



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS

Brisbane Fleet Championships

23rd and 24th March 2024

to be conducted by the

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.

In conjunction with the

International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2

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) 2021 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 IECA.

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

This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class. For clarity: boats originally built from Mould 11 that have completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications as approved by the IECA and World Sailing are eligible to race as Etchells, subject to compliance with the Etchells class rules as modified by this Notice of Race.

3.1. Rules

This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown highlighted in red. Written permission of the IECA for the change has been posted on the official notice board [here](#).

A.11.1 (m) A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.

C.7.1. (a) **Modification** of the external shape of the **hull** is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.

D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the **class rules** in force at the time of **initial certification**, *or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications*.

(b) **Modifications** (*Section C*) shall comply with the current **class rules**.

Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.

D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.

BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.

(c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):

(1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA

(2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures

Boats built from Mould 11 and subsequently modified in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications are deemed to have complied with BS.B.1. BS.C.3 **Modification** of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:

- (a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings
- (b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
- (c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
- (d) sanding
- (e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications

- 3.2. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules as modified by this NOR and the WS Eligibility Code.
- 3.3. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 1600 and 1800 hours on Friday 22th March 2024 or between 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 23th March 2024 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2. Weigh-in will be in the Auditorium with-in the main club house.
- 3.4. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Friday 24 will be ineligible to compete in the event.
- 3.5. Any crew substitutes for Saturday 23rd or Sunday 24th March must be weighed before the first race of that day.
- 3.6. Crew substitutions will not be allowed for the purpose of complying with the weight limit.
- 3.7. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.8. 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/product/2024-brisbane-fleets/> Entries will be accompanied by the Entry Fee of \$350
The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
 - 4.1.1. A valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 17.
- 4.2. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 22th March 2024.
- 4.3. 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

5.1

Friday 22 nd March	Registration	1600-1800
Saturday 23 rd March	Registration	0800-1000
	Skippers Meeting	1000
	Race 1	Warning 1200
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
Sunday 24 th March	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
	Race 4	Warning 1100
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5
	Prize Giving	1700

5.2 A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

5.4 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.

5.5 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 22nd March or 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 23rd March 2024.

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 23rd March 2024.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available download PDF from <https://www.rqys.com.au/etchellsbrisbanefleetchamps24/>

8. VENUE

8.1. NoR Attachment A shows the plan of the event Venue.

8.2. NoR Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

8.2.1. The racing area will be on the waters of Moreton Bay to the East of Green Island.

8.2.2. In the event of inclement weather conditions the race officer of the day in consultation with members of the Brisbane Etchells Fleet may change the race area to the western side of Green Island an area commonly referred to as 'northern course'.

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.
 - 12.2.1. Support boats may purchase Identifying stickers from the RQYS Sailing Office for \$10.00.

13. [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat by 1000 hours on Saturday 23rd March 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission from the Organising Authority.
 - 13.1.1. Requests for haul out shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after racing.

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. [DP] 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. [DP][NP]EVENT CONDITIONS

- 16.1. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
 - 16.1.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
 - 16.1.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
 - 16.1.3. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 16.2. Except in an emergency, no sailing vessel shall berth on or impeded traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 17.1. 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 3 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."
- 17.2. 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.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. Such insurance policy should also carry a "racing risk" extension.
- 18.3. 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.
- 18.4. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The Brisbane Fleet Championships Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.
- 19.2. Keeper prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.

RQYS DIRECTORY



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| 1 RQYS CLUBHOUSE
Reception, Bar, Cafe, Restaurant, Auditorium,
Commodore's Lounge, Girdis Room, Flags Room | 20 DAVID GLENN BOAT BUILDERS | 32 MAIN RIGGING LAWN | 41 SLIPWAY RAMP |
| 2 MARINA & SAILING OFFICE | 21 ANDREW WOODFORTH MARINE | 33 RIGGING LAWN 2 | 42 RAMP 4 |
| 3 YACHTING QUEENSLAND | 22 SEADOG MARINE | 34 RIGGING LAWN 3 | 43 PUBLIC CAR PARK |
| 4 MANLY MARINA COVE MOTEL | 23 JSA MARINE | 35 RIGGING LAWN 4 | 44 MOTEL CAR PARK |
| 5 WINDSURFING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE | 24 PROFESSIONAL BOAT CARE | 36 RIGGING LAWN 5 | 45 MEMBERS CAR PARK |
| 6 MARINE RADIO MORETON BAY | 25 ELECTECH INDUSTRIES | 37 CAMPING AREA | |
| 7 THE BAY LOOKOUT | 26 UNOCCUPIED TRADES SPACE | 38 PUBLIC ACCESS RAMP | |
| 8 EASTERN BEACH | 27 DAVID'S CUSTOM TRIMMERS | 39 SAILING ACADEMY RAMP | |
| 9 DAVENPORT DRIVE LOOKOUT | 28 MULTIHULL CENTRAL | 40 MAIN LAUNCHING RAMP | |
| 10 BILL KIRBY JETTY | 29 GREEN MARINE | | |
| 11 FUEL WHARF & LAND FUEL | 30 SUPERIOR YACHT SOLTUIONS | | |
| 12 GYM | 31 ACADEMY RIGGING LAWN | | |
| 13 TRAVELIFT & SLEWING CRANE | | | |
| 14 SLIPWAY 1 | | | |
| 15 SLIPWAY 2 | | | |
| 16 STORAGE SHEDS | | | |
| 17 QUEENSLAND MARINE TRAINING SERVICES | | | |
| 18 QUEENSLAND MARINE TRAINING SERVICES | | | |
| 19 UNOCCUPIED TRADES SPACE | | | |



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| Building | Hardstand |
| Facilities | Trades |
| Lawn | Parking |
| Amenities | Ramp |

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