



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS 2020 QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

to be conducted by the  
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.  
(Organising Authority)  
In conjunction with the  
International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.



## 1. Rules

- 1.1. 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), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (SA) shall apply.
- 1.3. SA Special regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.4. The Regatta is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.6. In accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.5.1 no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to WS Regulation 20.3.2. The Organising Authority may require participating boats to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with WS Regulation 20.4.1

## 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located outside the Sailing Office of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS).

## 3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than two (2) hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast adjacent to the RQYS clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This alters RRS Race Signals.

## 5. Schedule of Events

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> October	1600 to 1800	Registration & Weigh-In
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	0800 to 1000	Registration & Weigh-In
		1000	Skippers Meeting
		1300	Race 1 – Warning Signal
			Race 2 – after Race 1
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	1100	Race 3 – Warning Signal
			Race 4 – after Race3
			Race 5 – after Race 4
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	1100	Race 6 – Warning Signal
			Race 7 – after Race 6
		1700	Presentation of Prizes

- 5.1. No warning signal will be made after **1500 hrs** on the last day of racing.
- 5.2. When more than one race is scheduled on any day, the warning signal for the ensuing races will be made not less than 15 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.

- 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. Any changes to the schedule will be posted not later than 1800 on the day prior.
- 5.4. If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signalled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

## **6. Class Flag**

The Class flag will be an Etchells Insignia in blue on a white background.

## **7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be on the waters of Moreton Bay to the west of Green Island, known as the Northern Course.

## **8. The Courses**

- 8.1. The Courses will be windward/leeward as illustrated in Attachment 1 which also indicates the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 from the Race Committee vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3. The approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1, together with the approximate length of the first leg, may be displayed on a board visible from the Race Committee vessel.
- 8.4. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

## **9 Marks**

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| Course marks         | - Orange inflatable buoys. |
| Start & Finish marks | - Orange/pink teardrop.    |

## **10 The Start**

- 10.1 All races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the port end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.
- 10.4 The Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS or BFD boats, by bow number or sail number, on VHF 72. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **11 Change of Course after the Start**

Changes to the course shall be made in accordance with RRS 33. The compass bearing to the new mark shall be displayed on a board on the signal boat.

## **12 The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark (Refer to Attachment 1 – Course Diagram).

## 13 Penalty System

- 13.1 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 for infringements occurring 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.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 or 44.2 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Marine Sports Office at the earliest opportunity after coming ashore and before the protest time limit.

## 14 Time Limit

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is as follows:
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| Course 1: | 1.25 hours |
| Course 2: | 1.5 hours  |
- 14.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark 60 minutes after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This amends RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests will be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Protests will be heard approximately in the order of receipt as soon as possible after the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.4 Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RQYS Olympic Room in the vicinity of the Regatta Office beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of SI 13.2, 17, 19, 21 and 22 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.
- 15.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 20 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 15.8 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.

## 16 Scoring

- 16.1 Seven (7) races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 If three (3) races completed, then all scores will count. This amends A2.
- 16.3 If four (4) or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

## 17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 All skippers shall **SIGN ON** before racing each day and **SIGN OFF** at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing each day (but not later than the end of protest time). Sign on/off sheets will be located outside the Sailing Office.
- 17.2 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to **SIGN OFF immediately** on return to shore.
- 17.3 Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in protest by the race committee. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. **Note: Failure to SIGN OFF may result in a full safety alert with the race committee vessels and patrol boats remaining on course until the vessel is found.**
- 17.4 A boat which retires from a race shall advise the Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 or, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a race committee vessel or patrol boat to signal its retirement.
- 17.5 Tow lines – all boats shall carry and use tow lines that are in accordance with the Etchells Class Rules. Tows may be refused if tow ropes do not comply.
- 17.6 Competitors shall comply with the following Harbour By-Laws which are part of RQYS's Aquatic Permit Conditions:
  - 17.6.1 All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
  - 17.6.2 Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
  - 17.6.3 No spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Boat Harbour 6 Knot area.

## 18 Official Boats

- 18.1 Race Committee boats may be marked by flying a white flag displaying the letters RC.

## 19 Support Boats

- 19.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 19.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from thirty (30) minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Organising Authority.
- 19.3 Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line from thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled Warning Signal until five minutes after the start of any race. After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing. No coach and support boats shall go above the weather marks or the Course 2 finishing line or below the leeward marks or the Course 1 finishing line at any other time while boats are racing.
- 19.4 Any breach of SI 19.1, 19.2 or 19.3 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.
- 19.5 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 VHF channel 72 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

## 20 Skipper's Meeting

A **compulsory** skippers meeting will take place at 1000 hrs on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in the Auditorium in the main RQYS Clubhouse.

## 21 Haul-Out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat before **1000 hrs** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except

with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee, except in an emergency.

## **22 Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **23 Equipment & Measurement Checks**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and One Design Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2. On the water a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **24 Bow Numbers**

Bow numbers may be issued for this regatta and, if issued, fitted by the Organising Authority.

## **25 Sponsor's Advertising**

The Organising Authority may require competitors to display sponsor's stickers on their boom and hull. These will be supplied and fitted by the Organising Authority.

## **26 Crew Weighing**

- 26.1 Each crew member of each boat will be weighed on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 between 1600 and 1800 hours or on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 between 0800 and 1000 hours to ensure compliance with One Design Rule C.2.2.
- 26.2 Crews shall wear light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and T-shirt, for the weigh-in.
- 26.3 To facilitate the weigh-in crews of each boat should present themselves as a complete crew.
- 26.4 Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of the weigh-in time will be ineligible to compete in races scheduled that day and will remain ineligible to compete in the regatta until compliant with One Design Rule C.2.2.
- 26.5 Crew substitutes will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limits.
- 26.6 Weighing scales will be available on each race day at the Regatta Office.

## **27 Diving Equipment & Plastic Pools**

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

## **28 Radio Communication**

- 28.1 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.
- 28.2 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.

## **29 Prizes**

Presentation of prizes will be conducted in the Boardwalk Cafe area of RQYS at approximately 1700 hours on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

- 29.1 The Queensland State Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 29.2 Prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.

29.3 Prize will be awarded to First Place Corinthian (Group 1 – amateurs)

29.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Brisbane Etchells Fleet.

## 29 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and all others involved in the management and conduct of this event shall not be liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 20 Insurance

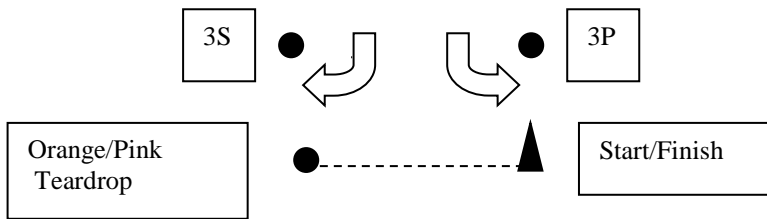
Each participating boat shall have adequate third-party property insurance cover and valid third-party personal liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10 million per event or the equivalent.



# ATTACHMENT 1 - COURSE DIAGRAM

## COURSE 1

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



## COURSE 2

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

