



NOTICE OF RACE

2021 International Etchells
Australian Championship

9th to 14th January 2021

To be conducted by
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
33 Peel Street, Kirribilli

In conjunction with the Sydney International Etchells Fleet Inc.



The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the Sydney International Etchells Fleet Inc., will conduct the **2021 International Etchells Australian Championship** on the waters of Sydney Harbour.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified in NOR Appendix A.
- 1.3 A boat's compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations may be checked at any time by the Organising Authority after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the National Jury. Discretionary penalties may apply.
- 1.4 This is a Class B event, sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.5 The IECAA has designated this event as a Qualifying Event for the 2021 World Championship in Fremantle pursuant to IECA Appendix A, clause 7.C.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championships in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.2 The Organising Authority will provide Bow Numbers. Replacement Bow Numbers will be supplied by the Organising Authority upon request.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All Competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 All helms and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 75.
- 3.3 Entries, payment of the applicable fees and submission of entry documentation shall be made online on the website at <https://www.rsys.com.au/sailing/regattas/>
- 3.4 Entries close at 1700hrs on 18th December 2020. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$150. No entries will be accepted after 1700 hrs on 8th January 2021.
- 3.5 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval facilities during the Regatta and participation in sanctioned social events.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with three crew is \$550 (Inc. GST)
- 4.2 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with four crew is \$600 (Inc. GST)

5. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All boats shall register with the Organising Authority at RSYS on Saturday 9th January 2021 between the hours 1400 and 1730 or on Sunday 10th January 2021 between the hours 0800 and 1030.
- 5.2 All boats shall present a current original Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, Mast Measurement Certificate if applicable, AS Special Regulation Category 7 Safety Compliance Certificate and required insurance documentation at registration.

- 5.3 All registration formalities (including the presentation of all Certificates and compliance documentation, boat and sail registration and crew weigh in) are required to be completed by 1030 hrs on 10th January 2021 at the Regatta Office.
- 5.4 All sails to be nominated for use in regatta must be correctly recorded on the boats sail card and measurement certificate prior to registration. There will be NO facility available to measure sails during the Regatta.
- 5.5 During the Regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time.
- 5.6 Crew Weight Measurement
- 5.6.1 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing at the Regatta Office on Saturday 9th January 2021 between the hours 1400 and 1730 or on Sunday 10th January 2021 between the hours of 0800 and 1030.
- 5.6.2 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 5.6.3 Weighing scales will be available from Saturday 9th January 2021 in the Regatta Office from 0800 to 1730 hrs.
- 5.6.4 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat may be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.6.5 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 5.6.6 The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 5.7 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Crew members permitted to substitute must weigh in and register on the morning of sailing between 0800 and 0900 hours.
- 5.8 Boats that wish to be scored in the Masters & Grand Masters Divisions shall provide the dates of birth of all crew no later than the close of registration.
- 5.9 Boats that wish to be scored in the Corinthian Division shall be required to sign a declaration in relation to skipper and crew World Sailing Category status no later than the close of registration.

6. SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Event
Saturday, 9 th January	1400-1730 1800	Registration and weigh-in Welcome function
Sunday, 10 th January	0800-1030 1100 1300	Registration and weigh-in Skippers briefing Practice race - Warning signal
Monday, 11 th January	1100	Race day 1 – 1 st Warning signal
Tuesday, 12 th January	1100	Race day 2 – 1 st Warning signal
Wednesday, 13 th January	1100	Race day 3 – 1 st Warning signal
Thursday, 14 th January	1100 TBA	Race day 4 - 1st Warning signal Prize giving

- 6.1 Three races are scheduled each day except for the final day where two races are scheduled. The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the days scheduled races on any race day. The race committee may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race after the scheduled race, this will be signalled by displaying code flag “L” at the finish boat.

- 6.2 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on Sydney Harbour.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 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.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be conducted for the series.
- 10.2 A minimum of four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4 When five (5) or more races and less than nine (9) have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.5 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats will be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta.
- 11.2 Coach or support vessels that require mooring or berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, must book and receive confirmation in writing from the RSYS Waterfront Office prior to registration and arrival.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 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 flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 11.6 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12. BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1. Boats may be allocated berthing at registration and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta.

- 12.2. All boats shall be berthed at RSYS from 0900 Sunday 10th January until the conclusion of the regatta, except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 12.3. Boats wishing to arrive at the RSYS before Saturday 9th January or stay beyond Saturday 16th January must apply and receive conformation in writing from the RSYS Waterfront Office.
- 12.4. Due to limited trailer parking at RSYS, the organising committee may direct trailer parking to an offsite venue within walking distance of the RSYS.

13. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat before 0900hrs on Sunday 10th January 2021 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 13.2. Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF 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 of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 14.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.
- 14.3. 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 after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 14.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 15.2. The Australian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 15.3. The Women's Trophy will be awarded to the first-place female helm.
- 15.4. The Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the first boat where the skipper and all crew hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1.
- 15.5. The Youth Trophy will be awarded to the first-place crew (Combined crew age 90 years or less for 3-person crew, 120 years or less for 4-person crew).
- 15.6. A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 15.7. A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Grand Masters Division (Combined age of crew not less than 165 years for a 3-person crew and 220 years for a 4-person crew).
- 15.8. Age is that applicable at midnight on the 9th January 2021.
- 15.9. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING & FERRIES

- 16.1. Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Defence shipping of the Port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Roads and Maritime Services (NSW RMS) regulations specify "Priority over Sail – some Commercial

Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal". Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

- 16.2. All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW RMS Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 16.3. Any yachts reported by NSW RMS as having contravened NSW RMS regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1). Any alleged infringement of this clause shall not be grounds for protest by another competitor.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 17.2. The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 17.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat must be insured with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 18.2. All owners/competitors who lodge an entry 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. MEDIA

- 19.1. 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.

20. COVID-19

- 20.1. The Organising 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 shortened or cancelled, competitors will be offered a pro-rata or full refund respectively of their entry fee however no other compensation will be provided.

- 20.2. 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;
- Compliance with COVID hygiene and COVID Safe Plans
 - Daily sign in and temperature checking
 - Declarations being required regarding travel to known hot spots and / or possessing symptoms.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A - Safety Equipment

Equipment Description	Class Rules	AS Cat 7	Required for Event
PFD for each crew member as per NOR 1.3	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckets with lanyards	2	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	-	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Optional
Heaving line	Optional	-	Optional
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
VHF Radio	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheathed and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional
Drinking water (sufficient for crew)	-	-	Yes

Note:

For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class Rules and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.

Entrants are required to provide a current AS Special Regulation Category 7 Safety Compliance Certificate. Please note that there will be no facility to undertake certification for Category 7 Safety Compliance at the regatta.