



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS - MILSON SILVER GOBLETS

13 - 17 November 2017

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), 33 Peel St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061, in conjunction with the International Etchells Sydney Fleet Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races shall be governed by:
- the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing as amended
 - the 2017-2021 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, and
 - the Rules of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.2 If there is conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board is located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and RSYS web site by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals. After this time, any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 3.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000hours the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant displayed ashore means; "All races not yet started are postponed". The warning signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Race Number	Scheduled Warning Signals
Monday 13 November	Race 1	not before 1745 hours
Tuesday 14 November	Race 2	not before 1745 hours
Wednesday 15 November	Race 3	not before 1745 hours
Thursday 16 November	Race 4	not before 1745 hours
Friday 17 November	Race 5	not before 1745 hours

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the International Etchells class insignia on a white background.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) in the general area between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the area bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.
- 8.2 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.
- 8.3 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.
- 8.4 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow YA Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.
- 9.2 The diagrams and the accompanying notes in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.3 In the event that either mark 2P or 2S is not in place, boats shall round the single mark to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a and 2S/2P shall be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks shall be black and white inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.
- 10.3 Change marks as provided in clause 13 shall be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the starting mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 74. This changes RRS 29.
- 12.2 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 12.1 above shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 The race committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the following amendments.
- 13.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee will lay a new mark as described in clause 10.3 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.
- 13.3 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 2S/2P or the finishing line, as appropriate.

14 POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

- 14.1 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed, except at the discretion of the race committee.
- 14.2 Any race not completed on the scheduled day will not be re-sailed.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line for courses 1, 2 and 3 when viewed from the last mark of the course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the line and the finishing mark at the starboard end of the line.
- 15.2 The finishing line for courses 4, 5 and 6 when viewed from the last mark of the course will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the finishing mark at the port end of the line.
- 15.3 The finishing line will be approximately 50 m below Marks 2S/2P for courses 1 to 3 and approximately 50m above Marks 1 and 1a for courses 4 to 6.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is amended so that 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 occurring within the Three Length Zone the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). For infringements against any boat in another race, the Two Turns Penalty applies.
- 16.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the RSYS Sailing Office within the protest time limit.

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The absolute time limit shall be 90 minutes from the starting signal.
- 17.2 No boat shall be timed in after the expiration of the time limit. This changes RRS 35.

18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office.
- 18.2 Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office within one (1) hour, taken from the finish time of the last boat to complete the race each day. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 18.3 Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit or as soon as possible thereafter to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.
- 18.4 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 21, 22 or 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Points Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS will apply except as amended below.
- 19.2 The series will consist of five (5) races, with each boat discarding its worst score once four (4) races have been completed.
- 19.3 In the event of four (4) or less races being completed, all will count. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- 19.4 A minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

20 RACE COMMITTEE VESSEL

The race committee vessel at the start and finish of each race may display the RSYS race committee burgee.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Coach and support boats may be required to display an identification flag at the request of the OA.
Note: RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.
- 21.2 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 racing has been concluded for the day.
- 21.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1700hrs on Monday 13 November 2017 and on completion of the first day's racing shall be moored in the RSYS Pond and not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 22.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request

assistance in an emergency. No transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the race.

23.2 The race committee may use VHF channel 74 to advise of general matters relating to the racing.

23.3 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 after the warning signal until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in clause 23.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the jury or race committee.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

24.1 The Milson Silver Goblets will be awarded to the winner of the scratch pointscore and will be presented at a Prizegiving to be held after racing on Saturday 18 November 2017.

24.2 Scratch Pointscore: Prizes shall be awarded to the first three places if 15 or more entries are received; 1st and 2nd if between 10 & 15 entries and 1st place only if less than 10 entries are received.

25 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

25.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the commercial or defense shipping of the port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime regulations specify "*Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal*".

25.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

25.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW 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.

25.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority, their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

26.2 The Organising Authority, their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

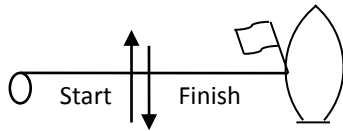
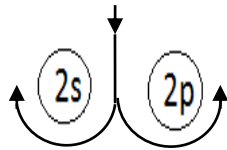
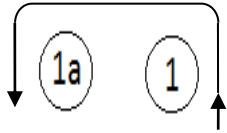
26.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

27 INSURANCE

All boats competing 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 incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

Attachment A - Course Diagrams

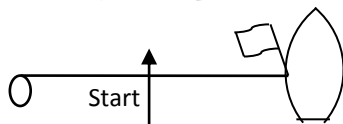
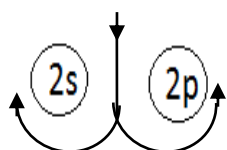
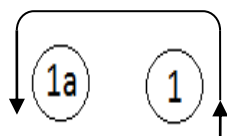
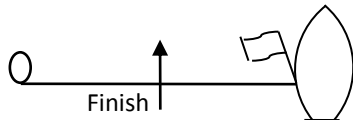
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Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Downwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

WA



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
6	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p Finish