



2024 Etchells Australian Championship

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Sydney Harbour

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) as amended 20 December 2023

The International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc., in conjunction with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron invites entries to the 2024 International Etchells Australian Championship to be sailed on Sydney Harbour from 6th January to 11th January 2024.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, NSW, in conjunction with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

The notation (DP) in a rule denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules.
- 1.3 (DP) This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website (<https://etchells.org/assets/documents/code-of-conduct20230705.pdf>). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 1.4 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. Additionally, they shall carry all the required safety equipment specified in NoR Addendum A.
- 1.5 (NP) Bow numbers will be assigned by the OA and will be supplied and fixed to each participating boat prior to inspection. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest by the race committee (RC) or event technical committee (TC).
- 1.6 A skipper shall use only those sails presented in accordance with Class Rule C.10, and they shall not be recut or altered during the championship. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the National Jury.
- 1.7 Where a boat is using sails with a sail number different to that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 1.8 If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the event, the skipper may petition the National Jury for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.9 (DP) A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing. To this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.10 The IECA of Australia has designated this event as a Qualifying Event for the 2024 World Championship in Fremantle pursuant to the IECA Championship Event Manual Part A 3. 3).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions (SIs) will be available for download from the regatta website at least seven (7) days before the first scheduled race.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official online notice board is located
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/results/series/2493/races>
- 3.2 (DP) All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 74 and communicate race information to competitors. Failure to receive any such communication will not be subject to a request for redress.
- 3.3 (DP) The use of mobile 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 on each day of racing until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class. 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 International Etchells Class Rules as modified by this NoR.
- 4.2 This NoR changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown **highlighted in red**. Written permission of the IECA for the changes has been posted on the official online notice board.
- 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**
- 4.3 Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/entry/series/2493/pricing>

- 4.4 Entries close at 1700 hrs on 21 December 2023.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements (including signing the Etchells Class Code of Conduct, lodging all required certificates and compliance documentation, finalising boat and sail registration and crew weigh in) and pay all fees by 1400 hrs on Sunday 7 January 2024.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$150. No entries will be accepted after 1700 hrs on 28 December 2023.
- 4.7 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing at the times indicated in the Clause 9 - Schedule of Events to ensure compliance with Class Rule C.2.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee for boats sailing with three crew is \$600.00 (including GST).
- 5.2 Entry fee for boats sailing with four crew is \$660.00 (including GST).
- 5.3 Entry fee includes launching and retrieval facilities and berthing during the regatta and participation in sanctioned social events.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 All helms and crew shall be financial members of the IECA and shall comply with RRS 46.
- 6.2 In addition to NoR 6.1, Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but being a non-owner, the Guest Skipper must:
- (a) be age 29 or under as of 31 January 2024, and
 - (b) borrow or charter a boat from an owner or entity in good standing in the fleet, and
 - (c) be at least a Non-Owner Class Member.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 The event will be a single series championship.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled for the series and up to three (3) races sailed on any one day

Day	Event	Time
Saturday, 6 January	Registration and Weigh In	0900 - 1300
Sunday, 7 January	Registration and Weigh In	0900 - 1100
	Practice Race (Warning Signal)	1330
Monday, 8 January	Competitors' Briefing	1030
	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1330
Tuesday, 9 January	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1330
Wednesday, 10 January	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1330
Thursday, 11 January	Racing (First Warning Signal)	1330

- 9.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 All boats shall register with the OA at RSYS on Saturday 6 January 2024 between 0900 hrs and 1300 hrs or on Sunday 7 January 2024 between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs.
- 10.2 (DP) Boats may be inspected at any time during the championship including to ensure compliance with the safety equipment detailed in Addendum A.

11 CLOTHING

11.1 See Class Rule C.3.2

12 VENUE

12.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour as indicated in Addendum B.

13 COURSES

13.1 Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the sailing instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".

14.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".

14.3 A National Jury will be appointed in accordance with the Australian Sailing prescriptions to RRS 70.5(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15 SCORING

15.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support person vessels during the regatta.

16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. 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 or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Jury.

16.2 [DP] Support person vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SIs.

17 BERTHING AND PARKING

17.1 Visiting boats may be berthed at the RSYS from midday on Friday 5 January 2024 until midday the day after the final race in the series. Boats shall be kept in their assigned area while in the harbour.

17.2 To allow for ample competitor parking, no boat trailers of any description shall be allowed in any RSYS car parking facility **without prior written approval**.

17.3 RSYS may limit parking to members at its discretion.

18 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

18.1 (DP) All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hrs on Monday 8 January 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

18.2 (DP) Competitors may elect to launch from other clubs on Sydney Harbour but must comply with afloat times stated above. All competitors thereafter must be berthed at RSYS until the completion of the regatta.

19 PLASTIC POOLS

- 19.1 (DP) Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats while they are afloat.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 20.1 In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of this event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said event without compensation.

21 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 21.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the OA. 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.

- 21.2 **Competitors' Declaration** – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:

- (a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above; and
- (b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA 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 OA.

21.3 Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.3.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The OA, sponsors, class association, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

- 21.3.2 The OA, sponsors, class association, 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.

- 21.3.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall 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 incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 23.2 The Australian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 23.3 The Women's trophy will be awarded to the first-placed female helm.
- 23.4 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the first boat where the skipper and all crew hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1.
- 23.5 The Youth Trophy will be awarded to the first-place crew (combined crew age 90 years or less for 3-person crew, 120 years or less for 4-person crew).

- 23.6 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 23.7 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Grand Masters Division (Combined age of crew not less than 165 years for a 3-person crew and 220 years for a 4-person crew).
- 23.8 Age is that applicable at midnight on Sunday 7 January 2024.
- 23.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 23.10 Prizes will be presented at a prizegiving to be held after racing on Thursday 11 January 2024.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A - Safety Equipment

Equipment Description	Class Rules	AS Cat 7	Required for Event
PFD for each crew member as per NOR 1.2	Yes	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Two Buckets with lanyards	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Optional
Heaving line	Optional	-	Optional
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
VHF Radio	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheathed and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional
Drinking water (sufficient for crew)	-	-	Yes

Note:

For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class Rules and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.

Entrants are required to provide a current AS Special Regulation Category 7 Equipment Audit Form. Please note that there will be no facility to undertake certification for Category 7 Safety Compliance at the regatta.

ADDENDUM B – Race Area

