



Etchells

NOTICE OF RACE

**International Etchells 2020
Australian Championships**

7th to 12th January 2020

To be conducted by

**Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Brighton, Victoria**

In conjunction with the Melbourne Etchells Fleet

The Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC), as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the Melbourne Etchells Fleet, will conduct the

International Etchells 2020 Australian Championship
on the waters of Port Phillip

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020, as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified in NOR Appendix A.
- 1.3 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with PDF Type 1 (AS 1512), PDF Type 2 (AS 1499), AS4758 PFD (Level 50 or higher), or equivalent 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 after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the National Jury. Discretionary penalties may apply.
- 1.5 This is a Class B event, 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 championships in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.2 The Organising Authority will provide Bow Numbers. Replacement Bow Numbers will be supplied 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 Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 All helms and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 75.
- 3.3 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made online on the website at www.rbyc.org.au/sailing/regattas/etchells-australian-championships-2020
- 3.4 Entries close at 1700hrs on 20th December 2019. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$150. No entries will be accepted after 1300 hrs on 8th January 2020.
- 3.5 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval facilities during the Regatta and participation in sanctioned social events.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with three crew is \$550 (Inc. GST)
- 4.2 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with four crew is \$600 (Inc. GST)

5 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All boats shall register with the Organising Authority at RBYC Headquarters on Tuesday 7th January 2020 between the hours 1400 and 1730 or on Wednesday 8th January 2020 between the hours 0800 and 1030.
- 5.2 All boats shall present a current original Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, Mast Measurement Certificate if applicable, AS Special Regulation Category 7 Safety Compliance Certificate and required insurance documentation at registration.
- 5.3 All registration formalities (including the presentation of all Certificates and compliance documentation, boat and sail registration and crew weigh in) are required to be completed by 1300hrs on 8th January 2020 at the Regatta Office.
- 5.4 All sails to be nominated for use in regatta must be correctly recorded on the boats sail card and measurement certificate prior to 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 the Organising Authority at any time.
- 5.6 Crew Weight Measurement
 - 5.6.1 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing at the Regatta Office on Tuesday 7th January 2020 between the hours 1400 and 1730 or on Wednesday 8th January 2020 between the hours of 0800 and 1000.
 - 5.6.2 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
 - 5.6.3 Weighing scales will be available from Tuesday 7th January 2020 in the Regatta Office from 0800 to 1730hrs.
 - 5.6.4 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat may be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 5.6.5 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
 - 5.6.6 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.
- 5.7 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Crewmembers permitted to substitute must weigh in and register on the morning of sailing between 0800 and 0900 hours.
- 5.8 Boats that wish to be scored in the Masters & Grand Masters Divisions shall provide the dates of birth of all crew no later than the close of registration.

6 SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
Tuesday, 7th January, 2020	Registration and Weigh In	1400-1730 Hrs
Wednesday, 8th January, 2020	Registration and Weigh In	0800-1030 Hrs
	Skippers Briefing	1000 Hrs
	Practice Race	1st Warning 1230 Hrs
Thursday, 9th January, 2020	Race Day 1	1st Warning 1230 Hrs
Friday, 10th January, 2020	Race Day 2	1st Warning 1230 Hrs
Saturday, 11th January, 2020	Race Day 3	1st Warning 1230 Hrs
Sunday, 12th January, 2020	Race Day 4	1st Warning 1100 Hrs

- 6.1 Two races are scheduled each day. The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the days scheduled races on any race day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race after the scheduled race, this will be signalled by displaying code flag "L" at the finish boat.
- 6.2 A maximum of seven (7) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

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 on Port Phillip in the vicinity of Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

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 RRS18, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than five (5) 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.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats will be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta. Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the RBYC Regatta Office prior to registration.
- 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.
- 11.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 11.5 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats may be allocated berthing at registration and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta.
- 12.2 The organising committee may direct trailer parking at a venue to be advised.

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 0900hrs on Thursday 9th January, 2020 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent 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
- 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.
- 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 its 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 Australian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 15.3 The Women's Trophy will be awarded to the first place female helm.
- 15.4 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the first boat where the skipper and all crew hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1.
- 15.5 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 15.6 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Grand Masters Division (Combined age of crew not less than 165 years for a 3 person crew and 220 years for a 4 person crew).
- 15.7 Age is that applicable at midnight on the 7th January 2020.
- 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. By way of entry in the Event competitors must 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 with current third party property insurance cover and a valid third party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 17.2 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.
- 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: www.rbyc.org.au/sailing/regattas/etchells-australian-championships-2020

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APPENDIX A - Safety Equipment

<i>Equipment Description</i>	<i>Class Rules</i>	<i>AS Cat 7</i>	<i>Required for Event</i>
PFD for each crew member as per NOR 1.3	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckets with lanyards	2	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	-	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Recommended
Heaving line, throwing device	Optional	-	Recommended
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Recommended
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheaved and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Recommended
Drinking Water (sufficient for all crew)	-	-	Yes

Note: For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class Rules and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.