



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

2018 World Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

18 to 27 October 2018

The Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association, Brisbane Fleet Inc.

REGATTA OFFICIALS

Designation	Name	Qualification	Position
Event Organiser	David Irvine		Chairman
Race Committee	Ross Wilson	IRO	Chairman
International Jury	Philippe Mazzard	IJ – France	Chairman
	David Tallis	IJ - Australia	Juror
	Jerrold Ng Wei	IJ - Singapore	Juror
	Neville Willis	IJ - Australia	Juror
	Patricia Stadel	NJ - USA	Juror
Technical Committee	Bill Abbott	Class Measurer IECA	
	David Ritchard	President IECAA	



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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing”

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will not apply.
- 1.3. The Championship is a World Sailing (WS) recognised event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class A event. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the WS Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 1.4. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.7. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.8. Appendix T (Arbitration will apply).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Regatta Office at RQYS.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast adjacent to the RQYS clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 75 minutes’ in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. [NP] REGISTRATION

Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race are required to be completed by 1200 hours on 21 October 2018 except for weigh-in which has to be completed by 1830 hours.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Event	Detail	Time
Sunday 21 October	Skipper's Briefing	Girdis Room	1100
Sunday 21 October	Practice Race	Warning Signal	1400
Monday 22 October	Race Day 1	Warning Signal	1200
Tuesday 23 October	Race Day 2	Warning Signal	1200
Wednesday 24 October	Race Day 3	Warning Signal	1200
Thursday 25 October	Race Day 4	Warning Signal	1200
Friday 26 October	Race Day 5	Warning Signal	1200
Saturday 27 October	Race Day 6	Warning Signal	1200
Saturday 27 October	Prize Giving	TBA	1830

6.2. Nine races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.

6.3. The Class International Governing Committee members present may permit the Race Committee to deviate from the above schedule.

6.4. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag L will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.

6.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hour.

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Etchells Class insignia on a white background.

8. RACING AREA

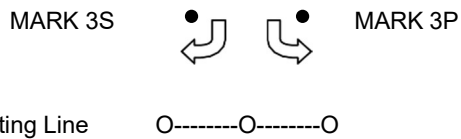
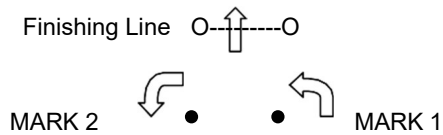
Racing will take place in Moreton Bay to the East of Green Island.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagrams below 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.

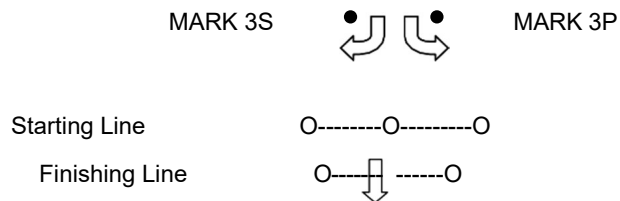
Course 1

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



Course 2

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



9.2. The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or Numeral Pennant 2 from the race committee vessel.

9.3. The race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 3P and 3S will be Orange inflatable buoys. The Clearance Mark (Mark 2) will be inflatable Green cylindrical buoys with Gill signage.
- 10.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12. will be Yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.3. The starting marks will be Race Committee Vessels.
- 10.4. The finishing marks will be: Course 1 – Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and either a Race Committee vessel or a black and white inflatable mark at the port end; Course 2 – Race Committee vessel at the port end and either a Race Committee vessel or a black and white inflatable mark at the starboard end.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The Starting Line will consist of three race committee vessels; port end line vessel, mid-line signal vessel, and starboard end line vessel. The Starting Line will be two line segments: one between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal vessel and a staff displaying orange flag on the port end line vessel, the other between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end line vessel.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A.5.
- 11.3. **N/A**
- 11.4. A Race Committee vessel stationed near Mark 1 may display the bow numbers of boats that have violated RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4. Boats identified under this instruction shall promptly leave the race course and not interfere with boats still racing.
- 11.5. The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF Channel 72 approximately one minute after the starting signal. 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.
- 11.6. Rule 30.4 is changed to permit the race committee to display the sail number and/or bow number. This changes RRS 30.4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the Race Committee vessels, or between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. [NP] [DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall

complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest timelimit.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit for Course 1 will be 4 hours from the starting signal or for Course 2 it will be 3 hours from the starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race will stand.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first windward mark one hour after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A.5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.2. 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 in the RQYS Committee Room beginning at the time posted.
- 16.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or the International Jury will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.4. For infringements of the rules other than Part 2, the International Jury may award a lesser penalty than DSQ.
- 16.5. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the Class International Governing Committee.
- 16.6. Breaches of instructions 14.2, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides.
- 16.7. 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, Technical Committee or International Jury shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted. This changes RRS 62 and 66.
- 16.8. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 16.9. Arbitration
 - (a) Protests lodged in accordance with these Sailing Instructions may be subject to an Arbitration Hearing in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
 - (b) RRS Appendix T. 1(b) is deleted and replaced with "A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
 - (c) Arbitration hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
 - (d) Arbitration hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. [SP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Yacht Trackers will be issued to all competing boats and it will be mandatory for boats to carry them.
- 18.2. The Trackers will be stand alone units and issued by the OA.
- 18.3. Each skipper will be responsible for picking up the tracker before leaving the dock each race day and returning it at the end of racing for that day and before the end of the protest time limit.
- 18.4. Each Skipper will be responsible for any loss of or damage to the Trackers.
- 18.5. The picking up of the tracker before leaving the dock will be taken as the signing-on for the respective boat for that race day.
- 18.6. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing shall advise the Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 or, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a race committee vessel to signal its retirement, or advise the sailing office **immediately** on return to shore.
- 18.7. Competitors shall comply with the following Harbour By-Laws which are part of RQYS's Aquatic Permit Conditions:
 - 18.7.1. All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
 - 18.7.2. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
 - 18.7.3. No spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Boat Harbour.

19. [NP] [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the International Jury, and such requests shall be submitted to the Race Committee for verification of eligibility and crew weight of the substitute crew.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless first approved by the International Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the International Jury at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3. After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 19.4. After measurement until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the International Jury. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. 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 Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.
- 20.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or Technical Committee or the International Jury to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. CREW WEIGHING

- 21.1. The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper shall be determined prior to racing and the total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 21.2. Competitors shall be reweighed after racing on Wednesday 24th October 2018 up to 1900 Hours or on the following morning, Thursday 25th October 2018, between the hours of 0700 and 0930 to ensure compliance with Class Rule C.2.2. Competitors that fail to reweigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. 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.
- 21.3. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 21.4. Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose making the weight limit.
- 21.5. Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Race Office from 0900 to 1800 hours.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked by flying a white flag displaying the letters RC.

23. [NP] [DP] COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat and shall be marked with identifying numbers issued by the Organising Authority. Boats shall display identifying numbers at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 23.2. All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channel 72 and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 23.3. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organising Authority considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats 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 International Jury or the Race Committee.
- 23.4. Registered coach and support boats and their personnel shall stay at least 100 metres below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until five

minutes after the start of any race. After this time, coach and support boats may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing.

23.5. Any breach of SI 23.1, 23.2, 23.3 or 23.4 by a coach or support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the International Jury.

23.6 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 VHF channel 72 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

24. [NP] [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before 1200 hours on 21 October and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

25. [NP] [DP] PLASTIC POOLS

25.1. Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

25.2. There will be no swimming of boats in the harbour by competitors.

Professional divers with appropriate safety equipment will be available for a fee. Breathing apparatus will be allowed.

26. [NP] [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

26.1. This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. As per clause 18.2 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 each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing.

26.2. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

26.3. 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 (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 26.1, 26.2 or clause 18.2 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

27. PRIZES

27.1. Overall series perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Founders Trophy, an antique silver bowl, for the overall World Championship winner – given by Mary Etchells.

C Stanley Ogilvy Masters Trophy, an antique sextant and box, for the winner of the Masters' Division (Masters' category is defined as helmsman 50 years of

age or older) – given by the Members and Governors of the Class to honour Stan Ogilvy's 17 years of service to the Class as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Robert W Sides Seniors Trophy, a Lucite boat on marble block, for the winner of the Seniors' Division (Seniors' category is defined as helmsman 60 years of age or older – should fewer than two skippers qualify for this division the age limit for the year will be 55 years or older) – given by US Etchells Fleet 4.

Grand Masters Trophy, a crystal plate mounted on a stainless steel base given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honor of Ian Kingsford Smith, Awarded to the skipper and crew with best result at the World Championship with a combined age of 150 years for a three person crew or 200 years for a four person crew, (ages being as at midnight on the last day of registration).

Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy, a ceramic tile with a picture of an Etchells mounted on a wooden plaque, presented by Jim DeWitt. To be awarded annually to the competitor who in the eyes of the Organising Authority, Race Committee and International Jury exhibits the most sportsmanlike qualities of the event.

Corinthian Cup, a pewter cup on a wood base, given by Patricia Stadel in recognition of outstanding achievement by Corinthian sailors to be awarded to the so defined (ISAF Category 1) Corinthian skipper and crew achieving the best result in the International Etchells World Championship.

Best Female Helm Trophy, a wooden backing with raised brass Etchells half hull with sails, presented by US Detroit Fleet #7. Awarded to the female helm achieving the best result.

Bill Bennett Crew Trophy, a wooden plaque for the winning crew members – donated by Etchells Fleet 13, San Diego in memory of Bill Bennett.

Next Generation Trophy, a silver cup, presented by the friends of Hans Fogh. Awarded to the skipper and crew, all 35 or younger as of the first day of competition, achieving the best result.

27.2. Individual race perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

Race 1: A silver tray for the first race winner – given by Etchells Fleet 6, Newport Beach, California, USA.

Race 2: A half model, the Peter Tirion/Etchells Association of Canada perpetual trophy for the second race winner – given by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Race 3: A photo engraved plaque of an Etchells under spinnaker on timber backing for the third race winner – given by the Brisbane Etchells Fleet, Australia.

Race 4: A half model for the fourth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 4 and the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA.

Race 5: A silver bowl and stand for the fifth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 12 and the St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California, USA.

Race 6: A silver plate, the American Yacht Club Centennial for the sixth race winner - given by the American Yacht Club, Rye, New York, USA.

Race 7: A framed symbolic Kauri wood carving. Donated by the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Gulf Harbour, New Zealand.

Race 8: A crystal cube containing three-dimensional images of two Etchells for the eighth race winner, the Jim Annand Trophy – given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honour of Jim Annand.

Race 9: A half model for the ninth race winner - given by the Cowes Fleet in honour of Cowes Fleet member Ante Razmilovic, the winner of the first race nine at the 2002 World Championship.

27.3. Other trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

28.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' 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."

28.2. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

29. INSURANCE

All Yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property and Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than \$5,000,000. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

