



***Etchells***

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**International Etchells 2017/2018  
Australian Championship**

**8- 12 January 2018**

**Organising Authority**

**Royal Perth Yacht Club of WA (Inc.)**

**In conjunction with**

**Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (Inc.)**

**The International Etchells Class Association Swan River Fleet (Inc.)**

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) shall apply.
- 1.3 Boats must comply with AS 2017-2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified in Attachment 1.
- 1.31 The AS 2017-2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form Category 7 requirements are varied to read ***Etchells may use anchors that are compliant with Class rule C.5.1 (a) in lieu of Special Regulations Part 1, 4.05***
- 1.4 The Regatta is a Class B event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.5 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with AS4758-2015 (minimum Level 50) or AS1512-1996 Type 1 or Type 2, or equivalent or more stringent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.
- 1.6 Rule 63.7 is changed to read as follows: "If there is conflict between the rules of the NoR, the rules of the Sailing Instructions, or any of the other documents that govern the event under item (g) of the definition Rule, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail".
- 1.7 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.5.1 no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to WS Regulation 20.3.2. The Organising Authority may require participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.
- 1.8 The International Etchells 2017-2018 Australian Championship is deemed to be a "Qualifying Event" for the Brisbane Etchells World Championship 2018 according to Appendix A of the Championship Rules.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the veranda on the Western side of the RPYC Fremantle Annexe clubhouse.

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

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than two (2) hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast adjacent to the RPYC Fremantle Annexe clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in the race signal AP. This alters RRS Race Signals.

## **5. CREW WEIGHING AND REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Crews will complete registration and weigh-in at the RPYC Fremantle Annexe Regatta Office on Monday 8th January 2018 from 1100 hours to 1800 hours.
- 5.2 Crews shall wear light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and T-shirt, for the weigh-in.
- 5.3 To facilitate the weigh-in crews of each boat should present themselves as a complete crew.
- 5.4 Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of the weigh in time will be ineligible and will remain ineligible to sail in the regatta until compliant with One Design Rule C.2.2.
- 5.5 Crew substitutes will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limits.
- 5.6 Weighing scales will be available each race day in the Regatta Office from 0730 to 0900 hrs.

## 6. SCHEDULE

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Registration and weigh-in	11000-1800Hrs
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Skippers' Meeting	0900Hrs
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Racing	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning not before 1030Hrs
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Racing	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning not before 1030Hrs
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Racing	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning not before 1030Hrs
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Racing	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning not before 1030Hrs
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Presentation Ceremony	After Racing
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Boats wishing to stay at RPYC must arrange storage allocation	

- 6.1 Two (2) races are scheduled each day. The Race Committee may schedule additional races at its absolute discretion. Additional races shall be signalled by the Race Committee vessel displaying code flag R at the conclusion of the second scheduled race.
- 6.2 A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.4 The daily schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board and broadcast by text message sent by 1700 Hrs on the day before scheduled racing. Failure to receive the said text message shall not be grounds to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Class flag will be an Etchells insignia on a white background or Code Flag E.

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be on the waters south west of the RPYC Fremantle Annexe, in what is known as the 'Fremantle Zone'.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The Courses will be windward/leeward as illustrated in Attachment 2 which also indicates the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 from the Race Committee vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 9.4 The approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1, together with the approximate length of the first leg, may be displayed on a board visible from the Race Committee Vessel.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The change of course marks will be yellow inflatable buoys with a red stripe.
- 10.3 The Start and finish mark will be a black and white chequered buoy.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 All races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. (This changes rule A4.1)
- 11.4 The Race Committee will endeavour to inform boats OCS, UFD and BFD by broadcasting the bow number or sail number of affected boats on VHF radio. Delays in making the broadcast; failure to make the broadcast; the order in which identifications are broadcast; or boats failing to receive broadcasts shall not be grounds for boats to request redress.(This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark/s (or move the finishing line) and remove the original Mark/s as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a “new Mark” is replaced it will be replaced with the original Mark/s. The compass bearing to the new mark shall be displayed on a board on the signal boat.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the finish mark or a Race Committee Vessel displaying a staff with orange flag. (Refer to Attachment 2– Course Diagram).

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except for infringements occurring within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty at the time of an incident under rule 44.1 or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office at the earliest opportunity after coming ashore and no later than the protest time limit. **[DP]**

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race is as follows:
  - Course 1: 110 Minutes
  - Course 2: 90 Minutes
- 15.2 If no boat has rounded the first windward mark 60 minutes after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did not Finish) without a hearing. This amends RRS 35 & A5.

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

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests shall be lodged within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Protests will be heard approximately in the order of receipt as soon as possible after the end of the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing. Hearings will be held in the RPYC Fremantle Annexe Clubhouse as soon as possible after protest time limit.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the Protest Committee and Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of SI 14.2, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 20 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (This changes RRS A2.1)

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 All skippers shall acknowledge their intention to race by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Vessel and receive an acknowledgement they have been noted on the race course. **[DP]**
- 18.2 Skippers shall sign off at the earliest possible time after returning to dock but no later than the protest time limit by completion of the sign off sheet at the regatta office. **[DP]**
- 18.3 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to advise the race committee vessel by radio of such intent prior to leaving the course area and sign off immediately on return to shore. **[DP]**

## **19. SUPPORT BOATS (Please refer to RRS 3 & 60.3(D))**

- 19.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Support Boats will be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta. **[DP]**  
Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the Boating Operations Office prior to Monday 8th January 2018. RPYC reserves the right to charge for such berthing.
- 19.2 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. **[DP]**

- 19.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day. **[DP]**
- 19.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats or other competing yachts unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee. **[DP]**

## **20. SKIPPERS' MEETING**

- 20.1 A compulsory skippers meeting will take place at 0900 hrs on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the RPYC Fremantle Annexe Clubhouse. **[DP]**

## **21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 21.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1800 hrs on Monday 8th January 2018 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. Boats in the water at 1200 hours, Monday 8th January 2018 will not be permitted to haul out thereafter. **[DP]**
- 21.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent and breathing apparatus must not be used.

## **22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 22.1 Requests for substitution of crew members will be received if in writing and will be considered by the Race Committee. Requests for crew substitution must be made setting out the reason for such request and detailing the crew to be substituted and the days on which the substituted crew will be sailing. Crew members permitted to substitute must weigh in and register on the morning of sailing between 0800 and 0900 hours. Any crew substitutions must ensure the total crew weight remains under 285 kgs. **[DP]**
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. **[DP]**

## **23. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and Class Rules C.2.2 and C.3.2. On the water a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **24. BOW NUMBERS**

- 24.1 Bow numbers may be issued for this regatta and, if issued, will be fitted by the Organising Authority.

## **25. SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING**

- 25.1 The Organising Authority may require competitors to display sponsor's stickers on their boom and hull.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 26.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. 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. **[DP]**

- 26.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 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 on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 26.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

## **27. PRIZES**

- 27.1 Presentation of prizes will be conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> January after racing.
- 27.2 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 27.3 The Skip Etchells Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 27.4 The Roger Dane Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 27.5 The Jim Annand Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Grand Masters Division (aggregate age of crew exceeds 165 years for a three man crew and 220 years for a four man crew).
- 27.6 Australian Ladies Champion will be awarded to the first placed female helm.
- 27.7 Australian Corinthian Champion will be awarded to the first placed skipper where each member of the crew, including the skipper meet the criteria for Group 1 World Sailing Classification.
- 27.8 Age is that applicable at midnight on 8 January 2018.
- 27.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 28.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to 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.
- 28.2 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. Competitors enter the regatta entirely at their own risk.

## **29. INSURANCE**

- 29.1 Each participating boat must be insured for the duration of the regatta with current third party property insurance cover and a valid third party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 29.2 All Owners/Competitors are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 29.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

## **ATTACHMENT 1 –SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON-BOARD**

<b><i>Equipment Description</i></b>	<b><i>Required for Event</i></b>
PFD 1 or 2 for each crew member	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp as per Class Rule C.5.1 (a)	Yes
2 Buckets with lanyards	Yes
Tow rope, 25m-30m length and not less than 12mm of floatable material	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes
Medical kit – per Cat 7	Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	Yes
Knife, sheaved in or near cockpit	Yes

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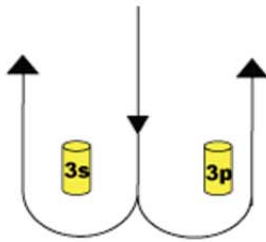
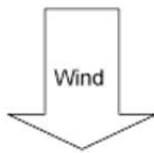
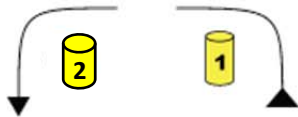
For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class Rules and AS 2017-2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form Category 7 requirements.



## ATTACHMENT 2 – COURSE DIAGRAM

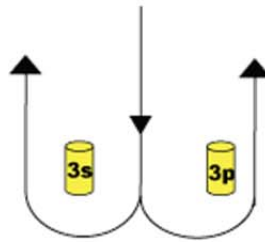
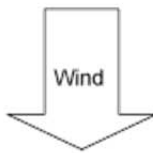
### **COURSE 1**

Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - Finish



### **COURSE 2**

Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish





# Etchells

## 2018 Australian Championships

### Dedication Sailing Days



### Race Day 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **Race 1 - Rob Bird**

Rob Bird holds the record of the most WA Etchells State Title wins, having won an incredible eight in total, as follows:

- *Mood Indigo* 1996
- *Moody Blues* 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006
- *Rhapsody in Blue* 2007, 2008, 2010

#### **Race 2 – Tony Manford**

Tony is a founding member of the Etchells Swan River Fleet and was instrumental in establishing the class in Western Australia. Tony is a three times WA State Champions as follows:

- *Antonia* 1987
- *Leda* 1989, 1990

### Race Day 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **Race 3 – Chris Hardy**

Chris holds the honour of being the first person to bring an Etchells to Western Australia in 1982. In addition, Chris was the Commodore of Royal Perth Yacht Club from 1997 to 1999, chaired the America's Cup Ball and was a City of Perth Councillor from 2004 to 2009.

#### **Race 4 – Colin Harrison**

Colin is a Paralympic Gold Medallist, having won at the 2016 Rio Games in the Sonar class, along with Russell Boaden and Jonathan Harris. In preparation for the Games, Colin sailed *Birdy* in the Etchells Swan River Fleet.

Colin, together with team-mate Russell Boaden currently hold the Australian Sailing WA Sailor of a Year with a Disability, Male Sailor of the Year and the Ron Tough Yachting Foundation (RTYF) Gold Medal awards.

In recognition of Colin's sailing accomplishments, he was awarded honorary membership of Royal Perth Yacht Club in 2016.

## **Race Day 3 – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### ***Race 5 – John Rosser***

As a founding member of the Etchells Swan River Fleet, John was also instrumental in establishing the class in Western Australia. John was the Race Officer for the ESRF for many years, among other Race Officer duties in the State. John is famous for developing the 'Rosser Start System', which is an automatic starting system currently in use for this regatta.

### ***Race 6 – Kim Laurence***

Kim is the Race Officer for the 2018 Etchells Australian Championships and has held this position within the fleet for more than five years, having been involved in the class for over 15 years.

Kim is also heavily involved in other yachting entities, as the Australian Sailing WA Treasurer and as a member of the Finance Committee at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

## **Race Day 4 – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### ***Race 7 – John Baron Hay***

John is another Etchells Swan River Fleet stalwart, having been involved in the original founding of the class and its establishment in Western Australia. John is a Past Commodore of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, having served from 1984 to 1986 and has been the Vice Patron and a Life Member of RFBYC since 2003. John is a current member of the Ron Tough Yachting Foundation Board.

### ***Race 8 – Rob Black Senior***

Rob has been sailing since he was 11 years old and joined RFBYC in 1949. Having sailed Cadet Dinghies, Heavy weight Sharpies, Hornets, Flying 15's, Etchells and Dragons over the years, Rob is another founding member of the Etchells Swan River Fleet.

Rob purchased his Etchells in the mid-1980s and sailed it until around 2010, before taking a hiatus from sailing for three years before purchasing a Dragon.

Rob has also been involved in off-water aspects, having been a Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Junior Club Captain and a member of numerous RFBYC committees including Sailing, General and Long Term Planning.