



NOTICE OF RACE

**FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES SYDNEY FLEET Inc.**

QUALIFYING SERIES

6 October 2007 – 16 February 2008

**FOR THE
2008 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**
Chicago, USA

19-29 June 2008

CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

in conjunction with the

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES SYDNEY FLEET Inc

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) and the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

1 RULES

All races will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended
- The General Sailing Instructions and the Sailing Instructions for the SPR and SUM Series as contained in the 2007-08 RSYS/RPEYC Sailing Handbook, as amended

If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 PURPOSE

This is the Qualifying Series for members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. who wish to compete in the 2008 World Etchells Championship to be held in Chicago, USA, 19-29 June 2008.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Helmspersons and co-helmspersons shall comply with the requirement of Rule 6 - ENTRY - DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY of the "Rules Governing the World Championship and other Sanctioned Events" contained in the International Etchells Class Yearbook 2005-2006 as amended by the Etchells Class Governors.
- 3.2 All competitors, including helmspersons, co-helmspersons and crew, while racing, shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS55.
- 3.3 All helmspersons and co-helmspersons shall be current financial members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. Any crew member who sails more than three races shall be a financial member of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.
- 3.4 All helmspersons, co-helmspersons and crew shall be nominated on the entry form including the weight of each person. Any changes to helmspersons, co-helmspersons or crew shall be notified in writing to the RSYS Sailing Office by 1000 hours on the day of the race, together with a declaration of the weight of the substitute person.
- 3.5 Any boat found with a non-financial member as a helmsperson or a non-financial crew member who has sailed in more than three races shall be subject to protest and may be disqualified from that qualifying race or any race in which she has sailed with a non-financial member as helmsperson and or crew member. The determination of financial membership of any helmsperson or crew member shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc. Its decisions as to financial membership of any helmsperson or crew shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (Amends RRS 60 and 62).
- 3.6 Copies of current Yachting Australia (YA) Measurement Certificates and Sail Measurement Certificates shall be lodged with the completed entry form and originals may be required to be produced for verification during the Series. All sails used in the Series must have been recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with the rules of the International Etchells Class Association. Any boat not complying with this requirement will be subject to protest and may be disqualified from the Series.
- 3.7 All helmspersons and co-helmspersons are to be recorded on the boat's YA Measurement Certificate. Helmspersons should note that a change of ownership, including changes in partners, invalidates Measurement Certificates together with the boat's entry in this Series. A valid YA Measurement Certificate in the new owners' names shall be lodged with the RSYS Sailing Office to revalidate the boat's entry in the Series.
- 3.8 There shall be a maximum combined crew weight of 285kg in accordance with the rules of the International Etchells Class Association. Random weighing of helmspersons and crew may occur during the Series. If any boat's crew are found to exceed the maximum crew weight limit of

285kg during any race of the Series, then that boat shall be disqualified from that qualifying race. That boat's helmsperson and crew will be required to weigh in prior to each subsequent qualifying race in the Series.

- 3.9 Boats selected from this Qualifying Series shall meet the eligibility requirements of this notice of race, and any boats infringing the eligibility requirements may be subject to protest.

4. ENTRIES

The RSYS Sailing Office shall receive the completed entry form and associated documents no later than 1400 hours on Friday 15 February 2008.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Series will be conducted during the RSYS 2007-2008 Sailing Season.

Series Pointscore Race	Race Date	Scheduled time of Warning Signal
1	6 October 2007	1245
2	27 October 2007	1245
3	17 November 2007	1245
4, 5 & 6	8 December 2007	1220
7, 8 & 9	16 February 2008	1220

6 NUMBER OF RACES

- 6.1 The Series will comprise nine races in the RSYS SPR, SUM and MINA pointscores. The nine designated races will be as detailed in Clause 5 above.

- 6.2 A boat shall drop two series pointscore races for her final points in the Qualifying Series. In the event of 5 or less races being completed, all shall count.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

There will not be separate Sailing Instructions for this Series. Sailing Instructions are as detailed in the RSYS Handbook including the General Sailing Instructions and the Sailing Instructions for the SPR and SUM Series.

8 SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, applies except as modified in clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above and Clause 12 in the SPR & SUM Sailing Instructions.

9 POINTSCORES

- 9.1 A separate pointscore will be maintained based on the entries in the Qualifying Series. The placing's of non-entrants in each race will be ignored.

- 9.2 A boat's finishing place shall be scored in the Qualifying Series only for races in which it sailed after its entry has been received and accepted by the Sailing Office. **In all prior races it shall be scored DNC.**

- 9.3 The Committee of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc will select eligible boats on the basis of their final position in the pointscore. The number of boats selected depends on the allocation percentage, as determined by the International Etchells Class Association, of the total number of financial boats registered as members of the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

- 9.4 Competitors should refer to the International Etchells Class Rules, Appendix A, Rule 9D in the event of changed boats or sail cards.

10 PRIZES

No prizes shall be awarded for places in the races or the pointscore for the Qualifying Series.

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ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE: NIL

Boat Name: _____ Sail No: _____

Owner(s): _____ Club: _____

The boat will be sailed by:

Helmsperson: _____ Club : _____ Weight: _____ Kgs

Co-Helmsperson: _____ Club : _____ Weight: _____ Kgs

Crew 1: _____ Club: _____ Weight: _____ Kgs

Crew 2: _____ Club: _____ Weight: _____ Kgs

Crew 3: _____ Club: _____ Weight: _____ Kgs

If a Co-Helmsperson(s) is/are nominated – Appendix A, Rule 8.C of the "Rules Governing the World Championship and other Sanctioned Events" should be scrutinised.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation 2005-2008, the Prescriptions of the Yachting Australia, the Current Rules of the International Etchells Class and the appropriate Safety Regulations all as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

I declare that the nominated boat has a valid YA Measurement Certificate and a valid Sail Measurement Certificate and that all sails used during this Qualifying Series have been measured and are recorded on the boats Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with the Class Rules. Furthermore I declare that the helmsman and all crew are financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and that their combined weight in any race will not exceed 285kgs in accordance with the rules of the International Etchells Class Association.

I have attached a Copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate, signed by an Etchells Class Measurer, and a copy of the YA Measurement Certificate for the boat registered in my name and to which the sails belong.

I declare that the nominated boat will have adequate current Third Party Property Liability and Third Party Personal Liability Insurance cover maintained during the period of racing of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) for any one incident over the period of racing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____(home) _____(work) _____(mobile)

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RSYS SAILING OFFICE
BY 1400 HOURS ON FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2008**