



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 Organising Authority is Royal Brighton Yacht Club of Brighton Victoria in conjunction with the Etchells Melbourne Fleet Inc.

The notation (DP) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) 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 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.3 Boats must comply with the 2021 AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7. In accordance with AS Variation dated 12 December 2017, Etchells shall use anchors that are compliant with class rule C.5.1(a) in lieu of Special Regulation Part 1, 4.05
- 1.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64
- 1.5 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply, except that RRS Appendix T. 1(b) is deleted and replaced with "A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies".

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the members bar of RBYC.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the Sailing office at RBYC, telephone 9592 3092, email boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 In addition, during the event a messaging service (WhatsApp, SMS or other) will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC communications. Further details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast situated on the western perimeter of the RBYC property. Repeats of these signals may be displayed on flag masts located at the Race Control Tower or the Hard Stand Area on the Middle Brighton Pier.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

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 After Racing	Race day 3 – 1st Warning signal Presentation Ceremony

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag(s) will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Etchells Class flag is white with the Etchells emblem.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is described in SI Addendum A.

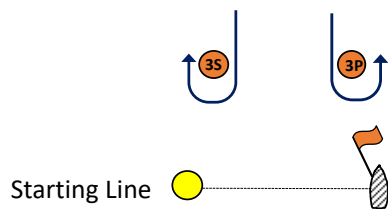
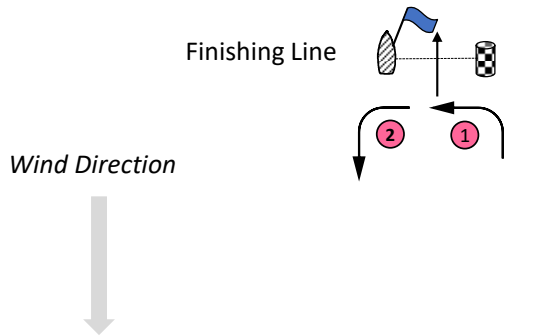
9 COURSES

9.1 The course number will be displayed on the committee vessel using numeral pennant 1 or numeral pennant 2. The compass bearing and distance to windward mark 1 may be announced by VHF and displayed on the committee vessel immediately after the orange flag attention signal is displayed for each race.

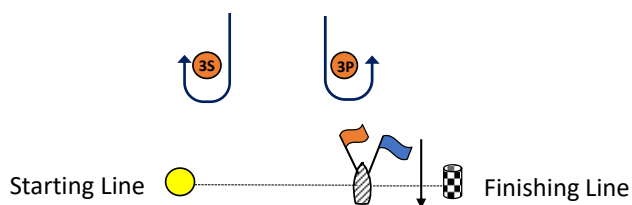
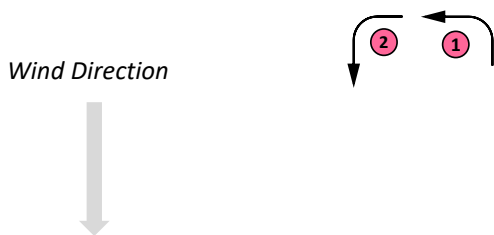
9.2 The diagrams below show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 9.3 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.
- 9.4 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

Course 1 – numeral pennant 1
 Start-1-2-3P/3S-1-2-3P/3S-Finish



Course 2 – numeral pennant 2
 Start-1-2-3P/3S-1-2-Finish



10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are described as follows.

Mark	Colour
Mark 1	Pink
Mark 2	Pink
Marks 3S & 3P	Orange
New Mark 1 (refer SI 13)	Yellow
New Mark 2	Yellow
New Marks 3S & 3P	Yellow
Start Mark	Yellow
Finish Mark	Black and White checkered

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 *not used*

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

12.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a Race Committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable chequer mark at the port end.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 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.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	45 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office or [online](#).

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at RBYC, beginning at the date and time posted.

18 SCORING

18.1 The low point scoring system will be used as in RRS Appendix A with the following changes.

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

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [NP] A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to continue racing shall advise the Race Committee via Channel 77 or, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a race committee vessel to signal its retirement, and advise the Regatta Office immediately on return to shore by signing a retirement declaration. A boat that decides not to race shall advise the Regatta Office at the earliest opportunity before the start of racing for the day.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 *Not applicable.*

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels may fly the RBYC burgee.

24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support boat regulations [SI Addendum B].

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 BERTHING

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 [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.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1 [DP] Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes will be given in accordance with NOR 24.

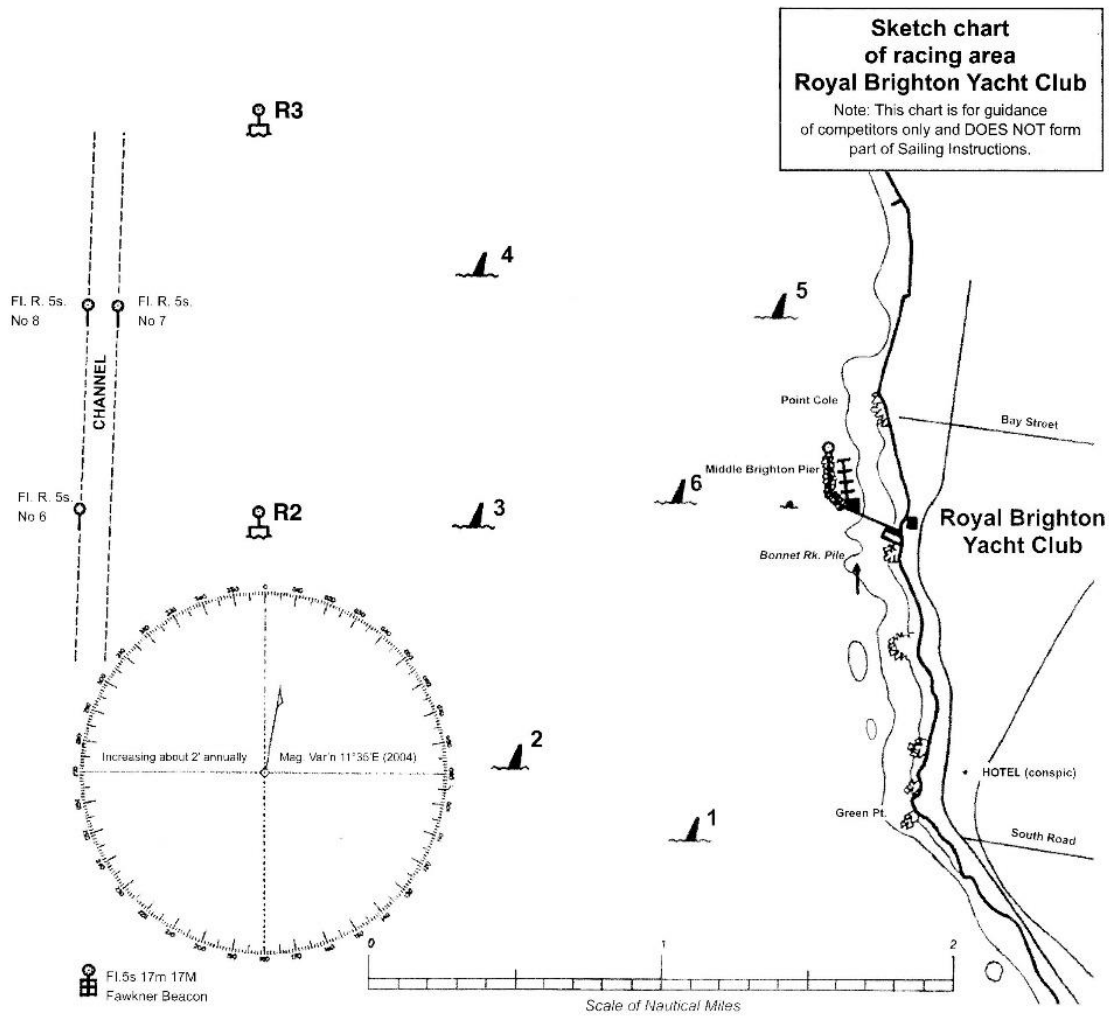
30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured in accordance with NOR 23.

SI ADDENDUM A – RACE AREA



SI ADDENDUM B – SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS

- B.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying numbers issued by the Organising Authority. Boats shall display identifying numbers at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- B.2 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 16, 71, 73, 77 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- B.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organising Authority considers appropriate) 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 or the Race Committee.
- B.4 Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until five minutes after the start of any race. After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing. Coach and support boats shall not go above the weather marks or the Course 1 finishing line or below the leeward marks or the Course 2 finishing line at any other time while boats are racing.
- B.5 Any breach of SI B.1, B.2, B.3 or B.4 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the Protest Committee.
- B.6 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Race Committee, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 77 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.
- B.7 When the Race Committee displays code flag V with one long sound signal, all coach and support vessels shall monitor the race committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions.