



Etchells Milson Silver Goblets



23 - 27 February 2026

Notice of Race (NoR)

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

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules, as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP],
- 1.3 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 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). [DP] denotes that a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.5 The Organizing Authority (OA) may include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at the time of entry for configuration with RaceSense, A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. Sailing Instructions

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

3. Communication

- 3.1 [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.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 All competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.3 All competitors shall comply with Etchells Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee at its discretion may require crews to be weighed.
- 4.4 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.
- 4.5 All skippers and crew shall comply with the requirements of RRS 46. A boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. Entry

- 5.1 Entry fee for the series is \$200.00 (including GST).
- 5.2 The casual entry fee is \$75.00 per day (including GST).
- 5.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/entry/series/5334/pricing>
- 5.4 Series entries shall be completed online by 1000 hours on Monday 23 February 2026. The OA may, at its absolute discretion allow entries after this time.

6. Schedule of Events

6.1

Date	Event	Time
Monday 23 February 2026	Race 1	1745hrs
Tuesday 24 February 2026	Race 2	1745hrs
Wednesday 25 February 2026	Race 3	1745hrs
Thursday 26 February 2026	Race 4	1745hrs
Friday 27 February 2026	Race 5	1500hrs

6.2 Five (5) races are scheduled for the series with one (1) race to be sailed each day.

7. Equipment Inspection

7.1 [NP][DP] A boat may be subject to measurement or inspection by the OA at any time, including compliance with the AS Special Regulations. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.

8. Racing Area

8.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

9. Courses

9.1 Shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Penalty System

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that, infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the Protest Time Limit.

11. Scoring

11.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2 with the amendments detailed in clauses 11.2 and 11.3.

11.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.

11.3 A boat shall drop any one (1) race, except if three (3) or less races are completed, no score will be discarded.

11.4 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

12. Safety Regulations

12.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.

- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship.
- (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (non-excludable disqualification) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).

12.2 Boats shall report any incident involving injury or significant damage likely to cost more than \$5000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13. Support Boats

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

14. Berthing and Parking

14.1 Visiting boats may be berthed at the RSYS from midday prior to the first race until midday the day after the final race in the series.

14.2 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**.

14.3 RSYS may limit parking to members at its discretion.

15. Haul Out Restrictions

15.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1730hrs on Monday 23 February 2026 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

15.2 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.

15.3 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

16. Responsibilities

16.1 **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.

16.2 **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.

16.3 Disclaimer of Liability

- (a) 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 associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The OA, sponsors, 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 AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

17. Insurance

17.1 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.

18. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

18.1 In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events 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 events in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said events without compensation.

19. Prizes

- 19.1 The Milson Silver Goblets will be awarded to the winner of the overall scratch pointscore for International Etchells Class boats.
- 19.2 The Kopsen Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed Corinthian skipper and crew on the overall scratch pointscore for Internationals Etchells Class boats.

20. Further Information

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