



International Etchells Regatta

Milson Silver Goblets



1 - 5 February 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) of World Sailing as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 In accordance with the International Etchells Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. All competitors shall comply with Etchells Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee at its discretion may require crews to be weighed.
- 3.3. Each boat shall have a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment compliance for Category 7.
- 3.4. Entries close at 1700hrs Friday 29 January 2021.
- 3.5. Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made using the online entry, available here; <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/entry/series/429/pricing>

4. Fees

- 4.1. Regatta entry fee is \$270.00.
- 4.2. The casual entry fee is \$70.00 per race.
- 4.3. The entry fee includes launching and berthing during the regatta dates.

5. Schedule of Event

- 5.1. One race each evening from Monday 1 to Friday 5 February 2021.
- 5.2. The warning signal is scheduled for 1745hrs each day.

6. Registration and Measurement

- 6.1. All boats shall have current Measurement Certificates, Sail Measurement Certificate and suitable insurance cover as specified in 17.1.
- 6.2. Boats shall only use sails as measured for the hull number noted on its entry form.
- 6.3. A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast.
- 6.4. The amount of water 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.
- 6.5. During the regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time, including compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. Shall be available for download on the event website from Wednesday 7 January 2021.

8. Courses

- 8.1. Shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. Races shall be conducted on Port Jackson, in the general area between Kirribilli Point and Cannae Point.

9. Penalty System

- 9.1. 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 for 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 and 44.2.
- 9.2. 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.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. The Low-Point System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS will apply, including the provisions of Appendix A 5.2.
- 10.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 10.4. When four (4) or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. Support Boats

- 11.1. RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.
- 11.2. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 11.3. 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.

12. Berthing and Trailer Parking

- 12.1. Boats competing in the regatta may be stored or berthed free of charge at the RSYS from 1000hrs Sunday 31 January to 1000hrs Saturday 6 February 2021.
- 12.2. To allow for ample competitor parking, no boat trailers of any description shall be allowed in any RSYS car parking facility or hardstand.

13. Haul out restrictions

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat before 1700hrs on Monday 1 February 2021 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- Note:** 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.
- 13.2. Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

14. Radio Communications

- 14.1. 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 other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 14.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.
- 14.3. 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 first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 14.1 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 Race Committee.

15. Trophies and Prizes

- 15.1. The Milson Silver Goblets will be awarded to the winner of the overall scratch pointscore.
- 15.2. A prize will be awarded to the Corinthian winner on scratch.

- 15.3 Scratch Pointscore: Prizes shall be awarded to the first three places if 15 or more entries are received; 1st and 2nd if between 10 & 14 entries and 1st place only if less than 9 entries are received.
- 15.4 Prizes will be presented at a Prizegiving to be held after racing on Friday 5 February 2021.
- 15. Commercial Shipping and Ferries**
- 15.1. All yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSW RMS) regulations regarding the right of way of commercial and defence vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW RMS 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*". Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.
- 15.2. All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers and the NSW Port Authority. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 15.3. Any yachts reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1. Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.
- 16. Responsibilities**
- 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.
- 16.1. **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024. Each competitor who enters the event declares to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including:
- (a) RRS 46;
 - (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - (c) being 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;
 - (d) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority 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 Organising Authority to the risk warning above;
 - (e) the person who enters the boat 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 her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 16.2. **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 Fundamental Rule 3 which states; "*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*".
 - (b) The RSYS, sponsors, the Etchells class association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (c) The RSYS, sponsors, the Etchells 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.

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

17. Insurance

17.1. 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.

18. Covid-19 Requirements – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that they have read, understood and comply with the RSYS Covid-19 protocols including but not limited to hygiene, distancing and crew recording and tracing requirements.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority 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.

20. Further Information

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