

International Etchells Class
Murphy & Nye 2010 Australian Championship
11th to 16th January 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organising Authorities



LAKE MACQUARIE ETCHELLS FLEET

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.

1.2 The Championship is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class B event.

1.3 Advertising is not permitted pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.1.2 and IECA Rules. The Organising Authority shall require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor’s advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

1.4 The YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.

1.5 If there is conflict between the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the outside entertainment area just to the north of the clubs main bar.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flag mast on the northern lawn area of the club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5 REGISTRATION / PRESENTATION OF SAILS

5.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority on Sunday January 10 between the hours of 12:00 - 16:30 or Monday January 11 between the hours of 09:00 – 17:30.

5.2 All boats will be issued with Sponsor Logos boom stickers at Registration. They shall be placed on the boom as directed in the Annex A to Sailing Instruction provided at Registration.

5.3 All Boats shall carry Bow numbers and Hull Sponsor Logo as supplied and fitted by the Organising Authority.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT		DATE	TIME
REGISTRATION	Sun	10/01/2010	12:00 - 16:30
REGISTRATION	Mon	11/01/2010	09:00 - 17:30
Crew Weigh In	Mon	11/01/2010	09:00 - 17:30
Practice Race	Mon	11/01/2010	15:00
WELCOME DRINKS	Mon	11/01/2010	18:00 LMYC BBQ Area
RACE 1	Tues	12/01/2010	13:00
RACE 2	Tues	12/01/2010	ASAP after the previous race
Social Event	Tues	12/01/2010	After Days Racing
RACE 3	Wed	13/01/2010	13:00
RACE 4	Wed	13/01/2010	ASAP after the previous race
Social Event	Wed	13/01/2010	After Days Racing
Crew Re- Weigh	Thu	14/01/2010	9:00 -12:00
RACE 5	Thu	14/01/2010	13:00
RACE 6	Thu	14/01/2010	ASAP after the previous race
Social Event	Thu	14/01/2010	After Days Racing
RACE 7	Fri	15/01/2010	13:00
RACE 8	Fri	15/01/2010	ASAP after the previous race
Social Event	Fri	15/01/2010	After Days Racing
RACE 9	Sat	16/01/2010	11:30
PRESENTATION	Sat	16/01/2010	18:30 LMYC BBQ Area

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will be code flag E or a flag bearing the Etchells Class Insignia.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be conducted in an area bounded by Wangi Point, Fishing Point, Coal Point, Cardiff Point, Belmont Bay and Marks Point.

9 COURSES

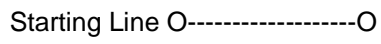
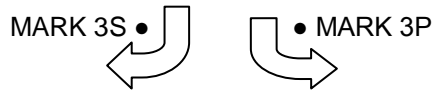
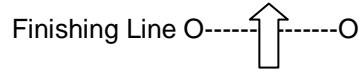
9.1 The courses will be Windward / Leeward as set out in the current International Etchells Class Appendix B as detailed on the International Etchells Class Association website.

9.2 The approximate compass bearing to the top mark will be displayed on a board visible from the Race Committee Vessel (RCV).

9.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 from the Race Committee Boat no later than the warning signal.

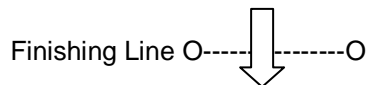
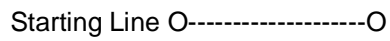
Course 1

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – Finish



Course 2

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Finish



10 MARKS

Mark	Description
Start	Race Committee Vessel
Start (pin)	Race Vessel (RIB with a orange flag)
Finish	Race Committee Vessel
Finish (pin)	Race Vessel (RIB with a blue flag)
Marks, 1, 2, 3(gate)	Orange Drums (1m high x .8m diameter)
Change of Course	Blue Cylindrical Drum with white horizontal stripe
Inner Limit Mark	Spar Mark with Red Flag

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end starting mark.

11.2 An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat which may or may not be on the line. All boats must pass between the inner distance mark and the pin end buoy at the start. No boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat which it guards after the preparatory signal.

11.3 All races will be started using RRS 26.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start)

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finishing mark (Race Committee Vessel) at the starboard end and a staff displaying an blue flag on the port end finish Pin mark for **course type one** and the finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the finishing mark (Race Committee Vessel) at the port end and a staff displaying an blue flag on the starboard end finish Pin mark for course type two

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for each race will be one hundred and eighty (180) minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF this Amends RRS 35.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM / PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

14.1 Rule 44.2, Two-Turns Penalty, is amended so that a One-Turn Penalty applies for all Part 2 infringements, except for infringements within the (three boat length) Zone; where a Two-Turns Penalty shall apply. Amends RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Regatta Racing Office within the protest time limit.

14.3 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Racing Office(LMYC Bridgedeck Room). Protests shall be delivered there within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2. The Time Limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.4 Notices will be posted within approximately 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The posting of the notice is notice to the parties for the purpose of RRS 63.2.

Hearings will be held in the Regatta Racing Office (LMYC Bridgedeck Room)

14.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.6 For the purpose of rule 64.3 (b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.

14.7 Breaches of Instructions 5.2, 14.2, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). penalties for these breaches may be less than DSQ if the Protest Committee so decides.

14.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled, of which five (5) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 If six (6) or more races are completed, then the worst score will be dropped, and if 5 races are completed, all scores will count, this changes RRS A2.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 **Sign On:** All boats intending to start shall, before the first warning signal, sail past the Race Committee Vessel on starboard tack, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the official on the boat.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable & sign the Retirement Form in the Racing Office prior to the Protest Time Limit.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race

Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing on forms available from the Racing Office. The written approval of the RC will be posted on the Official Notice Board. See also 19.2.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing on forms available from the Racing Office and not later than the end of Protest Time.

17.3 After measurement and before the completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue (LMYC) without being posted on the official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.

17.4 Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Race Committee, all such sails may be subject to the re-measurement on completion of repairs.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions, which may include rule 43 and One Design Rules 7.1 & 7.2.

18.2 On the water a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or the Jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 CREW WEIGHING

19.1 All competitors will be weighed on Monday, January 11 between 09:00-17:30hrs and Thursday, January 14 between 09:00-12:00hrs to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1. The total combined weight of crew members of each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.2 Each crew member will be reweighed at LMYC on Thursday 14 January 2010 between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00. Crews that fail to reweigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all races until such time as they comply with One Design Rule 7.1. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. The written approval of the RC will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19.3 Crew substitution will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

19.4 Crews shall weigh wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and T-shirt.

19.5 Weighing scales will be available on each day from 09:00-10:00hrs.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority. Any boat acting as a Support boat will display a flag approximately 40cm square to be issued by the Organising Authority.

20.2 Competitors shall have no communication with and boats shall not be tied to support boats from the first warning signal of the day until racing has been

concluded for the day.

20.3 Registered support boats shall stay at least 100m below the starting line from the time of the preparatory signal until 5 minutes after the start of a race. After this time support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of not less than 100m outside areas where boats are racing.

20.4 Any breach of SI20.2 & 20.3 may result in a penalty being applied to any or all of those boats being serviced by the support boat.

20.5 Support boats shall when requested by the Race Committee tow or assist boats not associated with them. Support boats will monitor the designated VHF Race Committee channel and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1700 hours on Monday 11th January 2010 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

21.2 No boat that is already afloat at 1200 hours on Monday 11th January may be hauled out and re-launched prior to the 1700 deadline except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

21.3 All boats shall be moored at the LMYC during the event.

22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

23.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats should carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels.

23.2 Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.

23.3 No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.

23.4 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. Amends RRS 41.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum AUD\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.

24.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.

24.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

25 PRIZES

25.1 The Skip Etchells Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

25.2 The Roger Dane Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the master division (skipper over 50 years of age).

25.3 The Jim Annand Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the grand

master division (total crew age of 140 years for a 3 person crew and 200years for a 4 person crew).

25.4 Prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third overall, Individual race winners and Masters and Grand Masters division winners.

25.5 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority

25.6 Age as applicable at midnight 11th of January 2010.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors **participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race.** The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.