



Etchells

International Etchells Class 2018 State Championships

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Swan River Etchells Fleet Qualification Series for 2018 QLD Worlds.

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.)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing 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. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located outside the main reception area at Royal Perth Yacht Club. Every reasonable attempt will be made to ensure that copies of notices are also posted on the RPYC Website and notice board at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club; however this does not constitute an official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes made to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0730 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

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4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the northern Ceremonial Deck in front of the Royal Perth Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal AP..

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/Registration	Thursday	8 Mar 2018	1500 – 1900
Races	Friday	9 Mar 2018	Warning Signal 1630
Races Session1	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 finish of the last race.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag is a white flag with red Etchells emblem.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of the Swan River known as Melville Water West.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 Courses are illustrated in Attachment A. The course illustrations show the course configurations, including the rounding order and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying numeral pennant 1 or 2 on the Committee boat at or before the warning signal.
- 8.3 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. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 3S and 3P will be orange conical inflatable buoys. Mark 2 will be an orange pimple buoy.
- 9.2 The change of course mark as per 11.1 will be a orange with black stripe inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 Start and Finish pin marks will be a black and white chequered buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at port end.

11. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will replace the original mark with a change mark (SI 9.2) in the new position and then remove the original mark.
- 11.2 The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This adds to RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a flag mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the finish mark.
- 12.2 When the race committee intends on sailing another race, code flag 'R' will be flown from the committee boat.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish course number 1 is 90 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish course number 2 is 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

14. ON-WATER PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

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 that the penalty for infringements 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.

15. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Boating Operations Office at Royal Perth Yacht Club.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Boating Operations Office within 60 minutes of the docking time of the race committee boat after the last race of the session. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board. Boats are required to advise the RC finishing boat of it's intention to lodge a protest.
- 15.3 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 Bond Room on the day of the protest lodgement (unless otherwise advised) starting as soon as possible after the notice has been posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 18, 19.2, 21, 22.1 and 22.4 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 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 shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted.

SI 15.6 (a)(b) & (c) amend RRS 62 and 66

16. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 16.1 Protest arbitration may be used for this event, which if used, will be held at the Regatta Office soon after protest forms are lodged and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Appendix T

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3 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.

18. KEEPING CLEAR

Boats shall give way to support and safety vessels identified by a flag or lettering on the boat displaying the word "Safety".

19. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Organising Authority, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 77 unless otherwise advised and shall follow all instructions from the Organising Authority.
- 19.2 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).

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of measured equipment will be allowed, as long as any substitution satisfies class rules.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 22.1 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).
- 22.2 The race committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.
- 22.3 The radio channel in use for the regatta will be VHF 77.
- 22.4 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.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

24. INSURANCE

All competing helmspersons shall have Third Party Liability and Public Liability insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 for any one incident. By signing the entry form, helmspersons are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

25. WORLDS QUALIFICATION

The International Etchells Class State Championships is the selection series for the Swan River Etchells fleet for the 2018 World Championships in Brisbane.

ATTACHMENT A

COURSE 1

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



COURSE 2

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

