



NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells

**2025 International Etchells
PreWorlds Regatta**

3rd to 5th January 2025

**Organising Authority:
Royal Brighton Yacht Club
In conjunction with the Etchells Melbourne Fleet**

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The Royal Brighton Yacht Club of Brighton Australia in conjunction with the Etchells Melbourne Fleet Inc. invites entries to the **2025 International Etchells PreWorlds Regatta** to be sailed on the waters of Port Phillip from 3rd January 2025 to 5th January 2025.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed See NoR 14 PENALTY SYSTEM.
- 1.3 [DP] International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 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
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.
- 1.5 Boats must carry all Safety Equipment specified in NoR Appendix A
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T, ARBITRATION will be used as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.8 [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned and supplied by the Organising Authority (OA). They shall be affixed to the hull prior to inspection and according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC) or event Technical Committee (TC).
- 1.9 For the purposes of Class Rule C.10.2.(b), not more than 1 mainsail, 2 headsails and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for measurement and used during the event.
- 1.10 Each sail presented shall be re-measured and approved by the Measurer or delegated Equipment Inspector immediately prior to the championship and shall not thereafter be recut or altered during the championship. After such re-measurement, repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the International Jury.
- 1.11 Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 1.12 If, through no fault of its personnel crew or support persons, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Jury for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.13 [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.14 If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.15 [DP] Whilst afloat, all competitors shall wear a life jacket complying with AS 4758-2015 (Minimum Level 50) or AS1512-1196 Type 1 or 2, or equivalent or more stringent overseas standard.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81810>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on Channel 77.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 3.4 [DP] The use of mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet other than items that are expressly detailed in the NOR, Sis, Class Rules or subsequent amendments is prohibited after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class. For clarity: boats originally built from Mould 11 that have completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications as approved by the IECA and World Sailing are eligible to race as Etchells, subject to compliance with the Etchells class rules as modified by this Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Rules

This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown **highlighted in red**. Written permission of the IECA for the change has been posted on the official notice board.

A.11.1 (m) **A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.**

C.7.1. (a) **Modification** of the external shape of the **hull** is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), **or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**

D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the **class rules** in force at the time of **initial certification, or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**

(b) **Modifications (Section C)** shall comply with the current **class rules. Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.**

D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, **or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**

BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.

(c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):

 - (1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA
 - (2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures

Boats built from Mould 11 and subsequently modified in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications are deemed to have complied with BS.B.1.

BS.C.3 **Modification** of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:

 - (a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings

- (b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
- (c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
- (d) sanding
- (e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications
- 4.3 Entry allocation is 100% for fleet qualifying series and qualifying events per the IECA Championship Event Manual. Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain prior to the entry being accepted. No entry can be considered final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the OA with the IECA Secretariat.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9864511>
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing as indicated on the Schedule.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry fees of AUD \$500 per boat shall be paid in accordance with the online entry systems.
- 5.2 The Entry Fee for a Youth boat (ie all crew under 30) shall be AUD \$100
- 5.3 Entry fees are fully refundable if notice is given on or before 1st October 2024
- 5.4 The closing date for entries will be on 30th November 2024 AEDT.
- 5.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. The late entry fee is AUD \$500, in addition to the basic entry fee.
- 5.6 The entry fee includes:
 - (a) Berthing at RBYC for the World Championship and Pre-World Regatta and launching via club cranes
 - (b) In-water berthing at RBYC for the duration for the regatta
 - (c) Haul out at RBYC after the regatta.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 All crew shall be members of the IECA. The skipper shall be an Owner member other than in case of 6.2.
- 6.2 In addition to NoR 6.1 Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:
 - a) be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - b) borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and
 - c) be at least a Non-Owner Class Member
- 6.3 The skipper shall be:
 - a) be an Owner Member or Guest Skipper of the Fleet they represent and be so registered with the Etchells Class National Association prior to the first race of their Fleet's qualification races.
 - b) have sailed as a Skipper in their Fleet's Worlds qualification races unless approved by the IGC.
 - c) not have attempted to qualify for the applicable World Championship as a Skipper, in a fleet other than the one being represented during the six months prior to the first race of the World Championship
 - d) A Skipper belonging to more than one fleet may compete for qualification in one fleet only, which shall be the Fleet sailing the earliest qualifying series, unless such Skipper advises the Fleet Captain of such Fleet in writing before the first race in that qualifying series that they will not be competing for qualification in that series.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 The event will be a single series Regatta.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Two races are scheduled each 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 races, this will be signaled by displaying code flag "L" at the Race Committee Finish Vessel.

Day	Time	Event
Friday 3 rd January	1000	Competitor Briefing
	1155	Racing – 1 st warning signal
Saturday 4 th January	1155	Racing – 1 st warning signal
Sunday 5 th January	1155	Racing – 1 st warning signal

9.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate and measurement forms.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. NoR Appendix A outlines required safety requirements.

11. CLOTHING

11.1 See Class Rule C 3.2

12. VENUE

12.1 Sailing will be in the waters of Port Phillip off Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

13. COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".

14.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".

15. SCORING

15.1 Six races are scheduled.

15.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support persons and support vessels 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. Between races, support persons and support vessels shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Race Committee.
- 16.2 [DP] Support vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SIs.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned area while in the RBYC marina.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] All boats shall be afloat before 1000hrs on 3rd January 2025 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst afloat. Swimming with mask and snorkel is permitted.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 21.1 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.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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.
- 22.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 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.
- 23.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

24. PRIZES

Overall prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A - Safety Equipment

<i>Equipment Description</i>	<i>Class Rules</i>	<i>AS Cat 7</i>	<i>Required for Event</i>
PFD for each crew member as per NOR 1.15	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp (as per AS exemption)	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, throwing device	Optional	-	Optional
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheaved and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional
Drinking Water (sufficient for all 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.