



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS BRISBANE FLEET 2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION SERIES

21 and 22 March 2020 (28 March Spare Day)

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 YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.3. The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) 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 1600 and 1800 hours on Friday 20th March or between 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 21th March 2020 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.
 - 3.2.1. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Saturday 21th March 2020 will be ineligible to compete in the event.
 - 3.2.2. Any crew substitutes for Sunday 22st March must be weighed before the first race of that day.
 - 3.2.3. Crew substitutions will not be allowed for the purpose of complying with the weight limit.
 - 3.2.4. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.3. All helmspersons, co-helmspersons and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association (IECA) associated with the Brisbane Fleet as at the close of entries for this qualification series.

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. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. Any helmsperson or co-helmsperson wishing to compete in the 2020 World Championships must compete in this Qualification Series and all names must be nominated on the entry form for this series;
- 4.2. The Worlds’ Organising Body have indicated in the draft Notice of Race that a minimum percentage of 85% of each fleet’s membership will be eligible to enter in the World Championship after qualification is complete.
- 4.3. The number of entries that can compete from the Brisbane Fleet will depend on the number of registered boats/members the Brisbane Fleet has at the closing date for entry to the World Championship.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entries shall be made online at <https://etchellsbrisbane.com/product/2020-brisbane-fleet-champs/>
There will be an entry fee of \$150 for the Fleet Championship whether or not the boat is competing in the Worlds Qualifications Series.
- 5.2. Entries are to be received by 1100 hours on 20 March 2020.
- 5.3. Entries only have to nominate the helmsperson and co-helmsperson

- 5.4. Entries shall be accompanied by: A copy of the Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate displaying the name of the helmsperson and any co-helmsperson.
- 5.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Races will be run in conjunction with the Etchells Brisbane Fleet Championships.
- 6.2. Six races are scheduled for the Etchells Brisbane Fleet Championships, but if five races are unable to be completed then the following Saturday 28 March will be utilized to make up any shortfall in the required five races. This will be in conjunction with normal RQYS Club sailing on the Northern Course;
- 6.3. Scheduled race days are:
 - 6.3.1. Saturday 21 March 2020
 - 6.3.2. Sunday 22 March 2020
 - 6.3.3. Saturday 28 March 2020 (Spare Day if required)

7. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Eligible boats shall confirm their registration with the Organising Authority at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179 prior to 1100 hours on Saturday 21 March 2020
- 7.2. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 7.3. Boats will not be measured for this qualification series. However, entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate displaying the name of the helmsperson and any co-helmsperson on confirmation of their registration.

All registration formalities comprising presentation of the required original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate are required to be completed by 1100 hours on Saturday 21 March 2020

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions are those for the Etchells Brisbane Fleet Championships and for RQYS 2020-2021 Season for the Northern Course if the spare day is required.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area will be that as described in the RQYS Sailing Instruction.
- 9.2. Note that the RQYS Sailing Instructions allow for some races to be sailed east of Green Island.

10. COURSES

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

11. SCORING

- 11.1. All non-Brisbane Fleet boats and Brisbane Fleet boats that have not registered for the Qualification Series will be eliminated from the final scores;
- 11.2. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply only to those boats registered in the Qualification Series.
- 11.3. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4. If more than five (5) races are completed then only a boat's best five scores will be counted. This amends A2.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

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

13. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1. Boats will remain in the water on the evening of Saturday 21st March 2020.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. This supplements but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels 16, 69, 72, 73 and 77. 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 SI 28.1 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 Qualification Series 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.
- 17.3. Each Helmsperson and/or co-helmsperson is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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