

David Forbes Shield

3 - 6 January 2022



Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the Gold Racing League.

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 a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee as per racing rule - Introduction.

1. Rules

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules, as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.

2. Intent

2.1 The intent of this regatta is for competitors to enjoy racing in boats with common performance limitations as set for Etchells Class boats. While crew weight will not be checked, the intent is that crew that could have satisfied a 290 kg crew weight limit if they had prepared for a pre-regatta weight check.

3. Sailing Instructions

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

4. Communication

4.1 [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.

5. Eligibility

5.1 The event is open to boats that have, or have had, an International Etchells class certificate.

5.2 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.

5.3 All skippers and crew shall comply with the requirements of RRS 46. A boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

6. Entry

6.1 Entry fee for the series is \$1000.00 (including GST).

6.2 The casual entry fee is \$275.00 per day (including GST).

6.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at: <https://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/regattas/>

6.4 Series entries shall be completed online by 1000 hours on Thursday 30 December 2021. The organising authority may allow entries after this time.

7. Schedule of Events

7.1 Regatta dates are Monday 3 January 2022 to Thursday 6 January 2022.

7.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the series.

7.3 The first scheduled warning signal will be no earlier than 1300 hours on each day.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1630 hours.

8. Equipment Inspection

8.1 [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.

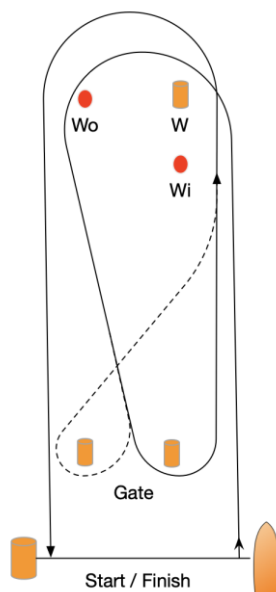
9. Racing Area

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

10. Courses

10.1 The course will be a windward/leeward course as follows:

- (a) Start – Wi – W – Wo – Wi – Gate – Wi – W – Wo – Wi - Finish
- (b) Mark Wi shall be passed to port, mark W and Wo shall be rounded to port.
- (c) Mark Wi will be approximately 50 metres below mark W



10.2 If there is only one mark at the gate, this mark shall be rounded to port.

10.3 If there is a change of course involving mark W, mark Wi will be removed from the water and boats shall pass mark W and Wo to port.

10.4 In accordance with rule 32.2, if the course is shortened at the windward mark, it will only be shortened at mark W.

11. Penalty System

11.1 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) This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

12. Observers

12.1 Protest Committee members may observe the racing on the race course. If they observe an incident where a boat protests, they will make the following signals:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'The observer(s) saw the incident and believe(s) that no rule was broken'.
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means "The observer(s) saw the incident and believe(s) that one or more boat has broken a rule'. The observer(s) will hail or signal each boat identified to have broken a rule.
- (c) A blue flag with one long sound means 'The observer(s) is/are unable to make a decision'.

The signals displayed by the observer, are for information only. If a red flag is displayed, the identified boat is not obliged to take a penalty, however if they do not, the Protest Committee may protest that boat. If a green and white flag, or a Blue flag is displayed, a boat may still protest, or a boat may choose to take the appropriate penalty.

12.2 The Protest Committee will only protest a boat for an incident where an observer displayed a green and white flag as allowed by rule 60.3(a) (1) and (2).

13. Scoring

13.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

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

14. Other Instructions

- 14.1 [NP] **Safety Requirements** – All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including the skipper) into the RSYS race management system prior to the first warning signal on each day that the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement may be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63.
- 14.2 **Covid -19 Requirements** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that they have read, understood and comply with the COVID-19 protocols including but not limited to hygiene, distancing and crew recording and tracing requirements.

15. Safety Regulations

- 15.1 [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).
- 15.2 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.

16. Support Boats

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

17. Berthing and Parking

- 17.1 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.
- 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 All boats shall be afloat before 1300hrs on Monday 3 January 2022 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 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.
- 18.3 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

19. Responsibilities

- 19.1 **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.
- 19.2 **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, and declaring to the OA that the nominated boat has not been grounded during the past twelve (12) months.

19.3 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 organising authority, 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.

20. Insurance

- 20.1 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.

21. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

- 21.1 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.

22. Prizes

- 22.1 A prize will be awarded to the winner of the overall scratch pointscore.
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- 22.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 22.4 The awarding of any prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests and appeals.
- 22.5 Prizes will be presented at a prizegiving to be held after racing on Thursday 6 January 2022.

23. Further Information

For further information please contact;

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