



# **LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF RACE**

## **INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS 2019-2020 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**20 - 23 February 2020**

Conducted by

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club  
In conjunction with the  
International Etchells Lake Macquarie Fleet Inc.

***Etchells***  
***Lake Macquarie***

The Organizing Authority is Lake Macquarie Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Etchells Lake Macquarie Fleet Inc.

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. This is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.3. The IECA Rules and Regulations will apply except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.4. The Prescriptions and Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.5. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply. In accordance with the AS variation dated 12 December 2017, boats may use anchors that are compliant with class rule C.5.1 (a) in lieu of Special Regulations Part 1, 4.05.
- 1.6. The jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.7. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.8. Bow numbers will be supplied for this event and attached by the Organising Authority,

## **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the Event Sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the WS Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February between 0900 and 1800 or between 0800 and 1000 hours on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 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 weighing, will be ineligible to compete.
- 3.4. Crew substitutions after close of registration will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 3.5. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 3.6. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 75.

## **4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System which can be accessed at <https://lmyc.com.au/online-race-entries/> and shall be accompanied by the entry fee of AU\$500.
- 4.2 The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
  - 4.2.1 The Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate registered in the name of the Skipper and any Co Skipper;
  - 4.2.2 The Sail Measurement Certificate;
  - 4.2.3 An AS Equipment Audit Form validating compliance with Category 7 (declarations are not acceptable);
  - 4.2.4 A valid insurance certificate or Certificate of Currency as detailed in NOR 17;
- 4.3 Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of AU\$100.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday 20 February	Registration and weigh in	0900-1200 1300-1800
Friday 21 February	Registration Weigh In Competitors' Briefing Race Day 1 (Up to three races) Welcome Function	0800-1000 0800-1000 1030 First Warning 1200  1800
Saturday 22 February	Race Day 2 (Up to three races)	First Warning 1200
Sunday 23 February	Race Day 3 Presentation Ceremony	First Warning 1200 ASAP after racing

- 5.1 A maximum of seven (7) 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, this will be signaled at the finish of the current race by displaying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

## 6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, Ada Street Belmont 2280 between 0900 and 1200 hours and between 1300 and 1800 hours on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and between 0800 and 1000 hours on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.
- 6.2. Boats and sails will not be measured for this Championship however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and 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 be marked on a copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate presented at registration. Stickers 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 close of registration at 1000 hours on Friday 21 February 2020.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 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 of Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of Belmont Bay.

## 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 occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 11.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 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.
- 13.4.1 Identifying numbers will be available from the Sailing Office. There may be a small charge for these numbers.

## **14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

- 14.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Thursday 20th February 2020 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 [DP]**

- 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 within the lake is not permitted.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS [DP]**

- 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. (Channel 72) 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 racing has been completed for 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 floatation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series.
- 17.2 The NSW State Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 17.3 A prize will be awarded to the first Corinthian team (skipper and all crew shall hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1).
- 17.4 A prize will be awarded to the boat finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Masters' Division (skipper over 60 years of age).
- 17.5 A prize will be awarded to the to the boat finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Grand Masters' Division (total age of crew 150 years for a three-person crew and 200 years for a four-person crew).
- 17.6 Age is applicable as at midnight on Thursday 20 February 2020.
- 17.7 The Roger Hickman Sportsmanship Award will be conferred on the skipper demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship during the conduct of the event.
- 17.8 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 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 4 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 AU\$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 produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 19.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

## **20. MEDIA**

- 20.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

## **21. BERTHING**

LMYC will provide free berthing for the regatta from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February through to the end of the regatta. Contact LMYC as below if you wish to take the opportunity to arrive early.

## **22. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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