

2021 International Etchells Class Queensland Championships



Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th December 2021



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NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Southport Yacht Club Inc. in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association Gold Fleet Inc.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the Event Sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.3. This is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.4. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 2.5. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 1400 and 1600 hours on Friday 3rd December 2021 or between 0800 and 0900 hours on Saturday 4th December 2021 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.2.
- 3.3. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Saturday 4th December 2021 will be ineligible to compete.
- 3.4. Any crew substitutes for Sunday 5th December 2021 must be weighed before the Compulsory Skippers Briefing of that day.
- 3.5. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 55. **PLEASE NOTE: There is an On-Line payment system for Etchells Class Membership. Memberships must be paid for on-line prior to registration. Please go to the Member’s area at www.etchells.org.au to pay your subscriptions.**

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries shall be made using the Online Entry System at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/regattas/> .
- 4.2. Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 4.2.1. The entry Fee of \$350.00
(An “Early Bird” entry fee of \$300.00 is available to entries received by 1700hrs on 19/11/2021).
- 4.3. The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
 - 4.3.1. The Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate registered in the name of the Skipper;
 - 4.3.2. The Sail Measurement Certificate (where applicable)
 - 4.3.3. A valid insurance certificate or Certificate of Currency as detailed in Clause 17.
- 4.4. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 27th November 2021.
- 4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of \$100.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Location	Event	Times
Fri 03/12/21	SYC Hollywell	Rigging & Launching	0800-1500
	SYC Main Beach	Registration	1400-1600
	SYC Main Beach	Competitors Welcome Ceremony	1600-1800
Sat 04/12/21	SYC Main Beach	Registration	0800-0900
	SYC Main Beach	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0930
		Warning Signal Race 1	nb1155
		Warning Signal Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
		Warning Signal Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
	SYC Main Beach	Competitors Sausage Sizzle & Days Results Presentation	ASAP after racing
Sun 05/12/21	SYC Main Beach	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0930
		Warning Signal Race 4	nb1055
		Warning Signal Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
		Warning Signal Race 6	ASAP After Race 5
	SYC Hollywell	Haul Out, De-rigging &	ASAP after racing.
	SYC Hollywell	Competitors Sausage Sizzle	
	SYC Hollywell	Final Prize Presentation	Approx. 1700

- 5.1 A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing of the regatta.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signaled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Southport Yacht Club, 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217 between 1400 and 1600 hours on Friday 3rd December 2021 and 0800 and 0900 hours on Saturday 4th December 2021.
- 6.2. Boats will not be measured for these Championships however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and where applicable Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3. A boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time during the competition.
- 6.4. Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta must either be marked on a copy of the Sail Measurement Card presented at registration or alternatively sails may be tagged with the IECA royalty tag. Stickers / stamps may be issued for affixing to the nominated sails.
- 6.5. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, must be completed by 0900 hours on Saturday 4th December 2021.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available online before the Regatta.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be on the waters off the Gold Coast to just south of the Seaway Entrance or alternatively on the Gold Coast Broadwater north of the Seaway / Wave-break Island.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.1.2. Six races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.1.3. If three races are completed, then all results will count. This amends A2.

10.1.4. If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

10.1.5. Additional PHS Scoring Results will be provided.

10.1.5.1 PHS results will be calculated based on a Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF). The TCF that is determined and allocated by the Race Committee or its nominee will be performance-based and will be expressed as three (3) decimal places applied as a multiplier to elapsed times.

10.1.5.2 The TCF may be altered between races, and will not be subject to protest, redress or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

10.1.5.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.1.5.4 If three races are completed, then all results will count. This amends A2.

10.1.5.5 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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.

12.3. 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 the floatation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

12.4. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

12.5. Identifying flags will be available from the Sailing Office on payment of a AUD50 cash deposit or credit card guarantee which will be fully refundable upon return of the flag.

13. BOAT LAUNCH AND RETRIEVAL

Boats will be launched and retrieved by the crane located at the Southport Yacht Club HOLLYWELL only, located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216. No launching or retrieval facilities are available at SYC Main Beach location.

SYC will provide a tow vessel to assist in towing boats from the Hollywell location to the Main Beach Marina if required. Boats are requested to be in the water ready for towing no later than 3:00 pm on Friday 3rd December 2021 in order to make use of the last tow for the day.

Boats are to remain at the Main Beach Marina for Friday and Saturday nights. After racing is completed on Sunday 5th December 2021 boats will be required to sail back to SYC Hollywell for crane retrieval. Tow boats will be available if required to assist in returning to SYC Hollywell.

There is no trailer parking available on the grounds at SYC Hollywell. Trailers will need to be parked on the street at Marina Crescent so please ensure you have locks and security devices to secure your trailer.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 0930 hours on Saturday 4th December 2021 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

15.2. Swimming to clean boats is not permitted during the event.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

16.1. This supplements but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats may 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.

16.2. 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 from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clause 15.1 or in an emergency threatening safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

17.1. It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."

17.2. The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in the respect of material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum Aud\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The Tai-Pan Trophy, Queensland Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 19.2. Keeper prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.
- 19.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. These may include Corinthians, Masters etc depending on number of qualifying entries.
- 19.4. Additional PHS Scoring Results will be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.

20. SOCIAL

- 20.1. Competitors are invited to meet for Competitors Welcome Ceremony at SYC Main Beach on Friday 3rd December 2021 1600hrs – 1800hrs. Chefs Select Canapes will be provided and a cash Bar available for purchasing drinks.
- 20.2. A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Saturday 4th December 2021 at SYC Main Beach. There will be no charge for this BBQ.
- 20.3. A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Sunday 5th December 2021 at SYC Hollywell. There will be no charge for this BBQ.
- 20.4. Prize Presentation Ceremony will held at SYC Hollywell at approx. 1700hrs on Sunday 5th December 2021.

21. COVID-19

- 21.1. The organizing 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 cancelled competitors will be offered a refund on entry fee however no compensation will be provided.
- 21.2. 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;
 - A. Compliance with COVID hygiene and COVID safe plans
 - B. Daily sign in of all crew
 - C. Declarations being required regarding travel to known hot spots and /or possessing symptoms.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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