



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

8th to 11th June 2017

Organised by The Mooloolaba Yacht Club

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is The Mooloolaba Yacht Club Ltd.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 The International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules) will apply except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2.3 This is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Association.
- 2.4 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.1
- 2.5 The YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply with additional safety equipment as describe in appendix A. column headed (required for this event)
- 2.6 All team members on competing yachts shall while afloat wear an Australian Standard approved PFD Type 1 or 2 (AS 4758).

3. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 3.1 Bow Numbers will be allocated in order of entries received. Lower bow numbers may be given priority at lift-out at conclusion of racing.
- 3.2 Competitors aboard the boats ranked first in the series at the beginning of that day shall wear yellow bibs while racing. The bibs will be provided by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 4.2 Each crew member of each boat shall be weighed on Thursday 8th June between the hours of 1000 to 1200 and 1400 to 1700 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2. Re weighs may be available up to but no later than 1000 hours on Friday 11th June 2017.

- 4.3 Crews that fail to make the weight limit will be ineligible to compete in races and will remain ineligible to compete in the regatta until compliant with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.
- 4.4 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 4.5 Crew substitutions will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 4.6 Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Regatta Office located at the Wharf complex .
- 4.7 All helmsman and crew shall be financial members of the IECA and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 55. **NB** There is an on-line payment system for Etchell Class Membership and membership must be paid prior to registration. Go to the Members area of the Class website.
www.etchells.org.au

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries can be made online at www.mooloolabayachtclub.com.au/etchells which will be open from 1st March 2017.
- 5.2 Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 5.2.1 The entry Fee of \$550 per boat, (early Bird discounted to \$500 if paid before 5th May 2017)
 - 5.2.2 A copy of the Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate.
 - 5.2.3 A copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate; and
 - 5.2.4 A copy of a valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 19.
 - 5.2.5 At registration all competitors should have a copy of their My Sailor print out to confirm current membership to YA.
- 5.3 Entries are to be received by 2359 hours EST on Friday 2nd June 2017.
- 5.4 Entries received before 2359 hours EST on Friday 5th May 2017 receive the Early Bird Discount
- 5.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of AUD \$150.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Schedule of Regatta and Events

<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time / Warning Signal</i>
Thursday 8th June	Registration	1000 – 1200
		1400 – 1700
	Crew Weigh-in	1000 – 1200
		1400 – 1700
	Welcome Drinks	1800 - 1930
Friday 9th June	Competitors Briefing	0900

	Racing Session 1 (no more than 3 races) Post-race BBQ Daily Presentation	Not Before 1100
Saturday 10th June	Racing Session 2 (no more than 3 races) Post-race BBQ Daily Presentation	Not Before 1100
Sunday 11th June	Racing Session 3 (Target 2 races) Prize Giving	Not Before 1000 Approx 1700

- 6.2 The regatta will consist of a maximum of 7 races
- 6.3 There will be no more than three (3) races sailed on Friday or Saturday
- 6.4 There will be no more than Two (2) races sailed on Sunday
- 6.5 On Sunday 11th June, No Warning will be made after 1330 hrs.

7. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Regatta Office at the Wharf complex on Thursday 8th June 2017 between 1000 hours and 1700 hours.
- 7.2 Boats will not be measured for the Australasian championship however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 7.3 All sails which competitors intend to present for use during the regatta are to be measured and correctly recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with IECA Rules prior to registration. There will be no facility available to measure sails at registration.
- 7.4 All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, are required to be completed by 1000 hours on Friday 9th June 2017.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from 5th June 2017 on the event website and at registration.

9. RACING AREA

The races will be sailed on the waters off Mooloolaba within 2 NM of the Mooloolah River entrance at Pt. Cartwright.

10. COURSES

The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class Association Rules Appendix D .

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Seven races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 If Three races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.
- 12.4 If four or more races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.

13. PROTEST COMMITTEE

Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in the rule 70.5 and the Yachting Australia Addendum A.

14. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal until racing has been concluded for the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and may be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 0900 hours on Friday 9th June 2017 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee. No boat that is already afloat at 1200 hours on Thursday 8th June may be hauled out and re-launched prior to the 0900 deadline except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee.

16. 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.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 This supplements but does not change RRS2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine 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 are permitted by competing yachts during the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 17.2 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 (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 26.1 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 International Jury or the Race Committee.

18. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 18.1 It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 18.2 The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in the respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 The Etchells Australasian Winter Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 20.2 The Etchells Masters Division Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Masters' division winner. (Masters means a helmsman of 60 years of age or older at midnight on Thursday 9 June 2016.).
- 20.3 The Etchells Corinthian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Corinthian division winner.
- 20.4 The Peter (Spike) Dorian Most Outstanding Crew Member Perpetual Trophy will be awarded.
- 20.3 The top First time skipper may be awarded a trophy.
- 20.4 The Fleet that is scored the most may be awarded a perpetual trophy.
- 20.5 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three place-getters overall.
- 20.6 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 20.7 Perpetual trophies must remain with the Mooloolaba Yacht Club.
- 20.8 A Classic Boats prize for the top finishing boat whose hull number is 900 or less, may be awarded.

21. SOCIAL

A BBQ will be provided for competitors after racing each day as part of the entry fee.

A Welcome Party will be held at the Wharf Precent on Thursday 8th June between 1800 and 1900 hours.

The Prize Giving will be held at the Wharf Precent on Sunday 11th June starting at about 1700 hours.

22. MERCHANDISE.

23. MEDIA RIGHTS.

By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:

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APPENDIX A

Safety equipment

Equipment Description	Class Rules	YA Cat 7	Maritime Safety Qld	Required for this Event
PFD for each crew member		yes	yes	Yes
Hand bilge pump, at least 1	yes	yes	recommended	Yes
Anchor, Chain and warp	yes	yes	yes	Yes
Buckets with Lanyards	2 off	yes	recommended	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	yes			Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	yes		recommended	Yes
Flashlight or signaling device	optional	yes	recommended	Yes
Flares	optional		recommended	Yes
Heaving line, throwing device	optional			Yes
Sound signaling device	optional		recommended	Yes
Medical kit	optional	yes		Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	optional			Yes
Knife, sheaved in or near cockpit	optional	yes		Yes
V Sheet	optional		recommended	Yes
Drinking Water (sufficient for all crew)			recommended	Yes

Note for full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class rules, The Yachting Australia prescriptions Part 1 and the Safety equipment required for Queensland.

Links: http://etchells.org/documents/2014.06.23_association_rules.pdf

<http://www.yachting.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/141002-2013-16-Special-Regulations-Part-1-Keelboats.pdf>

<http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Safety-equipment-recreational-ships.aspx>