



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS

Milson Silver Goblets

13 – 17 November 2017

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.

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 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

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.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46.
- 3.2 All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.3 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. Scales will be made available to crews prior to the start of the regatta in the RSYS Regatta Office. The Race Committee at its discretion may require crews to be weighed.
- 3.4 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made using the online entry form.
- 3.5 Each boat shall have a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment compliance for Category 7.
- 3.6 Entries close at 1700hrs on Wednesday 8th November 2017. Late entries *may* be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee is \$250.00
- 4.2 Casual race day entry fee is \$75.00 per race.
- 4.3 The late entry surcharge is \$100.00
- 4.4 The entry fee includes launching and berthing during the regatta dates. This applies for registered Etchells only.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 One race each evening from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November with the warning signal scheduled for 1745hrs.

6 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All boats shall have current Measurement Certificates, Sail Measurement Certificate and suitable insurance cover as specified in 18.1.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 During the regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time, including compliance with the Australian Sailing 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 from the club website as of Monday 6th November 2017.



8. COURSES

- 8.1 Shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 Races shall be conducted on Port Jackson, in the general area between Kirribilli Point and Cannae Point.
- 8.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to relocate the course should conditions require.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 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 that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). 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 four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 10.3 When four (4) 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 RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.
- 11.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal each 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.

12. BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats competing in the regatta shall be stored or berthed free of charge at RSYS from Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th November.
- 12.2 To allow for ample competitor parking, no boat trailers of any description shall be allowed in any RSYS car parking facility.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1700hrs on Monday 13th November, 2017 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.
Note: Competitors may elect to launch from other clubs on Sydney Harbour but must comply with afloat times stated above. Competitors there after must be berthed at RSYS until the completion of the regatta.
- 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 racing has been concluded for 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 Race Committee.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes, based on the Scratch Pointscore, will be awarded for the first three places if 15 or more entries received; 1st and 2nd places if between 10 & 15 entries and 1st place only if less than 10 entries are received.
- 15.2 The Milson Silver Goblets will be awarded to the winner of the scratch pointscore and will be presented at the prize giving to be held on Friday 17th November 2017.

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 amends 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 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.

17.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration 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 signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
- (e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form 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, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, sponsors, respective class associations, 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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