



Etchells

International Etchells Class 2018 State Championships

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**Swan River Etchells Fleet Selection Series for 2018 QLD Worlds
Qualification**

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th March 2018

The Organising Authority of the 2018 State Championships is the Royal Perth Yacht Club (Inc) in conjunction with the Swan River International Etchells Fleet (Inc)

NOTICE OF RACE



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.3. The Championship is classified as a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the Championship in accordance with the World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on a competing yacht.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.2 Skippers and Co-Skippers shall be current financial Active Members of the International Etchells Class Association.
- 3.3 All crew members shall be Associate (or Active Members) of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.4 Crews will be weighed on Thursday 8th March 2018 between 1500 and 1900 at Royal Perth Yacht Club, in the Sailing Office.
- 3.5 Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or equivalent.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries shall be made online via the following link **HERE**.
- 4.2 All entries shall be accompanied by the required entry fee of \$350.00 and received by Tuesday the 6th of March. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted for the series.
- 5.2 On Saturday 10th March there will be no warning signal between 1230 and 1630 and on Sunday 11th March no warning signal will be made after 1230.
- 5.3 Schedule of events:

| Event | Day | Date | Time |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Weigh-in | Thursday | 8 Mar 2018 | 1500 – 1900 |
| Races | Friday | 9 Mar 2018 | Warning Signal 1630 |
| Races Session 1 | Saturday | 10 Mar 2018 | Warning Signal 0830 |
| Races Session 2 | Saturday | 10 Mar 2018 | Warning Signal 1630 |
| Races | Sunday | 11 Mar 2018 | Warning Signal 0830 |
| Presentation at RPYC | Sunday | 11 Mar 2018 | 90 minutes after final race |

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Eligible boats that have completed the entry form and lodged it in accordance with the Notice of Race shall be deemed to have registered with the Organising Authority.
- 6.2 All crews shall weigh in and present the required documents with the Organising Authority at the RPYC Crawley Regatta Office on Thursday 8th March from 1500 to 1900 hours. All boats shall present an **ORIGINAL** current Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, Mast Certificate if applicable and required Insurance documents at registration.
- 6.3 Sails used in the regatta must be on the owner's Sail Measurement Certificate and nominated at registration.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RPYC website (www.rpyc.com.au) by Thursday the 8th of March

8. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on the waters of the Swan River in the area of Melville Water West.

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward and fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.

11. SCORING

11.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.

11.2 When five (5) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal until racing has concluded for the day (excluding the period of time between 1230 and 1630 on Saturday 10th March).

12.2 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 (excluding the period of time between 1230 and 1630 on Saturday 10th March).

12.3 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats except in an emergency threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and with the express permission of the Race Committee.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 All boats are to remain afloat from the warning signal of race one on the 9th March until the completion of the regatta, boats are not to be hauled out after the morning session on the 10th March or overnight on the 10th March - boats are to be kept afloat at the regatta venue RPYC during these times.

13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF 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 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 (excluding the period of time between 1230 and 1630 on Saturday 10th March).

13.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.

13.3 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 day's racing (excluding the period of time between 1230 and 1630 on Saturday 10th March), except for a VHF radio as per 13.1, or 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 Jury or the Race Committee.

