



NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells

**2023 International Etchells
Victorian Championship**

10th to 13th March 2023

**To be conducted by
Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Brighton, Victoria**

In conjunction with the Etchells Melbourne Fleet

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The Royal Brighton Yacht Club of Brighton Victoria in conjunction with the Etchells Melbourne Fleet Inc. invites entries to the **2023 International Etchells Victorian Championship** to be sailed on the waters of Port Phillip from 10 March 2023 to 13 March 2023.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [DP] International Etchells Association Class Rule.
- 1.3 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements.
- 1.4 [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned by the Organising Authority (OA) and supplied and fixed to each participating boat prior to inspection. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC) or event Technical Committee (TC).
- 1.5 A Skipper shall use only those sails presented in accordance with Class Rule C10, and they shall not be recut or altered during the championship.
- 1.6 Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the Protest Committee.
- 1.7 Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 1.8 If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Race Committee for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.9 [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.10 The IECAA has designated this event as a Qualifying Event for the 2024 World Championship (Fremantle) pursuant to the IECA Championship Event Manual Part A 3. 3).
- 1.11 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at RBYC.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress.
- 3.4 [DP] 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 racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the boat.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class. For clarity: boats originally built from Mould 11 that have completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications as approved by the IECA and World Sailing are eligible to race as Etchells, subject to compliance with the Etchells class rules as modified by this Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Rules
- This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown **highlighted in red**. Written permission of the IECA for the change has been posted on the official notice board.
- A.11.1 (m) **A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.**
- C.7.1. (a) **Modification** of the external shape of the **hull** is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), **or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
- D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the **class rules** in force at the time of **initial certification, or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
- (b) **Modifications (Section C)** shall comply with the current **class rules. Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.**
- D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, **or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
- BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.
- (c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):
- (1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA
- (2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures
- Boats built from Mould 11 and subsequently modified in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications are deemed to have complied with BS.B.1.**
- BS.C.3 **Modification** of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:
- (a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings
- (b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
- (c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
- (d) sanding
- (e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications**

- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.rbyc.org.au. Entries will close on 8 March 2023.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.
- 4.6 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing as indicated on the Schedule or required by Class Rule C2.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry fees of \$520 (incl GST) shall be paid in accordance with the online entry system.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 All crew shall all be members of the International Etchells Class Association. The skipper shall be an Owner member.
- 6.2 In addition to NOR 6.1 Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:
- be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and
 - be at least a Non-Owner Class Member

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 The event will be a single series championship.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Three races are scheduled each day. The race committee 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 races, this will be signalled by displaying code flag "L" at the finish boat.

| Day | Time | Event |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday, 10 March | 1530-1830 | Registration & weigh-in |
| Saturday, 11 March | 0830-1000 1030 1255 | Registration & weigh-in Competitor Briefing Race day 1 – 1 st warning signal |
| Sunday, 12 March | 1055 | Race day 2 – 1st Warning signal |
| Monday, 13 March | 1055 | Race day 3 – 1st Warning signal |
| | After Racing | Presentation Ceremony |

- 9.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. NoR Addendum A outlines required safety requirements.

11 CLOTHING

- 11.1 See Class Rule C3.2.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 Sailing will be in the waters of Port Phillip off Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".
- 14.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
- 14.3 A Protest Committee will be appointed by the Organising Authority.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 15.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 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.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats 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. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Protest Committee.
- 16.2 [DP] Support person vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SI's.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned area while in the marina.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] All boats shall be afloat before 1200hrs on Saturday 11th March 2023 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20 PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 [DP] Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst afloat.

21 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 21.1 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.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2. All owners/competitors who lodge an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 22.3. Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 24.2 The Victorian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

- 24.3 The Women's Trophy will be awarded to the first-place female helm.
- 24.4 The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the first boat where the skipper and all crew hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1.
- 24.5 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 24.7 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).
- 24.8 Age is that applicable at midnight on the 9th March 2023.
- 24.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25. COVID-19 (DP)

- 25.1. The Organising Authority may be required to comply with Government legislation, directives and guidelines that may result in the event being shortened or cancelled. If the event is shortened or cancelled, competitors will be offered a pro-rata or full refund respectively of their entry fee however no other compensation will be provided.
- 25.2. Competitors, by entering, acknowledge and agree to comply with any variations to this Notice of Race or conditions applied by the Organising Authority in its sole discretion. These conditions may include but are not limited to;
- Compliance with COVID hygiene and COVID Safe Plans
 - Daily sign in and temperature checking if required
 - Declarations being required regarding travel to known hot spots and / or possessing symptoms.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

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