived rule infringements by sounding either a whistle or a horn.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1 The absolute time limit shall be 90 minutes from the starting signal.
- 15.2 No boat will be timed in after the expiration of the time limit. This changes RRS 35.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, Appendix A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 16.2 Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office within one (1) hour, taken from the finish time of the last boat to complete the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 16.3 Protest notices will 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.
- 16.4 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 19, 20 or 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.5 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 66.
- 16.6 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 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

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

## **18 RACE COMMITTEE VESSEL**

The race committee vessel at the start and finish of each race may display the RSYS race committee burgee.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 19.1 All coach and support boats shall register their details with the organising authority at registration.
- 19.2 Coach and support boats may be required to display an identification flag provided by the organising authority at all times throughout the regatta.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 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.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 Coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line from the preparatory signal until five (5) minutes after the start of any race. Coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to, and on the starboard side of, the course facing the wind outside areas where boats are racing. No coach or support boat shall go below the leeward marks or above the windward marks or, while boats are on the final leg of the course, below the finishing line for courses 1, 2 and 3 or above the finishing line for courses 4, 5 and 6.
- 19.7 Any breach of SI 19.2, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5 or 19.6 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the protest committee.
- 19.8 Registered coach and support boats are obligated to act on the instructions of the Race Officer 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.

## **20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 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 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.
- 21.2 The race committee may use VHF channel 74 to advise of general matters relating to the racing.
- 21.3 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 warning signal until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in clause 21.1 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 protest committee or race committee.

## **22 TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series.
- 22.2 The NSW State Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 22.3 A prize will be awarded to the boat finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Masters' division (skipper over 60 years of age).
- 22.4 A prize will be awarded to the boat finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Grand Masters' division (total age crew of 150 years for a three person crew and 200 years for a four person crew).
- 22.5 Age is applicable as of midnight on Thursday 15 February 2018.
- 22.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **23 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING**

- 23.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the commercial or defense shipping of the port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime 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*".
- 23.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 23.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW 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.
- 23.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

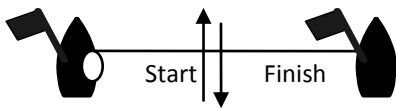
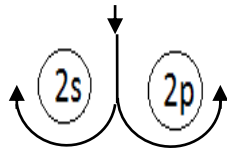
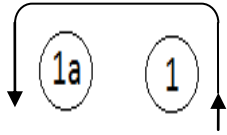
- 24.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the event competitors must indemnify the organising authority, their officers, members, staff and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event.
- 24.2 The organising authority, their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
- 24.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

## **25 INSURANCE**

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.

## Attachment A - Course Diagrams

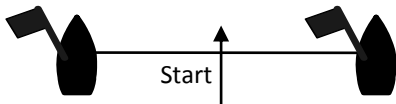
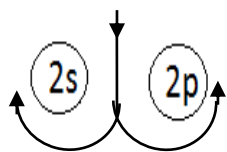
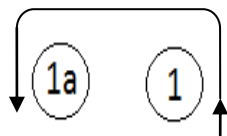
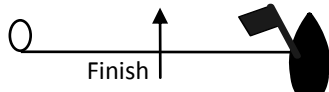
**LA**



**Course LA** – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark,  
Downwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

**WA**



**Course WA** – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark,  
Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
6	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p Finish