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# INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS 2024 BRISBANE ETCHELLS FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**

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



*[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).*

## **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 (AS) will apply.
- 1.3. AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.4. A personal floatation device as required by AS SR Part 1 Cat 7 shall be worn by all crew members at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.
- 1.5. The Brisbane Etchells Fleet Championships is an Etchells Class event.
- 1.6. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 1.9. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 1.10. Appendix T (Arbitration will apply).
- 1.11. Competitors must follow Club Policies  
(<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/>)

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/etchellsbrisbanefleetchamps24/> .

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. 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 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **5. [NP] REGISTRATION**

- 5.1. Registration formalities as detailed in the Notice of Race are required to be completed by 1000 hours on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.
- 5.2. Weigh-in and Registration:  
1600-1800 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.  
0800-1000 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Event	Detail	Time
Saturday 23 March	Race Day 1	No Warning Signal Before	1200
Sunday 24 March	Race Day 2	No Warning Signal Before	1100
	Prize Giving		1700

- 6.2. A maximum of six races are scheduled. The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day.
- 6.3. 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 AP will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.
- 6.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

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

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing will take place in Moreton Bay to the West of Green Island, an area commonly referred to as 'northern course'.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Attachment A & SI Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The First Day (Sat 23 March) of the regatta is scheduled to share with RQYS Club OTB Racing and courses in SI Attachment A shall be used. The Second Day (Sun 24 March), shall be as per SI Attachment B.
- 9.3. In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying flag M the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks shall be as described in SI Attachment A & SI Attachment B.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 5 Minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2.
- 11.3. The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF Channel 77 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.
- 11.4. 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**

- 12.1. 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. When Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. 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 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 Regatta office within the protest time limit.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. The time limit for Course 1 will be 1.5 hours from the starting signal or for Course 2 it will be 1 hour 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 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A.5.2.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta 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.
- 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 Protest Room beginning at the time and place as posted.
- 16.3. For the purpose of RRS 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' is those members of the Class International Governing Committee present at the regatta.
- 16.4. Arbitration:
  - 16.4.1. Protests lodged in accordance with these Sailing Instructions may be subject to an Arbitration Hearing in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
  - 16.4.2. 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".
  - 16.4.3. Arbitration hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
  - 16.4.4. Arbitration hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 17.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. All skippers shall **SIGN ON** before racing each day and **SIGN OFF** once returned to dock / anchored. Electronic Sign On / Off shall be sent via SMS.
- 18.2. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to **SIGN OFF immediately** on return to shore.
- 18.3. Failure to comply with SI18 may result in protest by the race committee.  
**Note: Failure to SIGN OFF may result in a full safety alert with the race committee vessels and patrol boats remaining on course until the vessel is found.**
- 18.4. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing shall advise the Race Committee via VHF Channel 77 or, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a race committee vessel to signal its retirement, or advise the Regatta office **immediately** on return to shore.
- 18.5. Competitors shall comply with the following Harbour By-Laws which are part of RQYS's Aquatic Permit Conditions:
- 18.5.1. All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
  - 18.5.2. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
  - 18.5.3. 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 approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior Technical Committee verification the new equipment meets the class rules and the written approval of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing 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 Race Committee. 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 50 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2.
- 20.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee and Technical Committee 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. Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose making the weight limit.
- 21.3. Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Auditorium from 0800 to 1800 hours.

## **22. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 22.1. Official vessels will be marked by flying a white flag displaying the letters “RC” or White flag with red letters “MEDIA”.

**23. [NP] [DP] COACH AND SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 23.1. Coach and support vessels must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support vessel.
- 23.2. All registered coach and support vessels will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 77 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 vessels 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 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.
- 23.4. Registered coach and support vessels and their personnel shall stay at least 200 metres below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until the orange flag (attention signal) is lowered on the starboard Race Committee vessel. After this time, coach and support vessels may then proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing.

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

- 24.1. All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hours on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**25. [NP] [DP] PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

- 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 around boats in the harbour.

**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 18.4 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 racing has been completed for the day.
- 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.
- 26.4. Competitors or support crew who intend to use drones during the conduct of racing are requested to register the drone and its intended pilot with the Regatta Office. Drones may not operate within 50 metres of any competitor at all times. Upon request by the protest committee, users must present all footage captured by the drone and declare that no footage has been deleted or altered.

**27. PRIZES**

- 27.1. Keeper prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.
- 27.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **28. RISK STATEMENT**

- 28.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 28.2. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armor, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - 28 of the Sailing Instructions.

## **29. INSURANCE**

- 29.1. All Yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property and Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- 29.2. Such Insurance policy will carry a "Racing Risk" extension.

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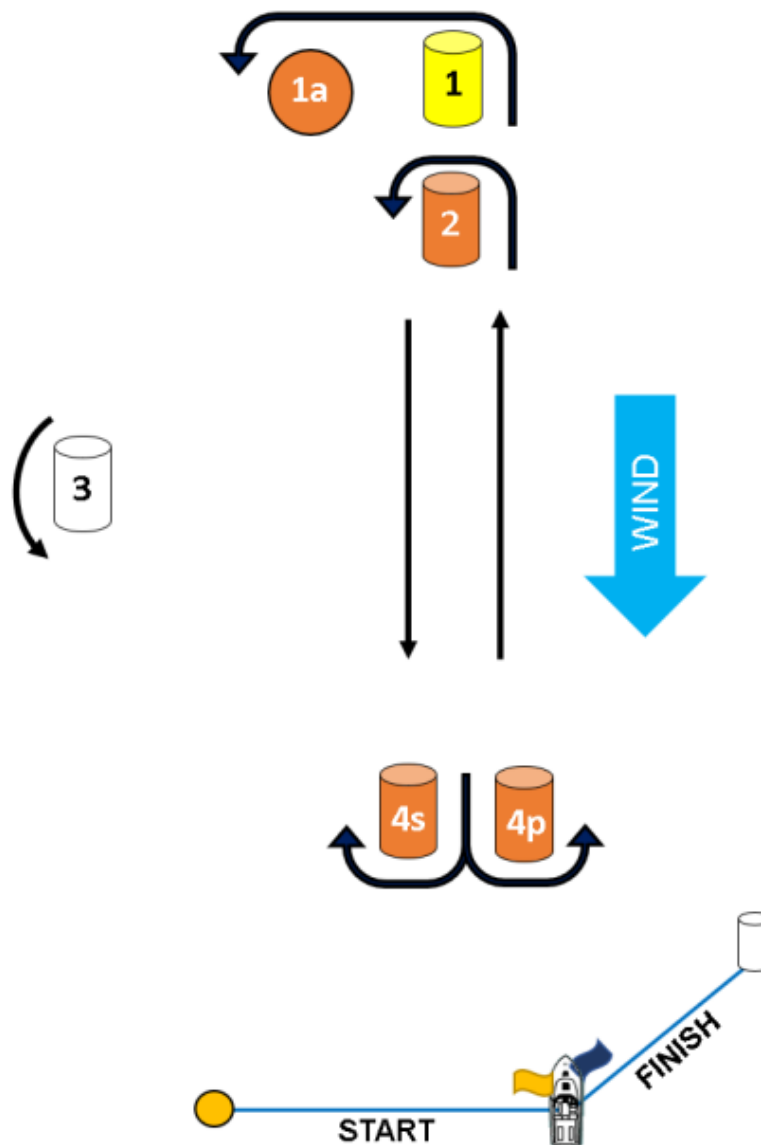
## LOCATION INFORMATION

- [Regatta Notice Board](#) View the RQYS Notice Board to access Sailing Instructions, Entry, Amendments and more
- Accommodation: Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended.
- The Manly Marina Cove Motel is located on the grounds of RQYS – [www.manlymarinacove.com](http://www.manlymarinacove.com)
- Limited [camping](#) facilities **may** be available in the grounds of RQYS.
- Other Local Accommodation Includes:
- [The Manly Hotel](#), [Waterloo Bay Hotel](#), [Pelican's Nestle Inn](#), [Wynnum Anchor Motel](#)
- Access to RQYS: RQYS Reception (located on the left as you enter the club) is available to assist with access between the hours of 7am and 7pm.
- Manly Amenities: [North Sails](#) (Sailmaker) – Club Sponsor North Sails is located just down the road from the club at 1/264 Tingal Road, an 8 minute drive away.
- [Muir Marine QLD](#) (Chandlery) - Muir Marine have been serving the Marine Industry for over 100 years and supply everything in boating equipment. Located at 453 Esplanade a 3 minute drive from the club.
- [IGA Manly Village](#) – IGA is the closest grocery store to RQYS located just 3 minute drive away, at the corner of Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade.
- [Manly Village Medical](#) – Is the closest medical centre to RQYS, located at 25 Cambridge Parade a 2 minute drive away.
- Local Weather: The RQYS Weather Station can be found at: <https://www.rqys.com.au/weather-station/>
- The Weather Station records from above the club Bay Lookout.
- BOM: Radar: <http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDR663.loop.shtml>
- Marine Forecast: <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/moreton-bay.shtml>
- Other Popular forecasts:
- Predict Wind: <https://forecast.predictwind.com/table/>
- Seabreeze: <https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane>
- WillyWeather: <https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html>



# SI Attachment A

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Marks 1: Yellow Inflatable
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Mark 2, 4s/4p: Orange Inflatables
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish	Start Pin & 1a: Orange teardrop
L1	Start – 2 – 4p – Finish	Mark 3 & Finish Pin: White Inflatable
L2	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	<b>Change Mark:</b> Mark 1: Green Inflatable Mark 2: Purple Inflatable
L3	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	
T1	Start – 2 – 3 – 4p – Finish	
T2	Start – 2 – 3 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4p – Finish	
T3	Start – 2 – 3 – 4s/4p – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – 3 – 4p – Finish	



# SI Attachment B

## MARKS

Mark 1 will be a Yellow inflatable buoy.

The Start Pin & Mark 2 will be an Orange Teardrop.

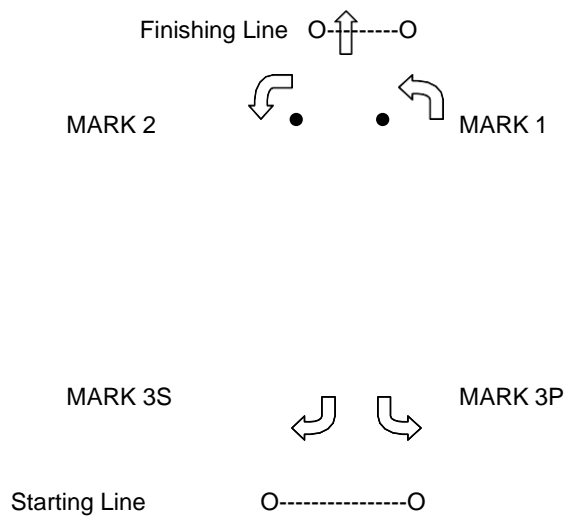
Mark 3s & 3P will be an Orange inflatable buoy.

New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be Green buoys.

The Finish Pin will be a white inflatable buoy.

## Course 1

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



## Course 2

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

