



Sailing Instructions

2019 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November 2019

to be conducted by the
SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB Inc.
In conjunction with the
International Etchells Class Association Gold Coast Fleet Inc. (IEAGCF)

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI mean that the penalty for the breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] Breaches of SI marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the then current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 1.3. Bow numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 1.4. The Queensland State Titles is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.5. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 1.6. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.7. The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device being PFD Level 100/150/275 (AS4758) or PDF Level 50 (AS4758) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside of the Race Office at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach or online <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/2019-international-etchells-class-queensland-championships-official-notice-board/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the Eastern Lawn.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals "AP".

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race are required to be completed by 0930hrs on Saturday 9th November 2019.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 8 th November	Registration at SYC Main Beach	1400-1900hrs
Saturday 9 th November	Registration at SYC Main Beach	0830-930hrs
	Skippers Briefing at SYC Main Beach	0930hrs
	Race 1	Warning 1155hrs
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Sunday 10 th November	Race 4	Warning 1055hrs
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5
	Presentation of Prizes at SYC Hollywell	1700hrs approx..

- 6.1. A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted
- 6.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.3. The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day.
- 6.4. If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the last day's scheduled race(s) this will be signalled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. All Racing to be in the vicinity of the Sand Pumping Jetty in Offshore waters. In the event of Inclement Weather racing may be run on the Gold Coast Broadwater "Deep Hole" for the day. A decision will be made by the Race Committee and posted on the Official Notice Board accompanied by Code Flag L, displayed ashore.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course configuration, including the order in which Marks are to be passed, and the side of which each Mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying the course number on the board from the Race Committee signal vessel, no later than the warning signal.
- 9.3. The Race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark One (1).
- 9.4. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate Marks from the direction of the previous Mark and round either Gate Mark. If there is only leeward Mark, it shall be left to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2. The Starting/Finishing buoy will be an orange, with black top cylindrical buoy.
- 10.3. The Inner Distance Mark will be a pink tear drop.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and an orange, with black top cylindrical buoy.
- 11.3. An Inner distance mark may be laid approximately on the starting line on the port side of the race committee boat, and when so laid, boats shall not pass between this mark and the race committee boat when starting.
- 11.4. Recall signals may also be displayed from Race Committee Boat positioned at the pin end of the starting line.
- 11.5. As a courtesy, the Race Officer will attempt to hail OCS, UFD or BFD boats by sail numbers via hail or radio on VHF Channel 09 approximately one minute after the starting signal. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the race committee or Jury. This amends RRS 62.1.
- 11.6. Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original Mark (s) (or the finishing Line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the Mark (s) (or Finishing Line) may not yet be in the new position. Any Mark to be rounded after rounding the moved Mark, may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the Race Committee Boat and an Orange, with a Black Top cylindrical buoy.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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 Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Turn Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2. A boat that has retired or taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit. [NP, DP]
- 14.3. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit for all races will be ninety (90) minutes from the starting signal.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first windward Mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course, and finishes, will be scored a Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within sixty (60) minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 16.2. Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witness. Hearings will be held at the Foc's'le Room, at SYC Main Beach beginning as soon as possible after the protest time limit.
- 16.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.4. For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the Authority responsible is the Class National Representative present at the regatta.
- 16.5. Breaches of SI marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.3. Six (6) races are scheduled.
- 17.4. If four (4) races are completed, then all results will count. This amends A2.
- 17.5. If five (5) or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 19.1. Substitution of crew or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity and such requests shall be submitted and verified for eligibility and any substitute crew weighed.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C2.2 and C3.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee, technical committee or the jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. CREW WEIGHING [DP]

- 21.1. The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew (including skipper) will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with One Design Rule C2.2.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1. Official boats will display a SYC burgee.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. Support boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [NP] [DP]

- 24.1. All boats shall be afloat by 0930 hours on Saturday 9th November 2019 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [NP] [DP]

- 25.1. Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts during the regatta.
- 25.2. No diving or swimming is permitted around boats for the purpose of cleaning the hull.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP] [DP]

- 26.1. This SI supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the International Etchells Class Association (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 (VHF channel 09).
- 26.2. 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 on each race day until the boat has completed it's days racing. Exceptions to this are confined to reporting emergency situations, crew safety, floatation of the boat, or for the express use of "RaceQS", for the purposes of Yacht Tracking. Further details on using "RaceQS" can be downloaded from www.raceqs.com

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. The Queensland State Titles Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.
- 27.2. Keeper Prizes will also be awarded to the First, Second and Third Overall winner.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1. Southport Yacht Club Inc. will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Competitors participate in the 2019 Internationals Etchells Class Queensland Championships at their own risk.
- 28.2. All those taking part in Southport Yacht Club events do so at their own risk and responsibility. Southport Yacht Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

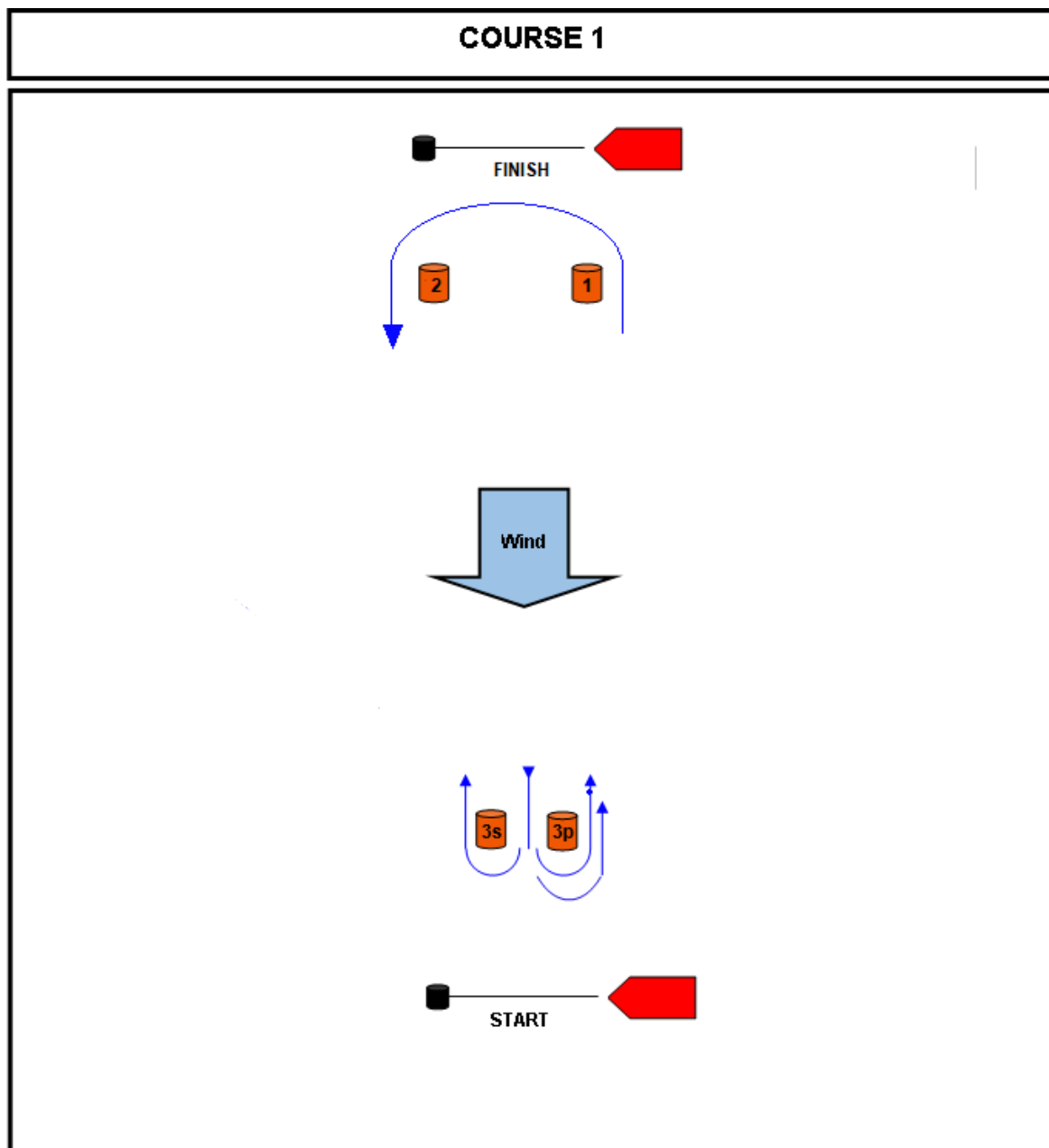
29. INSURANCE

- 29.1. All yachts competing are required to carry current Third-Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum of Aud\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident and should be maintained during the period of racing.
- 29.2. Such insurance policy should carry a "racing risk" extension.
- 29.3. 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.
- 29.4. Each skipper and /or co- skipper is liable for any third-party claims.

30. FURTHER INFORMATION

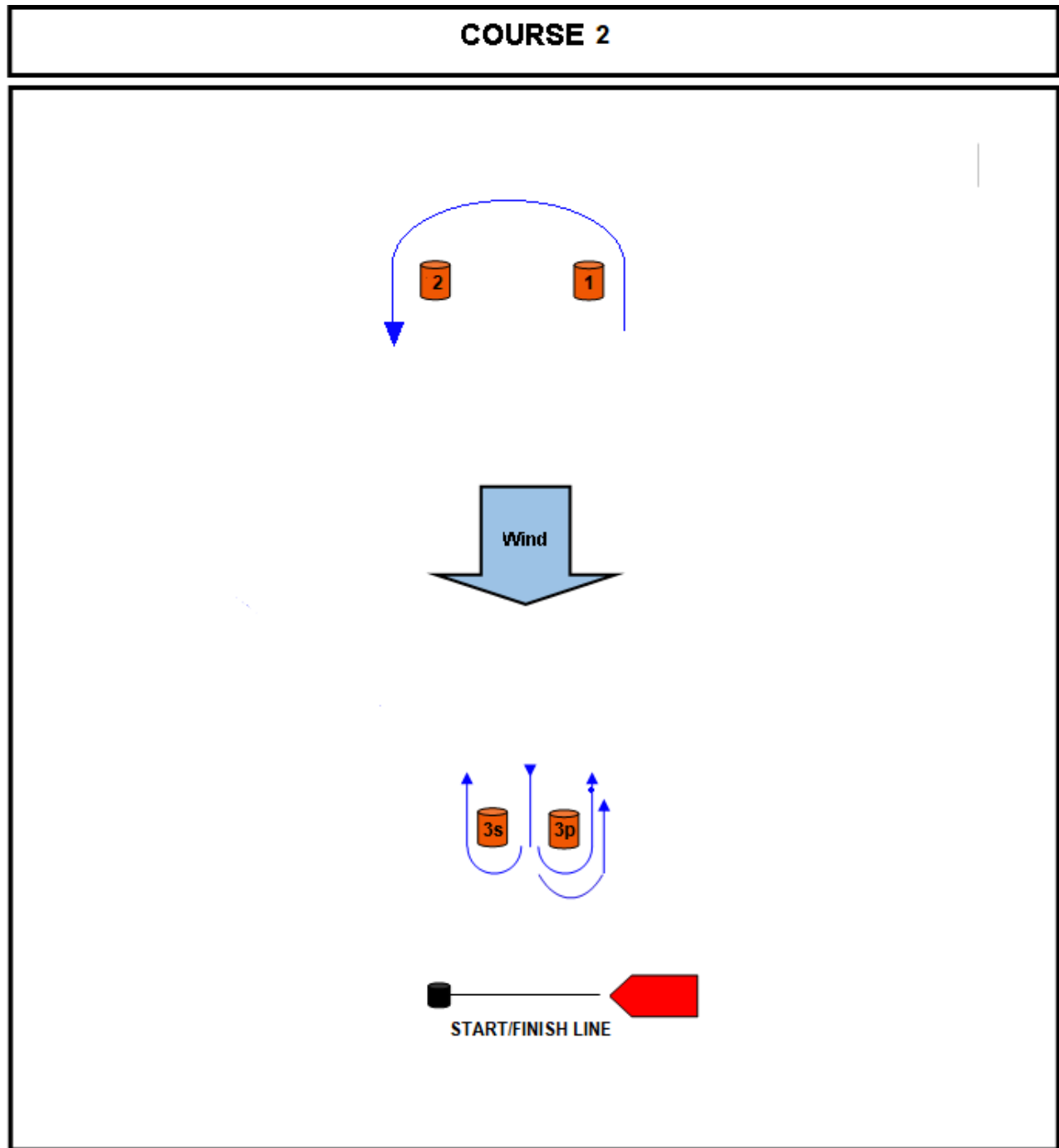
- 30.1. Additional information available by contacting the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Sailing Office on Phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131, e-mail sailing.admin@sycgc.com.au

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM



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

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