



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS 2017 QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

27th to 29th October 2017

to be conducted by the

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.

In conjunction with the

International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the Event Sponsor’s advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.3. This is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.4. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 2.5. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 1400 and 1800 hours on Thursday 26th October or between 0800 and 1000 hours on Friday 27th October 2017 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.2.
- 3.3. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Friday 27th October 2017 will be ineligible to compete.
- 3.4. Any crew substitutes for Saturday 28th October or Sunday 29th October must be weighed before the first race of that day.
- 3.5. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 55. **PLEASE NOTE: There is an On-Line payment system for Etchells Class Membership. Memberships must be paid for on-line prior to registration. Please go to the Member’s area at www.etchells.org.au to pay your subscriptions.**

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries shall be made using the RQYS Online Entry System at www.rqys.com.au/index.php/department/marine-sports/ .
- 4.2. Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 4.2.1. The entry Fee of \$400.
- 4.3. The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
 - 4.3.1. The Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate registered in the name of the Skipper;
 - 4.3.2. The Sail Measurement Certificate; and
 - 4.3.3. A valid insurance certificate or Certificate of Currency as detailed in Clause 17.
- 4.4. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 20th October 2017.
- 4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of \$100.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday	26 th October	Registration	1400-1800
Friday	27 th October	Registration	0800-1000
		Skippers Meeting	1000
		Race 1	Warning 1300
		Race 2	ASAP After Race 1
Saturday	28 th October	Race 3	Warning 1100
		Race 4	ASAP After Race 3
		Race 5	ASAP After Race 4
Sunday	29 th October	Race 6	Warning 1100
		Race 7	ASAP After Race 6
		Prize Giving	1700 approx.

- 5.1 A maximum of seven (7) races will be conducted.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing of the regatta.
- 5.3 The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day.
- 5.4 If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signaled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179 between 1400 and 1800 hours on Thursday 26th October and 0800 and 1000 hours on Friday 27th October 2017.
- 6.2. Boats will not be measured for these Championships however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3. A boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time during the competition.
- 6.4. Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta must be marked on a copy of the Sail Measurement Card presented at registration. Stickers may be issued for affixing to the nominated sails.
- 6.5. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, must be completed by 1000 hours on Friday 27th October 2017.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available online before the Regatta.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Moreton Bay to the East of Green Island. In case of adverse conditions racing may be moved to the sheltered waters West of Green Island.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. Seven races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. If three races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.
- 10.4. If four or more races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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 floatation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 12.4. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.
- 12.5. Identifying flags will be available from the Sailing Office on payment of a AUD50 cash deposit or credit card guarantee which will be fully refundable upon return of the flag.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 1000 hours on Friday 27th October 2017 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 14.2. Swimming to clean boats within the harbour is not permitted.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. This supplements but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats may 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 the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

- 15.2. 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 from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clause 15.1 or in an emergency threatening safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

16. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's 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 is hers alone."
- 16.2. The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in the respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum Aud\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 17.2. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 17.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The Tai-Pan Trophy, Queensland Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 18.2. Keeper prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.
- 18.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. SOCIAL

- 19.1. A BBQ will be held for crews and families after racing on Saturday 27th October 2017 in the BBQ area at RQYS. There will be no charge for this BBQ.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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