



## Sydney Etchells Fleet Development Program



### Prospectus and Guide to Applicants

#### International Etchells Class

The Etchells was designed by EW Etchells to qualify for the new Olympic Keelboat Class to be sailed at the 1972 Kiel Olympic Regatta. Although the Etchells dominated the selection regatta, she was not selected but has gone on to become one of the world's great one design keelboat classes with 1500 boats built and active fleets in North America, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the UK.

The Class has enjoyed fantastic Corinthian racing since its establishment and has also had many great champions of the sport of sailing including Dave Curtis, Colin Beashel, John Bertrand, Dennis Connor, Ken Read and Iain Murray all win world championships as well as being mainstays of active local fleets for many years.

In Australia, the Etchells is the premiere one design keelboat class and is raced in all mainland capital cities as well as regional fleets and in Hobart. A strong regatta circuit comprised of local regattas, State and National Championships takes place each year with the World Championship scheduled for Perth in November 2020 and Melbourne in January 2022.

#### Sydney Etchells Development Program – Background and Objectives

The Sydney Etchells Fleet in conjunction with Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has established a development program to encourage and provide a pathway for sailors between the ages of 22 and 35 to introduce and attract owners and crews to sailing Etchells at RSY with a particular focus on club and fleet Corinthian principles.

The program provides an excellent opportunity for young sailors to develop their skills and experience and be supported as part of one of the world's great one design fleets.

The objectives of the program are;

- Create a pathway for sailors 22-35 (approx.) years to trial and participate in Australia's leading OD keelboat at club and regatta level including state, national and world championship
- Establish a pipeline of crews and prospective owners / skippers for Etchells
- Enhance Corinthian participation in Etchells at RSY
- Increase Sydney Fleet active racing numbers both in club racing and at regattas

## Application and Qualification

Sailors and teams that meet the following criteria should provide a written proposal to [sydney@etchells.org.au](mailto:sydney@etchells.org.au)

- All team members must be RSYS members being 22-35 years of age
- Strong competitive sailing background in dinghies and / or small OD keelboats
- Skipper + 2/3 crew i.e. a team
- Financial capacity to meet nominated costs
- Prioritisation of Etchells sailing across the season specifically nominating events at club and regatta level with a demonstrated commitment to Etchells and RSYS including participation at;
  - 75% of RSYS Etchells Race days on the RSYS season calendar plus the Milson Silver Goblets
    - 75% of mini-regatta races must be sailed
    - 75% of Club Championship races must be sailed
  - Any 2 of
    - NSW State Championship
    - Australasian Mid-Winter regatta
    - Australian Championship
  - World Championship subject to location and qualification
- Commitment to broader fleet and club activities and culture
- Consideration will be given a team's composition in terms of World Sailing category status

Note that the Sydney Fleet Committee will select teams and allocate boats at it's discretion.

## Agreement

Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement that will govern the arrangements which will broadly include:

*Sydney Etchells Fleet to provide*

- 24-month program participation (Sep – Aug)
- Hull, spars, sails and equipment – ready to race (inventory)
- Insurance premium and RMS registration
- Mentoring via a dedicated mentor

- Access to entry fee waiver or discount at IECAA sanctioned events
- Executed contract form to govern program and participants

*RSYS to provide*

- Hardstand
- Alignment to RSYS broader development pathway incl. access to members sailing other classes
- Waive / reduced race entry fees (season entry and Milsons Goblets)

*Participants to provide*

- 24-month commitment to the program (2 seasons – Sept to Aug 2020/21 & Sept to Aug 2021/22)
- Season commitment to 75% of RSYS club racing events (75% of Mini-Regatta and 75% of Club Championship events) + regattas (2 per season)
- Meet general maintenance and running costs (reasonable wear and tear) and commitment to maintain and store the boat and equipment in good order
- Meet any minor damage repair costs to their allocated boat and other boats where the participants are found to be at fault.
- Maintain RSYS, Australian Sailing and International Etchells Sydney Fleet membership
- Entry fees and travel costs
- Insurance excess related to any claim for major damage
- Commitment to on and off water conduct

Failure to comply with any of the above may result in the termination of the agreement by the Sydney Fleet Committee at any time.

## **Proposal**

A written proposal containing the following should be provided to [sydney@etchells.org.au](mailto:sydney@etchells.org.au). As part of the evaluation process, a meeting and or presentation may also be required.

1. Team name, representative name and contact details
2. Team members
  - name
  - contact details,
  - age
  - RSYS member year joined and current member category,
  - other club memberships,
  - Australian Sailing Member number,
  - short sailing CV (years sailing, classes raced, major events),
  - other sailing qualifications (eg coaching, measurement),
  - occupation,
  - tertiary or other qualifications
  - Other
3. Intended sailing program – RSYS events, other regattas. Please note other classes to be sailed and major events targeted in the program period
4. Financial capacity – how do intend to fund your Etchells campaign? What do you anticipate your operating budget to be?
5. Statement – outline why you are interested in and should be selected for the program and what you would hope to achieve should your application be successful

## **Selection Criteria**

Teams will be selected based on their ability to commit to sailing Etchells and demonstrate mid-term interest and ability to transition to their own Etchells program.

Corinthian status and / or existing RSYS involvement will be considered advantageous.