



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

2022 BRISBANE FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP

26th & 27th March 2022

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 current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2021-2024. and the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules).
<https://sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>
- 2.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.3. Bow numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 2.4. The Brisbane Fleet Championship will be an Open Event as per IECA Appendix A, Rule 3 except that all skippers and crew will still required to be members of the IECAA.
- 2.5. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 2.6. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.7. Appendix T (Arbitration will apply).

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules as modified by this NOR and the WS Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 1600 and 1800 hours on Friday 25th March or between 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 26th March 2022 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.
- 3.3. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Saturday 26th March 2022 will be ineligible to compete in the event.
- 3.4. Any crew substitutes for Sunday 27st March must be weighed before the first race of that day.
- 3.5. Crew substitutions will not be allowed for the purpose of complying with the weight limit.
- 3.6. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.7. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 75
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 Online Entry System at <https://etchellsbrisbane.com/2021-brisbane-fleet-champs/>
- 4.2. Entries will be accompanied by the Entry Fee of \$200:
The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
 - 4.2.1. A valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 17.
- 4.3. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 19th March 2022.
- 4.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority with the payment of a late entry fee of \$50.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	25 th March	Registration	1600-1800
Saturday	26 th March	Registration	0800-1000
		Skippers Meeting	1000
		Race 1	Warning 1200
		Race 2	ASAP after Race
		Race 3	ASAP after Race
Sunday	27 st March	Race 4	Warning 1100
		Race 5	ASAP after Race
		Race 6	ASAP after Race
		Prize Giving	1700 approx.

- 5.1 A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 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 1600 and 1800 hours on Friday 25th March or 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 26th March 2022.
- 6.2. Boats will not be measured for this event.
- 6.3. Five (5) stickers will be issued to each entrant for affixing to the sails to be used in this event. All sails must have a valid measurement stamp affixed and signed by a class measurer.
- 6.4. 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 Saturday 26th March 2022.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available download PDF from <https://etchellsbrisbane.com/2022-brisbane-fleet-champs/> or the Brisbane Etchells TeamApp from 22nd March 2022.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Moreton Bay to the East 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. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.3. Six (6) races are scheduled.
- 10.4. If three (3) races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.
- 10.5. If four (4) or more races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 11.1. The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 11.2. For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying numeral stickers issued by the Organising Authority.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat by 1000 hours on Saturday 26th March 2022 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

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. Swimming to clean a boat's hull will not be 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.
- 15.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.
- 15.3. 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 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. Such insurance policy should also carry a "racing risk" extension.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The Brisbane Fleet Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.
- 18.2. Keeper prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.

19. BOAT STORAGE

- 19.1. Free boat/trailer storage is available for duration of the regatta. Anyone wanting to store boats for longer should contact the Marina Manager, Glen Scott, by email at marinamanager@rqys.com.au before arriving at RQYS.

20. SOCIAL

- 20.1. A BBQ will be held for crews and families after racing on Saturday 26th March in the BBQ area at RQYS. There will be no charge for this BBQ.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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