



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS**

**2009/2010**

**NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**26th - 28th February 2010**

to be conducted by

***Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron***

on behalf of

***the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Incorporated***

under the authority of

***Yachting NSW***

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

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012*.
- 1.2** This is a Category A event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules.
- 1.3** The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.4** All competing vessels shall submit on registration a current completed YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance for Category 7 or higher, certified by an authorised equipment auditor. A declaration will not be adequate. All Etchells class boats competing in the Manly Circle are required to complete a declaration certifying that they carry the following additional equipment, beyond the Category 7 requirement:
  - Buoyant rescue quito with 15 metres of line or lifebuoy with 30 metres of line
  - Flares – 2 red and 2 orange
  - V-Sheet
  - Compass and chart of area (approaches to Sydney Harbour) (suitable charts will be for sale at registration @ \$6)
  - Water – a minimum of 2 litres per person
  - an operating VHF radio and to monitor channel 69 during all races.

All safety equipment may be audited before the commencement of the regatta and random audits may be conducted during the regatta.

- 1.5** The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with AS1512 (or equivalent or more stringent overseas standard) by all crew members will be mandatory once north of an imaginary line drawn between South Head and Georges Head.
- 1.6** The Championship is classified as a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1** Competitors shall comply with the international Etchells Class Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code.
- 2.2** The weights and total combined weight of each crew including skipper will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1. The total combined crew weight of crew members of each boat will be published on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.3** All yachts shall 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.
- 2.4** All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 55.

## **3. ENTRIES**

- 3.1** Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System, accompanied by the entry fee, to be completed by no later than 1700 hours Friday 19 February 2010.
- 3.2** **Entry Fees.** Entry fees are:
  - Boats with a crew of 3: \$450
  - Boats with a crew of 4: \$550

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**4.1** The schedule of events including the scheduled times of the warning signals is as follows:

<b>Date 2010</b>		<b>Time</b>
Thu 25 Feb	Registration	1200 - 1800 hrs
Thu 25 Feb	All boats in water	1800 hrs
Fri 26 Feb	Race 1	1200 hrs
Fri 26 Feb	Race 2	As soon as practicable after Race 1
Fri 26 Feb	Race 3	As soon as practicable after Race 2
Sat 27 Feb	Race 4	1200 hrs
Sat 27 Feb	Race 5	As soon as practicable after Race 4
Sat 27 Feb	Race 6	As soon as practicable after Race 5
Sun 28 Feb	Race 7	1100 hrs
Sun 28 Feb	Race 8	As soon as practicable after Race 7

**4.2** It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct the races as shown above, however the Race Committee may alter the schedule as required.

#### **5. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT**

**5.1** Boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on Thursday 25 February between 1200 and 1800 hrs.

**5.2** All boats shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and a current Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.

**5.3** All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, boat and sail registration, crew weigh in and presentation of original Hull and Sail Measurement certificates, are required to be completed by 1800 hours on Thursday, 25 February, 2010.

**5.4** During competition any boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time.

**5.5** All sails which competitors intend to present for use during the regatta are to be measured and correctly recorded on the boat's sail card prior to registration. There will be no facilities available to measure unmeasured sails at registration.

#### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**6.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

#### **7. RACING AREA**

**7.1** The races will be sailed on the waters of Sydney Harbour and in the Manly Circle, East of Queenscliff Head as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The course area will be posted on the Official Notice Board under the Careening Cove stairs by 0900 hours on the day of the race.

#### **8. COURSES**

**8.1** Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**9.1** 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 that for infringements within the Zone as defined in the current RRS shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

#### **10. SCORING**

**10.1** The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

**10.2** Five completed races are required to constitute a series.

**11. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS**

**11.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day 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.

**11.2** 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 emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

**12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**12.1** All boats shall be afloat in the RSYS pond before 1800 hrs on Thursday 25 February and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

**13. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

**13.1** Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between 1700 hours on Thursday 25 February, 2010 and the end of the regatta.

**14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**14.1** This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF radio, operating and capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels 69, 72,73 and 77. Boats must 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 boats during each racing day until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors.

**14.2** **Log On.** All Etchells class boats participating in any offshore race shall contact (log on with) the Committee Vessel, on VHF channel 69, from 30 minutes prior to the Warning Signal of the first race in which it intends to start, until the Warning Signal is displayed, and receive an acknowledgement. Each boat shall relay the following information, Sail Number and number of Persons on Board. Failure to do so will result in a boat being scored Did Not Compete (DNC), (Amends RRS 63.1). No race information is to be requested by yachts while logging on.

**14.3** **Retirement Log Off.** All boats retiring from racing shall contact the Race Committee Vessel, on VHF channel 69, and log off.

**15. PRIZES**

**15.1** The following prizes shall be awarded:

- Regatta Winner – Perpetual trophy
- First, second and third overall
- Winner of Masters Division (skipper over 50 yrs)
- Winner of Grand Masters (total crew age if three on board 150 yrs, if four on board 200 yrs)
- Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**15.2** Age is that applicable at midnight on Thursday 25 February 2010.

**15.3** Prizes will be presented at the prize giving on the Careening Cove Terrace at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron as soon as practicable after racing on Sunday 28 February 2010.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**16.1** **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they

participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

**16.2 Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- RRS 46;
- the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
- the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

**16.3 Responsibilities**

(a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

(b) The RSYS, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

(c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

**17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**17.1** For further information, please contact the Sailing Office, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Peel St Kirribilli NSW 2061 Phone 9017 0152 Fax 9995 3404 email [sailing@rsys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au)

The official regatta notice board will be located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove Room stairs.

**18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**18.1 Temporary Membership** - Temporary Membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Regatta.

**18.2 Parking** - The RSYS has an underground car park and street parking is available (take note of certain parking restrictions). Please also note that preference will be given to members in the Squadron's carpark and that visiting competitors are allowed only one car per competing boat in the carpark. Car parking on Fridays between 3:30 pm and 7:30pm and on Saturdays and Sundays is restricted to members only. Trailers should be legally parked in the street. NO trailers will be permitted to stay in the carpark. Due to limited hardstand space, trailers will be allowed on the hardstand for a maximum of 4 hours for the purposes of rigging and launching, after which the trailers must be removed from the Squadron grounds.

- 18.3 Boat Storage** - Etchells on trailers can be stored at Sydney City Marine at Rozelle Bay under the Anzac Bridge any time before and after the regatta. For further details contact Rob McGrath on 0405 260 986 or by email at [rob@sydneycitymarine.com.au](mailto:rob@sydneycitymarine.com.au) (Rob will be attending the Nationals at Lake Macquarie should you wish to discuss arrangements).
- 18.4 Boatshed And Hardstand Facility** - The Boatshed and Hardstand are located on the waterfront of the Squadron and accessible via the upper car park entrance in Peel Street. Competitors are welcome to bring their yachts to the Squadron, one day prior to the Regatta and are requested to remove their yachts no later than one day after its conclusion. No charge will be made to competitors for lifting. Facilities are limited and advance bookings are essential with the Waterfront Manager. The Boatshed may be contacted on 02 - 9955 7171, or direct on 02 9017 0161.
- 18.5 Social Functions** - Refreshments and a sausage sizzle will be available for competitors on completion of racing on Friday and Saturday.
- 18.6** A TackTracker data recorder will be issued to each boat each day prior to racing and collected from each boat each day on completion of racing. It will be mandatory for all competing boats to carry a "QStarz BT-Q1000X GPS" data recorder while racing. For those wishing to purchase their own data recorder, the Etchells Association has negotiated a special price of \$155 (normally \$179) for participants who purchase the "QStarz BT-Q1000X GPS" data recorder prior to February 19. All boats that have purchased the data recorder will be entitled to an additional \$50 discount on their entry fee.  
Click <http://www.tacktracker.com/web/products/?i=TTE22SP10:TTE22SP11>