

Sydney Fleet AGM summary highlights

- Fleet Captain's report detailed the following:
 - Sydney Fleet numbers are consistent with prior year and five year average
 - Too many Grand Masters and not enough Apprentices, so we need to encourage younger sailors
 - We have engaged Isabel Wartho (RSYS) to help drive the marketing of the Fleet
 - Discussion regarding the cost of racing an Etchells on Sydney Harbour - the Fleet is looking to try to stem the increases in hardstand fees.
 - Noted that the participation rates in the Mini-Regattas is better than single race days.
 - Milson Silver Goblets regatta has been moved back to November (Mon 13th to Fri 17th)
 - Measurement issues are being addressed by the IECAA - two Australian measurers have been appointed
- Treasurer's Report
 - Small surplus of \$1950.65 reported for the year
 - Noted that it is unlikely we will have a surplus next year due to the costs associated with measurement
 - Calendar for 2017/18 – See below
 - Most significant change is moving the Goblets to November
 - Goblets is Monday to Friday only - mini regatta on Saturday 18th is not part of the Goblets
 - NSW States - Sydney 16th to 18th February
 - 2018 Worlds qualification series - seven race series in March 2018
- National Association update
 - Dave Ritchard presented an update on various National issues
 - Fleet expressed the need for urgent resolution of the measurement issues by the National Association
- Measurement
 - All Sydney fleet boats will be subject to measurement check over the coming weeks / months to ensure that all our boats comply
 - Any boat from Sydney Fleet wishing to qualify for the 2018 Worlds will need to have been measured and be compliant to participate in the World qualifying series.
- 2017/18 Nationals
 - The Fleet was informed that entry fees for the Nationals in January have been waived by the Perth Fleet for all boats travelling from the East Coast.

Australian Fleet AGM Key points

- All but one of the other Australian fleets are also adopting our approach to fleet measurement with the touch templates
- Training is being conducted on use of the templates for measurement check

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Annual Fees

- Owners \$320
- Associates \$100

Save the dates

- Milson Silver Goblets (Mon 13th to Fri 17th November)
- Milson Silver Goblets Presentation Saturday evening (Sat 18th November) - upstairs in RSYs - let your partners know and put it in the diary!
- NSW State Championships hosted by Sydney Fleet on the Harbour 16th to 18th February 2018 - looking for all Fleet members to participate and we will need volunteers to assist with onshore logistics

Merchandise

- Stay tuned for a whole new range of great Etchells branded merchandise - details to be announced in coming weeks.

ETCHELLS CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

	DATE	SERIES	WARNING SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	MAIN	SPR SUM	MINI	WORLDS QUAL	CLUB CHAMP
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	MINA	1330				1-3		
	Sat 9	SPR	1245		1	1			
	Sun 10	SEASON OPENING DAY & PARADE OF SAIL							
	Sat 16	MINA	1330				4-6		
	Sat 23	SPR	1245		2	2			
	Sat 30	LONG WEEKEND - NO RACING							
OCTOBER	Sat 7	MINA	1330				7-9		1-3
	Sat 14	SPR	1245	Ted Albert Memorial Trophy	3	3			
	Sat 21	SPR	1245	RPEYC	4	4			
	27-29			QLD Championship					
	Sat 28	SPR	1245	Non-Pointscore					
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	SPR	1245	RPEYC	5	5			4
	Sat 11	SPR	1245		6	6			
	Mon 13		SSI	Milson Silver Goblets					
	Tues 14		SSI	Milson Silver Goblets					
	Wed 15		SSI	Milson Silver Goblets					
	Thu 16		SSI	Milson Silver Goblets					
	Fri 17		SSI	Milson Silver Goblets					
	Sat 18	MINA	1330				10-12		
	Sat 25	MINA	1330				13-15		
	DECEMBER	Sat 2	SPR	1245		7	7		
Sat 9		MINA	1330				16-18		6-8
Sat 16		SPR	1245		8	8			
Mon 25		CHRISTMAS DAY							
JANUARY	8-12			Australian Champ. RFBYC					
	Sat 13	SUM	1245	Non-pointscore					
	Sat 20	MINA	1330				19-21		9-11
	Fri 26	AUSTRALIA DAY							
	Sat 27	SUM	1245		9	1			
FEBRUARY	Sat 3	MINA	1330				22-24		
	Sat 10	SUM	1245		10	2			12
	16-18		SSI	NSW Championship - RSYS					
	Sat 24	SUM	1245		11	3			
MARCH	Sat 3	MINA	1330				25-27		
	Sat 10	SUM	1245		12	4			13
	Sat 17	MINA	1330				28-30	1-3	14-16
	Sat 24	SUM	1245	RPEYC	13	5		4	
	30-2	EASTER							
APRIL	Sat 7	MINA	1330	Eaton Cup			31-33	5-7	
	Sat 14		SSI	Varuna Trophy race					
	14-15			Brisbane Fleet Champ.					
	21-28			RSYS Annual Cruise					
	Wed 25	ANZAC DAY							