



## **International Etchells Class**

### **2015 Queensland Championship**

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Organising Authorities**

#### **Southport Yacht Club Inc**

In conjunction with the **International Etchells Class Association Gold Coast Fleet Inc.**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the 2013 -16 YA Special Regulations Equipment Category 7 requirements, (as modified by Yachting Queensland for this event). See appendix A of the published Notice of Race
- 1.3 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device being PFD Level 100/150/275 (AS4758) or PFD Level 50 (AS4758) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.
- 1.4 A boat’s compliance with the Yachting Australia Special Regulations, as amended by YQ for this event may be checked at any time after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the Race Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.
- 1.5 The Championship is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class C event.
- 1.6 Participating boats shall display the event sponsor’s advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with instructions detailed at registration.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Southport Yacht Club.

## 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flag mast situated on the western side of SYC.

3.2 When Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

## 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 A maximum of seven (7) races will be conducted for the series.

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

5.3 Schedule of Events;

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2015	1500-1700hrs ONLY	Crane Launching at SYC Main Beach
	1600 – 1800hrs	Registration & Weigh-in
	1830hrs	Welcome Function at SYC
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2015	0730hrs	Breakfast available
	0830 – 1000hrs	Registration & Weigh-in
	1000 hrs	Championship Briefing at SYC Main Beach
	Nb1230hrs	Warning Signal – Race 1
	ASAP	Warning signal – Race 2 after Race 1
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	0730hrs	Breakfast Available
	nb1100hrs	Warning signal – Race 3
	ASAP	Warning signal – Race 4 after Race 3
	ASAP	Warning signal – Race 5 after Race 4
Monday 5 <sup>TH</sup> October 2015	Nb1030hrs	Warning signal – Race 6
	ASAP	Warning signal – Race 7 after Race 6
	1400-1600hrs ONLY	Crane Retrieval at SYC Main Beach
	1600hrs	Presentation at SYC Main Beach

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

6.1 The Class Flag will have a white background with an Etchells insignia.

## **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 Shall be approximately 2nm to the South of the Gold Coast Seaway. The Race Committee reserves the right to change the Racing Area should conditions warrant.

## **8 COURSES**

8.1 Appendix A diagrams show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Courses will be indicated on the Race Committee Start Boat by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant no later than the Warning Signal.

8.3 The Race Committee Start Boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.4 When there is a gate mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If there is only one Gate mark, boats shall round the single mark to port.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Marks will be Yellow Cubes and Orange inflatable Cylinders.

9.2 The Change Marks as per 11.1 will be orange inflatable buoys.

9.3 Start and finish marks will be Race Committee vessels displaying an orange flag.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 The Start Line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starboard end Race Committee Boat and the port end Race Committee Pin boat.

10.2 An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat which may or may not be on the line. All boats must pass between the inner distance mark and the pin end buoy at the start. No boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat which it guards after the preparatory signal.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10.4 If Flag U has been displayed as a preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes RRS 26.

10.5 The Race Committee may attempt to hail OCS or BFD boats by bow number or sail number on the VHF09 Race Frequency. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will replace the original mark with a Change Mark (SI 9.2) in the new position.
- 11.2 The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat on the port side and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat on the starboard side.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office, within the protest time limit.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 Time limits for the courses are as follows:

Course 1 2.5 hours

Course 2 2 hours

- 14.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark 60 minutes after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This amends RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at Reception at SYC Main Beach.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office within 90 minutes of the last boat crossing the finish line after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at SYC Mani Beach on the day of the protest lodgement (unless otherwise advised) starting as soon as possible after the notice has been posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 Breaches of SI's 1.4, 1.6, 13.2, 20, 24 and 25 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest committee so decides.

15.6 On the last day of the regatta:

- a) A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) A request for reopening a hearing held on the last day shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day;
- c) The time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the Race Committee shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted. This amends RRS 62 and 66.

## 16 SCORING

16.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

16.2 When only 3 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

16.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All Competing boats shall **Log On with Seaway Tower** as they pass through the Seaway on VHF 73 and **Log Off with Seaway Tower** when they are safely back inside the Seaway, failure to do so shall not be grounds for protest, although costs incurred for any search and rescue for failure to do so shall be passed on.

17.2 Competing boats shall report by hail to the Race Committee Start Boat, with mainsail hoisted on starboard tack, prior to the first Warning Signal of each day of racing to confirm its intention to compete. The Race Committee will acknowledge the intention to sail by return hail. Boats which cannot be identified prior to the first Warning Signal may be scored as DNC. This amends RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OF EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee, who shall verify eligibility and crew weight of the proposed substitute crew. Approval will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

18.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Race Committee. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Race Committee or Protest committee and the written permission of the race Committee shall be applied for before the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions, which may include RRS 43 and International Etchells Class Rules C2.1, C2.2 and C3.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or Protest Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 ADVERTISING**

20.1 In accordance with Etchells Class Rules C4 and ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 (advertising chosen by the person in charge on sails, spars and hulls).

20.2 Bow Numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority. Replacement Bow Numbers will be supplied by the Organising Authority for competitors to apply. If supplied, all boats must display bow numbers while racing.

20.3 Decals will be supplied by the Organising Authority and shall be displayed on each side of the hull and boom, for the duration of the regatta (refer to ISAF Regulation 20).

## **21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

21.1 Official boats will display the SYC Burgee.

## **22 SUPPORT BOATS**

22.1 Team leaders, 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.

22.2 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their support boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

22.3 Coach and support boats shall register with the organising authority and will be required to display an identifying flag as supplied by the Organising Authority.

22.4 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Race Committee tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor the designated regatta VHF race frequency and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

## **23 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

23.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1000hrs on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **24 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

## **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 24.2 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting marine VHF channels.
- 24.3 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. The Race committee may use a designated regatta VHF race frequency to advise competitors of general matters relating to racing.
- 24.4 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 in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

## **25 PRIZES**

- 25.1 The Queensland State Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the series.
- 25.2 Take home prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third overall.
- 25.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

## **26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 26.1 It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta and 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 racing is hers alone."
- 26.2 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, sponsors 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 sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **27 INSURANCE**

- 27.1 Each participating boat must be insured with current third party property insurance cover and valid third-party personal liability insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one claim event.

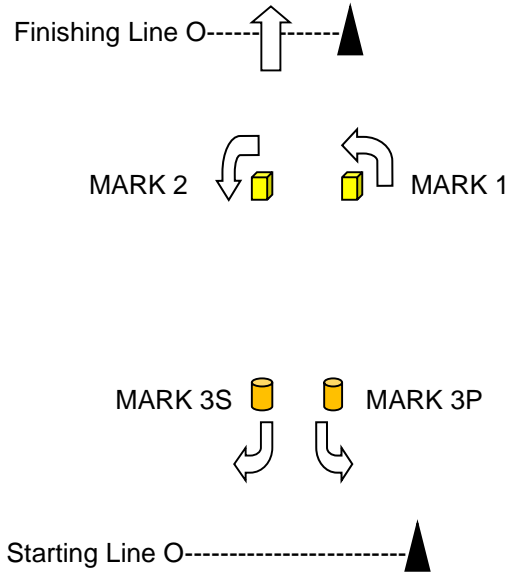
## **28 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 28.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## Appendix A - Courses

### Course 1 - Numeral Pennant 1- Windward Finish

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – Finish



### Course 2 - Numeral Pennant 2 – Leeward Finish

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 1 – 2 – Finish

