



# SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



## 2024 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS GOLD COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

### NOTICE OF RACE

19<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY



**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

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## 1. INVITATION

- 1.1 Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2024 International Etchells Class Gold Coast Championships on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## 2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 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. (Please note clause 3.2)
- 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 This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website;  
[https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code\\_of\\_Conduct\\_Approved\\_2023.07.25.pdf](https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf).  
Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 2.8 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 class rules, as permitted by RRS 87.  
This is a one design International Class event open to all Etchells. The event will also accept all boats constructed using Mould 11. This includes original unmodified boats from the Mould 11 as well as Mould 11 Boats that have been modified under the guidance of the IECAA.
- 3.3 In the interest of promoting youth participation there will be no weigh in for this regatta. If there is a 4th crew on the boat then at least one crew member must be under the age of 19 years old.



#### 4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, Hollywell, adjacent to the Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office. Notices may also be posted on the Official on-line Noticeboard on the event website <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-office-notice-board/>
- 4.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Race will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Online entry is available at the SYC website regatta page: <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/regattas>
- 5.2 An "Early Bird" entry fee of \$550.00 is available for entry payments received by 1700hrs on 1/07/2024. The Regatta entry fee after this date is \$600.00.
- 5.3 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:
- 5.3.1 The Hull and Spar Measurement for the boat. Note the skippers name is not required to be the name on the certificate. Original Mould 11 Hull Certificates will be accepted.
- 5.3.2 The Sail Measurement Certificate (where applicable)
- 5.3.3 A valid insurance certificate or Certificate of Currency as detailed in Clause 17.
- 5.3.4 Current AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 safety audit.
- 5.4 The crew details including names, birthdates, current AS sailing identification number, Association Financial status and emergency contacts are to be entered into Top Yacht prior to the Event.
- 5.5 Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on Friday 12 July 2024. A minimum of 10 entries are required for the 2024 E22 Gold Coast Championships to proceed.
- 5.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of \$50.00.
- 5.7 Entry fees includes launching, berthing and retrieval facilities during the regatta, and participation in the nominated social events.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	TIMES
Fri 19/7/24	SYC Hollywell	Rigging	0800-1400
	SYC Hollywell	Launching via Hard Stand Crane*	0900-1400
	SYC Main Beach	Registration	1400-1700
	SYC Main Beach	Competitors Welcome Ceremony	1600-1800
Sat 20/7/24	SYC Main Beach	Registration	0800-0900



	SYC Main Beach	Compulsory Competitors 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 21/7/24	SYC Main Beach	Compulsory Competitors 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 & Competitor sausage sizzle Final Prize Presentation	ASAP after racing  Approx 1700

- 6.1 A maximum of six (6) races for the Gold Coast Championships.
- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing of the regatta.
- 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 day. This will be advised via the race notice board before 1700hrs the previous day.
- 6.4 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.

## 7. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT (DP)

- 7.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Southport Yacht Club, 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217 between 1400 and 1700 hours on Friday 19 July 2024 and 0800 and 0900 hours on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- 7.2 A boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time during the competition.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 All registration formalities, including payment of event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, must be completed by 0900 hours on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- 7.5 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 printout of their World Sailing Classification, no later than the close of registration.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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



## 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 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 due to inclement weather or Seaway conditions.

## 10. COURSES

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

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 Six races are scheduled. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.
- 12.1.1 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.
- 12.1.2 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.

## 13. PROTEST COMMITTEE

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

## 14. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.
- 14.5 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.



## 15. BOAT LAUNCH & RETRIEVAL

- 15.1 Boats will be launched and retrieved by a Hard Stand crane located at Southport Yacht Club in Hollywell. Competitors are asked to have their slings and ladders ready prior to presenting to the crane. Standard bow and stern lines must also be attached and ready for use.

Tow boats may be available. Last tow will be leaving Hollywell at 2:30pm.

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

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 Hollywell for crane retrieval. Tow boats will be available if required to assist in returning to SYC Hollywell.

## 16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 All boats shall be afloat by 0930 hours on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority. (NP)

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.

## 17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Swimming to clean boats is not permitted at any time during the event.

## 18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 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)
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 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)

## 19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 19.1 By participation in the this Regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time





and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## 20. RISK STATEMENT

20.1 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.

## 21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims

## 22. 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.

- 22.1 Gold Coast Championships:
  - 22.1.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three place-getters overall.
  - 22.1.2 A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner
  - 22.1.3 The Etchells Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the Corinthian division winner.
  - 22.1.4 The Women's Prize will be awarded to the first placed female helm.
- 22.2 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority, including daily prizes and random draws after each day's racing.
- 22.3 Prize Presentation Ceremony for the Gold Coast Championships will be held at SYC Hollywell at approx. 1700hrs on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

## 23. MEDIA

23.1 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.



## 24. SOCIAL

- 24.1 Competitors (Skippers and Crew) are invited to meet for Competitors Welcome Ceremony at SYC Main Beach on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 1600hrs – 1800hrs. A cash Bar available for purchasing drinks.
- 24.2 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at SYC Main Beach. There will be no charge for the BBQ.
- 24.3 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at SYC Hollywell. There will be no charge for the BBQ.

## 25. 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 signaling 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



## FURTHER INFORMATION

### Contact the Sailing Office

Southport Yacht Club,

Hollywell Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Queensland 4216.

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