



***Etchells***

**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS  
2014/2015 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**10<sup>TH</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

**The Organising Authority is**

**ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YACHT SQUADRON**

In conjunction with

**International Etchells Fleet of South Australia**

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## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rule of Sailing (RRS) as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The rules of the International Etchells Class Association shall apply except as altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 This is a Class B Event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 1.4 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.5 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.5.1 no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.1.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.
- 1.6 The Jury is a fully constituted National Jury authorised by Yachting Australia, decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.7 All boats will be required to display bow numbers which will be supplied by the Organising Authority. Bow numbers are to be attached to the forward part of each side of each boat, with the after part of the bow number no more than 1 metre from the hull datum point as defined in Class Rule D.2.4 (a), and the top of the bow number to be no more than 20 millimetres below the gunwale. No number shall wrap around the stem or gunwale.
- 1.8 If supplied by the Organising Authority, participating boats shall display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with instructions detailed at registration.
- 1.9 The Organising Authority will supply sail identification stamps. All boats must have a stamp attached to each sail identified at sail registration for use in the event and maintaining them for the duration of the event.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located on the left hand side of the entrance to the Event Race Office.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron flagpole located on the lawn in front of the Official Race Office.

4.2 When the “AP” flag is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than ninety (90) minutes. This changes the RRS Race Signals Postponement Signal “AP”.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The National Championship will consist of eight (8) races scheduled over five (5) days of racing.

5.2 The schedule of events are as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Saturday 10th January	Registration and Measurement and weigh in	0900 - 1600
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Registration and Measurement and weigh in	0900 - 1600
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Competitors Briefing	1000 - 1100
	Racing ( 2 Races )	Warning signal 1255
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Racing ( 2 Races )	Warning signal 1255
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Weigh in Racing	0800 - 1100 Warning signal 1255
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Racing ( 2 Races )	Warning signal 1255
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Racing	Warning signal 1255
	Presentation	1930

5.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time, but will advance the Championship by not more than one (1) race per day. Should the Race Committee seek to conduct an additional race it will display code Flag L at the time of finishing the last scheduled race of the day.

5.4 After a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the day, to alert boats that the next race will begin soon, the “AP” flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four (4) minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The Class Flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

## **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 The race area will be situated in the Gulf St Vincent approximately 2 nautical miles off the beaches of North Haven and Largs North.

7.3 **Attachment 1** shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## **8**      **THE COURSES**

- 8.1      The Diagrams in **Attachment 2** show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each is to be left.
- 8.2      The course to be sailed shall be indicated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 from the Committee Vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3      No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg of the course.

## **9**      **MARKS**

- 9.1      Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p shall be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2      For a change of course the alternate mark will be pink.
- 9.3      The start and finish marks will be Race Committee Vessels.

## **10**     **SHIPPING ADVICE**

- 10.1     Commercial ships (longer than 25m) are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre while entering and departing the Port River and all boats shall take avoiding action to keep a clear area 500 m forward of ships. Failure to do so may result in heavy fines.

## **11**     **THE START**

- 11.1     Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2     The start line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the port end.
- 11.3     A crowding mark displaying a yellow flag maybe streamed from the Race Committee Vessel. This forms part of the Race Committee Vessel and boats shall not pass between it and the Race Committee Vessel.
- 11.4     Boats starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.5     If the “U” flag has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal, no part of the boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the start line and the first mark during the last minute of her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule, she shall be disqualified but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.6     The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS and BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF 75, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

## **12**      **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 12.1      To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced it will be replaced by an original mark and will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 12.2      The course may be shortened after the start in accordance with RR 32.

## **13**      **THE FINISH**

- 13.1      The finishing line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessels at both the port and starboard ends of the line.
- 13.2      The finish line Race Committee Vessels shall also display blue flags as per Race Signals.

## **14**      **PENALTY SYSTEMS**

- 14.1      The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS44.1 and 44.2.

## **15**      **TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1      The time limit for the courses are as follows:
- 15.2      Course 1:    Three (3) hours
- 15.3      Course 2:    Two (2) hours
- 15.4      Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

## **16**      **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1      Protest forms must be signed out by the jury desk in the Event Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the counter of the Event Race Office within the official time limit. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board and parties may also be informed by text.
- 16.2      The protest time limit shall be sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 16.3      Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the far end of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor dining room, at a time nominated on the protest notice board and parties will also be informed by text.

- 16.5 For breaches of SI 1.4, 20, 24 and 25 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 16.6 On the last day of the event a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the Protest Committee's decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the Protest Committee's decision on the day.
- 16.7 The time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the Race Committee shall be thirty (30) minutes after the final results are posted. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The low points score system as described in RRS A4 will apply.
- 17.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled of which a minimum of four (4) races are required to constitute a Championship.
- 17.3 When four (4) races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 17.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 Competitors may lodge a scoring enquiry of that days racing within the time limits of SI 16.2. Scoring enquiry forms will be available from the Jury desk in the Race Office.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Competing boats shall report by hail to the Race Committee Vessel stationed at the starboard end of the starting line with mainsail hoisted and on starboard tack, prior to the first Warning Signal of each day of racing to confirm their intention to compete. The Race Committee will acknowledge the intention to sail by return hail. Boats which cannot be identified prior to the first Warning Signal may be scored as DNC. This amends RRS 63.1 and 45

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Approval forms will be available from the Jury desk in the Race Office.
- 19.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Race committee. Approval forms will be available from the Jury desk in the Race Office. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Race Committee or Protest Committee and the written permission of the Race Committee shall be applied for before protest time limit at the end of the day of substitution taking place.

## **20**      **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1      A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and International Etchells Class Rules C2.1, C2.2 and C2.3. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or Protest Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21**      **Crew Weighing**

- 21.1      The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper shall be determined prior to racing and the total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 21.2      Each crew member on each boat shall be reweighed on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January between the hours of 0800 and 1100 to ensure compliance with Class Rule C2.2. Crew that fail to reweigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 21.3      Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outer wear shorts and t-shirt.
- 21.4      Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 21.5      Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Race Office from 0800 hours.

## **22**      **OFFICIAL BOATS**

22.1      Official boats will display a white flag with a black Etchells "E" logo. There may be a jury boat on the course. They may observe incidents and can be called as a witness to a hearing. No redress will be given for the jury boat being on the course, in the way or blocking wind. The Jury boat will display a white flag with a black Etchells "E" logo and a "J" flag.

## **23**      **SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 23.1      Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel on support vessels 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.
- 23.2      Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their support boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat.
- 23.3      Coach and support boats shall register with the Organising Authority and will be required to display an identifying flag as supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 23.4      Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Race Committee, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor the designated regatta VHF race frequency and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

## **24 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 24.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1100 hours on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

## **25 PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

- 25.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used once boats are afloat until the conclusion of the regatta.

## **26 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 26.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 26.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of general matter relating to the racing. Failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.
- 26.3 The race radio channel will be VHF channel 75.
- 26.4 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 in an emergency threatening the safety of a member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

## **27 PRIZES**

- 27.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship.
- 27.2 For boats that are eligible for the Grand Master (combined age of a 3 up crew equalling 150 years and 200 years for a 4 up crew), Master (skipper over 50 years of age) and Corinthian Divisions, a prize will be awarded to the skipper of the boat finishing 1<sup>st</sup>. The age reference date is at midnight on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- 27.3 North Sails One Design prize of an Etchells jib for the boat finishing nearest mid fleet that starts, sails and finishes all races.
- 27.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **28 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

- 28.1 Boats shall not dispose of any litter such as plastic bags, cans, bottles, etc. into the water as per RRS55. Rubbish may be placed on a Race Committee Vessel between races.

## **29 ENTRY DISCLAIMER AND RISK WARNING INSURANCE**

- 29.1 **Disclaimer:** It is the responsibility of owner and skipper to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the rules as defined in the RRS.

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 Yachting Australia, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:



- (a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 56;
- (b) Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 as applicable to Category 7;
- (c) Adequate current Third Party Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
- (e) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning below;
- (f) The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning below and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any event conducted by the Organising Authority;
- (g) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, Class Associations, Race Committee and other officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the Regatta.

29.2 **Risk Warning:** Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Royal south Australian Yacht Squadron, Class Associations, S.A. Coast Guard and the S. A. Maritime Services also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing activity with the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron.

Participants are also advised that although the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting Australia entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

**30**      **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

30.1      In participating in this Regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the Regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Regatta without compensation.

**31**      **RACE OFFICER**

31.1      The Race Officer will be Stewart Ross      IRO

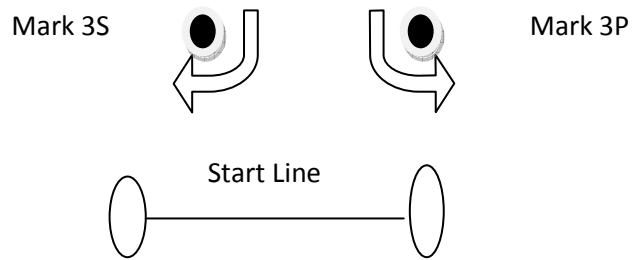
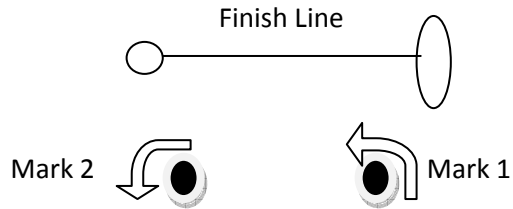
**ATTACHMENT 1: Course Area**



**ATTACHMENT 2: Courses**

**Course 1 – Numeral Pennant 1**

Start- 1-2-3(P/S)-1-2-3(P/S)-Finish



**Course 2- Numeral Pennant 2**

Start-1-2-3(S/P)-1-2-Finish

