



**INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS**

**2021 Brisbane Fleet Championship**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**

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



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*[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.*

*[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing"*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.3. SA Special regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.4. The Brisbane Fleet Championship will be an Open Event as per IECA Appendix A, Rule 3 except that all skippers and crew will still be required to be members of the IECAA.
- 1.5. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.8. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 1.9. Appendix T (Arbitration will apply).

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Regatta Office at RQYS.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change 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 2000 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 Bill Kirby Jetty.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### 5. [NP] REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race are required to be completed by 1000 hours on 27 March 2021.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Event	Detail	Time
Saturday 27 March	Race Day 1	Warning Signal	1200
Sunday 28 March	Race Day 2	Warning Signal	1100
Sunday 28 March	Prize Giving		1700

6.2. Six races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.

6.3. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag L will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.

6.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hour.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

## 8. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Waterloo Bay to the West of Green Island.

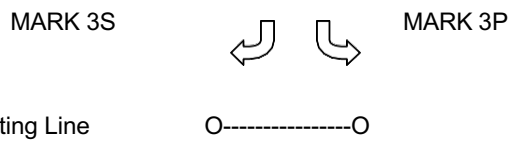
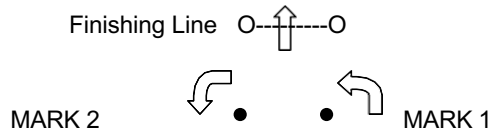
## 9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagrams below show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. Saturdays Courses will be used from the 136<sup>th</sup> Sailing Season Sailing Instructions.

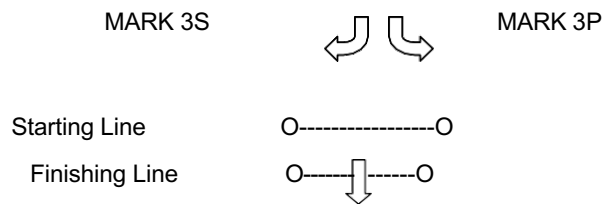
**Course 1**

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



**Course 2**

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



9.3. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or Numeral Pennant 2 from the race committee vessel.

9.4. The race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3P and 3S will be Orange inflatable buoys
- 10.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12. will be Yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.3. The starting marks will be Race Committee Vessel and Orange Teardrop.
- 10.4. The finishing marks will be: Course 1 – Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and either a Race Committee vessel or a black and white inflatable mark at the port end; Course 2 – Race Committee vessel at the port end and either a Race Committee vessel or a black and white inflatable mark at the starboard end.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. The Starting Line shall be between an orange flag on the committee vessel at starboard end and course side of orange teardrop at port end.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A.5.
- 11.4. The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF Channel 72 approximately one minute after the starting signal. 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.
- 11.5 Rule 27.4 is changed to permit the race committee to display the sail number and/or bow number. This changes RRS 30.4.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) 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.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the Race Committee vessels, or between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2. [NP] [DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta office within the protest time limit.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. The time limit for Course 1 will be 1.5 hours from the starting signal or for Course 2 it will be 1 hour from the starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race will stand.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first windward mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A.5.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta office. Protests shall be delivered there within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.2. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RQYS Committee Room beginning at the time posted.
- 16.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or the National Jury will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.4. For infringements of the rules other than Part 2, the National Jury may award a lesser penalty than DSQ.
- 16.5. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is those members of the Class International Governing Committee present at the regatta.
- 16.6. Breaches of instructions 14.2, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the National Jury so decides.
- 16.7. On the last day of the regatta:
- (a) a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) a request for reopening a hearing held on the last day shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day;
  - (c) the time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the Race Committee, Technical Committee or National Jury shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted. This changes RRS 62 and 66.
- 16.8. Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 16.9. Arbitration
- (a) Protests lodged in accordance with these Sailing Instructions may be subject to an Arbitration Hearing in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
  - (b) RRS Appendix T. 1(b) is deleted and replaced with "A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies".
  - (c) Arbitration hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
  - (d) Arbitration hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. 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.

- 18.2. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to **SIGN OFF immediately** on return to shore.
- 18.3. 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.**
- 18.4. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing shall advise the Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 or, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a race committee vessel to signal its retirement, or advise the Regatta office **immediately** on return to shore.
- 18.5. Competitors shall comply with the following Harbour By-Laws which are part of RQYS's Aquatic Permit Conditions:
  - 18.5.1. All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
  - 18.5.2. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
  - 18.5.3. No spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Boat Harbour.

## **19. [NP] [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior approval of the Organising Authority.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior Technical Committee verification the new equipment meets the class rules and the written approval of the Organising Authority. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3. After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 19.4. After measurement until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Organising Authority. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.

## **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 50 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.
- 20.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or the National Jury 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. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 21.3. Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose making the weight limit.
- 21.4. Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Regatta Office from 0800 to 1800 hours.

## **22. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Official vessels will be marked by flying a white flag displaying the letters RC.

## **23. [NP] [DP] COACH AND SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 23.1. Coach and support vessels must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support vessel and shall be marked with identifying numbers issued by the Organising Authority. Vessels shall display identifying numbers at all times while they are acting as a coach or support vessel.
- 23.2. All registered coach and support vessels will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 72 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 23.3. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support vessels from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organising Authority considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support vessels 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 National Jury or the Race Committee.
- 23.4. Registered coach and support vessels and their personnel shall stay at least 200 metres below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until the orange flag (attention signal) is lowered on the starboard Race Committee vessel. After this time, coach and support vessels may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing.
- 23.5. Any breach of SI 23.1, 23.2, 23.3 or 23.4 by a coach or support vessel may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support vessel. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the National Jury.
- 23.6. Coach and support vessels shall, when requested by the Race Committee, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support vessels will monitor VHF channel 72 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.
- 23.7. When the race committee displays flag V with one long sound signal, all coach and support vessels shall monitor the race committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions.

## **24. [NP] [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hours on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

## **25. [NP] [DP] PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**



- 25.1. Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.
- 25.2. There will be no swimming around boats in the harbour by competitors.

## **26. [NP] [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 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. As per clause 18.2 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 each racing day from the first Warning Signal until racing has been completed for the day.
- 26.2. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 26.3. 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 (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 26.1, 26.2 or clause 18.2 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.
- 26.4. Competitors or support crew who intend to use drones during the conduct of racing are requested to register the drone and its intended pilot with the Regatta Office. Drones may not operate within 50 metres of any competitor at all times. Upon request by the Jury, users must present all footage captured by the drone and declare that no footage has been deleted or altered. A breach of this request will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **27. PRIZES**

- 27.1. The Brisbane Fleet Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 27.2. Keeper prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall and First Place Corinthian.
- 27.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 28.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' 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."
- 28.2. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **29. INSURANCE**

- 29.1. All Yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property and Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

