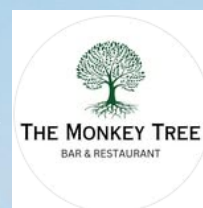




SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE



2025 INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS
MID-WINTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th to 9th June 2025

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Southport Yacht Club Inc.

The event is the 3 day Etchells Mid-Winter Nationals run in conjunction with the 2 day Etchells Gold Coast Championships on the Gold Coast Queensland.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2025-2028, the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), except as designated by 2.7 and 3.1, 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 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 2.4 The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.5 Boats shall carry all safety equipment specified in NOR Appendix A1.
- 2.6 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).
- 2.7 Competitors are permitted to carry a Vakaros unit with full functionality enabled. Vakaros Race Sense will not be used for starting at this Regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All Etchells with a valid hull certificate and a modified M11's with valid modification protocol is eligible to enter.
- 3.2 There will be no weigh in requirements for this event.
- 3.3 Any crew substitutes for Sunday 8th June and Monday 9th June 2025 must be approved before the Compulsory Competitors Briefing of that day. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without written approval of the race committee. Applications must be in writing stating all details of substitution and submitted to the Racing Office. Substitution of crew will not be allowed if solely for weigh related reasons.
- 3.4 All crew must wear a PFD from dock departure until the time they return to the dock.

4. ENTRIES (NP)

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for the 3 Day 2025 International Etchells Class Mid-Winter National Championships (including the 2 day Gold Coast Championships) is \$470.
- 4.2 Regatta entry fee for the 2 day Gold Coast Championships is \$380.
- 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
 - 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, Association Financial status and emergency contacts MUST enter into Top Yacht prior to the Event.
- 4.5 Entries are to be received by 0800 hours on 1st June 2025.
- 4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of \$100.00.
- 4.7 Entry fees include launching, berthing and retrieval facilities during the regatta and trailer storage for 2 days prior and after the event, and participation in the nominated social events.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIMES
Fri 06/06/25	Rigging	Hollywell	0800-1400
	Launching via Boom Crane*	Hollywell	1200-1400
	Registration	Main Beach	1400-1700
	Competitors Welcome Ceremony	Main Beach	1600-1800
Sat 07/06/25	Registration		0800-0900
	Compulsory Competitors Briefing	Main Beach	0830
	Warning Signal Race 1		Nb1055
	Warning Signal Race 2		ASAP after race 1
	Warning Signal Race 3		ASAP after race 2
	Competitors' Sausage Sizzle & Day's Results Presentation	Main Beach	ASAP after racing
Sun 08/06/25			
	Compulsory Competitors Briefing	Main Beach	0830
	Warning Signal Race 4		Nb 1055
	Warning Signal Race 5		ASAP after race 4
	Warning Signal Race 6		ASAP after race 5
	Competitors' Sausage Sizzle & Day's Results Presentation (GC Champs)		ASAP after racing
Mon 09/06/25	Compulsory Competitors Briefing	Main Beach	0830
	Warning Signal Race 7		Nb 1025
	Warning Signal Race 8		ASAP after race 7
	Warning Signal Race 9		ASAP After race 8
	Haul Out, De-rigging & Competitors' Sausage Sizzle	Hollywell	ASAP after racing
	Final Prize Presentation	Hollywell	Approx 1700

- 5.1 A maximum of nine (9) races will be conducted.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400 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 between 1400 and 1700 hours on Friday 6th June and 0800 and 0900 hours on Saturday 7th June 2025.
- 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 All registration formalities, must be completed by 0900 hours on Saturday 7th June 2025.
- 6.5 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.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

8. RACING AREA

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.

9. COURSES

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

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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 Nine races are scheduled for the Mid-Winter National Championships. Six races are scheduled for the Gold Coast Championships. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series for both events.
 - 11.1.2 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.
 - 11.1.3 If four or more races are completed, then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.
 - 11.1.4 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.

- 11.1.5 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)).

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

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 an 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)

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.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 0800 hours on Saturday 7th June 2025 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 on channel 09 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 17.1 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 have entered their boats via Top Yacht 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.

- 20.1.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three place-getters overall.
- 20.1.2 The Etchells Corinthian Keeper Trophy will be awarded to the Corinthian division winner.
- 20.1.3 A prize will be awarded to the first placed female helm.
- 20.1.4 The Fleet that is scored the most will be awarded a prize. Minimum of 3 boats in a fleet.
- 20.2 The Etchells Gold Coast Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the leading boat at the end of Sunday.
- 20.2.2 Additional PHS Prizes for the First, Second and Third 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.
- 20.4 Prize Presentation Ceremony will be held at SYC Hollywell at approx. 1700hrs on Monday 9th June 2025.

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 6th June 2025 1600hrs – 1800hrs. A cash bar available for purchasing drinks.
- 22.2 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Saturday 7th June 2025 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 8th June 2025 at SYC Main Beach. There will be no charge for the BBQ.
- 22.4 A BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be held for Competitors after racing on Monday 9th June 2025 at SYC Hollywell. There will be no charge for the BBQ.

24. 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