

2023 INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS GOLD COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



Saturday 27th to Sunday 28th May 2023

Etchells

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Southport Yacht Club Inc.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2021-2024, the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 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 one design International Etchells Class event.
- 2.4 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 2.5 The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.6 Boats shall carry all safety equipment specified in NOR Appendix A1.
- 2.7 The notation 'DP' in a rule, this NOR or the SI's, means that the penalty for any breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation 'SP' in a rule, this NOR or the SI's means the penalty for a breach of that rule will be a standard penalty which will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changed RRS Appendix A5. The notation of 'NP' in a rule, this NOR or the SI's means the rule is not able to be protested by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown italic.
 - 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

- 3.3 Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 1400 and 1700 hours on Friday 26th May 2023 or between 0800 and 0900 hours on Saturday 27th May 2023 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.2. Crews are to be weighed in wearing light clothing, the minimum being outer shorts and t-shirts. The total combined crew weight will be posted on the notice board.
- 3.4 Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Saturday 27th May 2023 will be ineligible to compete.
- 3.5 Any crew substitutes for Sunday 28th May 2023 must be weighed before the Compulsory Competitors Briefing of that day. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without written approval of the race committee. Substitution of crew will not be allowed if solely for weigh related reasons.

4. ENTRIES (NP)

- 4.1 Entries should be made using the Top Yacht entry System accessible via <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/regattas/>
- 4.2 Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 4.2.1 The entry Fee of \$475.00 (An "Early Bird" entry fee of \$400.00 is available to entries received by 1700hrs on 22/04/2023).
- 4.3 The originals of the following documents MUST be made available for the event. Copies of documents should be uploaded through the entry page on Top Yacht prior the Event. Skippers MUST have documentation available should the required documentation be requested when registering for the Event:
 - 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.
 - 4.3.4 Current AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 safety audit.
- 4.4 The crew details including names, birthdates, current AS sailing identification number and emergency contacts are to be entered into Top Yacht prior to the Event.
- 4.5 Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 19th May 2023.
- 4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of \$75.00.
- 4.7 Entry fees includes launching, berthing and retrieval facilities during the regatta, and participation in the nominated social events.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	TIMES
Fri 26/05/23	SYC Hollywell	Rigging, crane launching & towing (if reqd).	0800-1400
	SYC Main Beach	Registration	1400-1700
	SYC Main Beach	Competitors Welcome Ceremony	1700-1800
Sat 27/05/23	SYC Main Beach	Registration	0730-0830
	SYC Main Beach	Compulsory Boat Briefing	0830
		Warning Signal Race 1	nb1055
		Warning Signal Race 2	ASAP after race
		Warning Signal Race 3	ASAP after race 2
	SYC Main Beach	Competitors Sausage Sizzle & Days Results Presentation	ASAP after racing
Sun 28/05/23	SYC Main Beach	Compulsory Competitors Briefing	0830
		Warning Signal Race 4	nb1055
		Warning Signal Race 5	ASAP after race 4
		Warning Signal Race 6	ASAP After race 5
	SYC Hollywell	Crane haul out, de-rigging & Competitor sausage sizzle	ASAP after racing
		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 day.
- 5.4 If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signalled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT (DP)

- 6.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Southport Yacht Club, 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217 in accordance with the Schedule of Events.
- 6.2 A boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time during the competition.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Five (5) stickers will be issued to each entrant for affixing to the sails to be used in this event. All sails must have a valid measurement stamp affixed and signed by a class measurer.
- 6.5 All registration formalities, including payment of event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, must be completed by 0830 hours on Saturday 27th May 2023.
- 6.6 Boats competing in the Corinthian Division shall be required to sign a declaration in relation to the competitors' World Sailing Category status or show a print out of their World Sailing Classification, no later than the close of registration.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7. 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 near Main Beach or alternatively on the Gold Coast Broadwater north of the Seaway / Wave-break Island due to inclement weather or Seaway conditions.

9. COURSES

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

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 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.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 Six races are scheduled. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2.1 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS A2.
- 11.2.2 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.
- 11.2.3 Additional PHS Scoring Results will be provided.
- 11.2.3.1 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.
- 11.2.3.2 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)).
- 11.2.3.3 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2.3.4 If up to three races are completed, then all results will count. This amends RRS A2.
- 11.2.3.5 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

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

13. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS (DP)

- 13.1 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.

- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.
- 13.5 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.

14. BOAT LAUNCH AND RETRIEVAL (DP)

The rigging and launching facilities for visiting boats will be at SYC Hollywell, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216. Competitors are asked to have slings and ladders ready prior to presenting to the hardstand crane. Standard bow and stern lines must also be attached and ready for use.

Competitors must ensure all lifting slings, chains, lifting gear and shackles are rated for the loads they will carry and are in safe compliance dated working order. We recommend all gear to be professionally inspected prior to the event.

SYC may provide 2 tow support boats to assist in towing boats to the Main Beach Marina in accordance with the times listed on the Schedule of Events. Please also note that The SYC Hollywell crane must only be operated by SYC Endorsed Operators.

Boats are to remain at the SYC Main Beach Marina for Friday and Saturday nights.

After racing is completed on the Sunday, boats will be required to sail back to SYC Hollywell for haul out & de-rigging. Competitors are advised to ensure their trailers and lockers are secured and are advised not to leave valuables on site.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 0830 hours on Saturday 27th May 2023 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

During the regatta the hard stand crane at Hollywell will be available for emergency haul-outs. These haul-outs must be expressly approved by the OA. Only SYC Endorsed Operators are permitted to use the SYC Hollywell crane.

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

16.1 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.

16.2 Swimming to clean boats is not permitted at any time during the event.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 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 log on with the race committee at the start of the day, 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. (NP)

- 17.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information. Any failure of or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.
- 17.3 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 from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clause 16.1 or in an emergency threatening safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat or with the express permission of the Race Committee. (NP)

18. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 18.1 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."
- 18.2 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must upload evidence of such insurance to Top Yacht prior to the event and have documentation available on request at registration.
- 19.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

20. PRIZES

The following prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA and are subject to minimum numbers of boats competing in each category.

- 20.1 The Etchells Gold Coast Championship Perpetual Trophy for the overall winner
- 20.2. Keeper prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.
- 20.3 A prize for the first placed all female team
- 20.4 A Corinthian Prize for the first placed boat where the Skipper and all the crew hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1
- 20.5 A Youth Prize for the first placed boat where the crews' combination age is less than 90 for a 3 crew boat, or 120 for a 4 crew boat
- 20.6 The Masters prize for the first placed boat where the skipper is over 60 years old
- 20.7 The Grand Masters' Prize for the first placed boat where the combined age of the crew is not less than 165 for a 3 person crew and 220 for a 4 person crew.
- 20.8 Age is applicable as of midnight 26th May 2023
- 20.9 Additional PHS prizes for the First, Second and Thursday PHS Overall
- 20.3 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority, including daily prizes and random draws after each day's racing.

21. MEDIA

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. SOCIAL

- 22.1 Competitors (Skippers and Crew) are invited to meet for Competitors Welcome Ceremony at SYC Main Beach on Friday 26th May 2023 1700hrs – 1800hrs
- 22.2 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Saturday 27th May 2023 at SYC Main Beach. There will be no charge for the BBQ.
- 22.3 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Sunday 28th May 2023 at SYC Hollywell. There will be no charge for the BBQ.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A1. REGATTA REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.

EQUIPMENT			
DESCRIPTION	CLASS RULES	AS CAT 7	REQUIRED FOR EVENT
Compliant PFD for each crew		Y	Y
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	y	y	y
Anchor, chain and wrap	Y	Y	Y
Buckets with Lanyards	2	Y	Y
Floating tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Y		Y
2 paddles 1200mm long	Y		Y
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Y	Y
Flares	Optional		Optional
Heaving line	Optional		Y
Medical kit	Optional	Y	Y
Sound signalling device	Optional		Optional
VHF Radio	Optional	Y	Y
Knife, sheathed and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Y	Y
V sheet	Optional		Optional
Drinking water (sufficient for Crew)			Y