



NOTICE OF RACE

**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
2012 BRISBANE FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP**

19th & 20th May 2012

To be conducted by the
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.

In conjunction with the
International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012, the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. This is a Category A event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules.
- 2.3. This is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.4. The YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.5. The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 1500 and 1800 hours on Friday 18th May or between 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 19th May 2012 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) 7.1.
- 3.3. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration on Saturday 19th May 2012 will be ineligible to compete.
- 3.4. Any crew substitutes for Sunday 20th May must be weighed before the first race of that day.
- 3.5. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 55. **PLEASE NOTE: There is an On-Line payment system for Etchells Class Membership. Memberships must be paid for on-line prior to registration. Please go to the Member's area at www.etchells.org.au to pay your subscriptions.**

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries shall be made using the RQYS Online Entry System at www.rqys.com.au/index.php/department/marine-sports/.
- 4.2. Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 4.2.1. The entry Fee of \$150 for a three person crew or \$165 for a four person crew;
- 4.3. The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
 - 4.3.1. The Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate registered in the name of the Skipper;
 - 4.3.2. The Sail Measurement Certificate; and
 - 4.3.3. A valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 17.
- 4.4. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 11th May 2012.
- 4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	18 th May	Registration	1500-1800
Saturday	19 th May	Registration	0800-1000
		Skippers Meeting	1000
		Race 1	Warning 1200
		Race 2	ASAP After Race 1
		Race 3	ASAP After Race 2
Sunday	20 th May	Race 4	Warning 1100

Race 5
Race 6
Prize Giving

ASAP After Race 4
ASAP After Race 5
1700 approx.

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 particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signalled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179 between 1500 and 1800 hours on Friday 18th and 0800 and 1000 hours on Saturday 19th May 2012.
- 6.2. Boats will not be measured for these Championships however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3. Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta must be marked on the copy of the Sail Measurement Card presented at registration. Stickers may be issued for affixing to the nominated sails.
- 6.4. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates, must be completed by 1000 hours on Saturday 19th May 2012.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Waterloo Bay to the West of Green Island.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. Six races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. If three or four races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.
- 10.4. If five or six races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 1000 hours on Saturday 19th May 2012 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. This supplements but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats may carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. 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 the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 15.2. 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 flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

16. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. 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."
- 16.2. 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.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum Aud\$5,000,000 (recommended Aud\$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The Brisbane Fleet Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 18.2. Keeper prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.
- 18.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. SOCIAL

- 19.1. A BBQ will be held for crews and families after racing on Saturday 19th May 2012 in the BBQ area at RQYS. There will be no charge for this BBQ.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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