



Etchells

NOTICE OF RACE

**International Etchells 2017/2018
Australian Championship**

8- 12 January 2018

Organising Authority

Royal Perth Yacht Club of WA (Inc.)

In conjunction with

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (Inc.)

**The International Etchells Class Association Swan River Fleet
(Inc.)**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with AS 2017-2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified in NoR Appendix A.
- 1.3 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with AS4758-2015 (minimum Level 50) or AS1512-1996 Type 1 or Type 2, or equivalent or more stringent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.
- 1.4 A boat's compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations may be checked at any time by the Organising Authority during or after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee. Discretionary penalties may apply. **(DP)**
- 1.5 The Championship is classified as a Class B event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.2 Bow Numbers will be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority. Replacement Bow Numbers will be supplied and fitted by the Organising Authority upon request.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All Competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the World Sailing (WS) Regulation 19.
- 3.2 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and 75.
- 3.3 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made online. **Please click [HERE](#) to enter for the 2017-2018 International Etchells 2017/2018 Australian Championship.**

Entries close at 1700 hrs on Wednesday 20th December, 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$200. No entries will be accepted after 1700 hrs on Friday 5th January, 2018.
- 3.4 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval during the Regatta.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The regatta entry fee for all boats is \$625 (including GST).

5 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the RPYC Fremantle Annexe Regatta Office on Monday 8th January 2018 from 1100 hours to 1800 hours.
- 5.2 All boats shall present an **ORIGINAL** current Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, Mast Certificate if applicable, AS 2017-2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form Category 7 and the required insurance documentation at registration. Note Category 7 forms must be audited by a National Equipment Auditor (NEA) or Club Equipment Auditor (CEA).
- 5.3 All registration formalities are required to be completed by 1800 hrs on Monday 8 January 2018 at the Regatta Office, at which time all boats must be afloat.
- 5.4 All sails which competitors intend to use during the Regatta are to be correctly indicated on the boat's Sail Card at the time of registration. There will be no facility available to measure sails during the Regatta.
- 5.5 During the Regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by a Technical Committee appointed by the Organising Authority at any time.
- 5.6 **Crew Weight Measurement**
- 5.6.1 The skipper and all crew members of each boat shall be weighed at the Regatta Office on Monday 8th January 2018 from 1100 hours to 1800 hours.
- 5.6.2 Requests for substitution of crew members must be received in writing and will be considered by the Race Committee. Requests for crew substitution must detail the crew to be substituted and the days on which the substituted crew will be sailing. Crew members permitted to substitute must weigh in and register on the morning of sailing between 0800 and 0900 hours.
- 5.6.3 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and a t-shirt.
- 5.6.4 Weighing scales will be available each race day in the Regatta Office from 0730 to 0900 hrs.
- 5.6.5 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.6.6 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 5.6.7 The Race Committee may approve an extension of time for crew weighing in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 5.6.8 Boats that wish to be scored in the Masters and Grand Masters Divisions shall provide the dates of birth of all crew at registration.

6 SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
Monday 8 th January 2018	Registration and weigh-in	1100-1800Hrs
Tuesday 9 th January 2018	Competitor Briefing	0900 Hrs
Tuesday 9 th January 2018	Racing	1 st Warning not before 1030Hrs
Wednesday 10 th January 2018	Racing	1 st Warning not before 1030Hrs
Thursday 11 th January 2018	Racing	1 st Warning not before 1030Hrs
Friday 12 th January 2018	Racing	1st Warning not Before 1030Hrs
Friday 12 th January 2018	Presentation Ceremony	After Racing
Monday 15 th January 2018	Boats wishing to remain at RPYC must arrange storage allocation	

- 6.1 Two (2) races are scheduled each day. The Race Committee may schedule additional races at its absolute discretion.
- 6.2 A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.4 The daily schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board and broadcast by text message sent by 1700 Hrs on the day before scheduled racing. Failure to receive the said text message shall not be grounds to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration, and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be approximately 2nm to the South West of the regatta venue.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty.

This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the Protest Time Limit. **[DP]**

10 SCORING

10.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.

10.2 When Four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (This changes RRS A2.1)

11 SUPPORT BOATS (Please refer to RRS 3 & 60.3(d))

11.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Support Boats will be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta. **[DP]**

Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the Boating Operations Office prior to Monday 8th January 2018. RPYC reserves the right to charge for such berthing.

11.2 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.

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. **[DP]**

11.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats or other competing yachts unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee. **[DP]**

Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

12.1 Boats will be allocated berthing at registration and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta. **[DP]**

12.2 The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking at the venue.

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1800 hrs on Monday 8th January 2018 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. Boats in the water at 1200 hours, Monday 8th January 2018 will not be permitted to haul out thereafter. **[DP]**
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent and breathing apparatus must 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 the end of the last race of the day. **[DP]**
- 14.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 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 it's 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

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 15.2 The Skip Etchells Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 15.3 The Roger Dane Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 15.4 The Jim Annand Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Grand Masters Division (aggregate age of crew exceeds 165 years for a three man crew and 220 years for a four man crew).
- 15.5 Australian Ladies Champion will be awarded to the first placed female helm.
- 15.6 Australian Corinthian Champion will be awarded to the first placed skipper where each member of the crew, including the skipper meet the criteria for Group 1 World Sailing Classification.
- 15.7 Age is that applicable at midnight on 8 January 2018.
- 15.8 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 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. Competitors 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.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat must be insured for the duration of the regatta with current third party property insurance cover and a valid third party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 17.2 All Owners/Competitors are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 17.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18 MEDIA

- 18.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

Website: <http://www.etchellsswanriver.org.au/>

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APPENDIX A - Safety Equipment required on-board

<i>Equipment Description</i>	<i>Required for Event</i>
PFD 1 or 2 for each crew member	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anchor Min 7kg Plough CQR or 13s Danforth (per Table 3 Spec Regs)	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chain Min length 5.0m of 6mm chain	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Warp Min length 45.0m of 10mm Polyethylene or Nylon	Yes
2 Buckets with lanyards	Yes
Tow rope, 25m-30m length and not less than 12mm of floatable material	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes
Medical kit – per Cat 7	Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	Yes
Knife, sheaved in or near cockpit	Yes

Note:

For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class Rules and AS 2017-2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form Category 7 requirements.