



Royal Perth Yacht Club (Inc)

in association with

Etchells Swan River Fleet

AMENDED SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

State Championships

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th March 2021

Race Committee

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Race communications will be on VHF Channel 77

1.0 Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24 (Rules).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), especially Part 1, Section 2, Category 7.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the Etchell Class Association.
- 1.4 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T as outlined in Appendix 2 - Attached.
- 1.5 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows: RRS 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in RRS 1 and, in addition, where the Race Committee, Race Committee Vessel or Safety Boat deems that the boat and its crew require assistance in order to recover crew from the water and to be then as soon as possible returned to the boat at the approximate position of the MOB in order to allow that boat and crew to continue racing."
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will apply. This changes rule 63.7.

2.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the foyer, Royal Perth Yacht Club, Crawley.

3.0 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 A change to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with Rule 90.2(c). Any change made may be delivered from a Race Committee Boat and will be made orally by VHF radio. Flag "L" will be displayed while the change is being given.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast at Royal Perth Yacht Club Ceremonial Deck.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 1 hour" in Race Signal AP.

5.0 Schedule

Day	Date	Time of First Signal	Time of Last Warning Signal
Saturday	6 th March	09:00	11:30
Saturday	6 th March	16:30	18:30
Sunday	7 th March	09:00	11:30

- 5.1 The Starting Procedure shall be in accordance with Rule 26.
- 5.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the AP flag will be displayed for not less than two (2) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 Any boats observed by the Race Committee to be OCS and who have not returned to start after approximately one (1) minute may be announced over VHF. Failure of the

Race Committee to make or boats to receive such communications will not be grounds for redress under 60.1(b).

6.0 Class Flags

The class flag will be that of the International Etchell Class Association.

7.0 Racing Area

The racing area shall be Melville Water West, or in the event of a conflict of water space Matilda Bay.

8.0 The Courses (Appendix 1)

8.1 Except as otherwise determined by the Race Committee, the courses will be windward/leeward as illustrated in Appendix 1 which also indicates the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 When the on-station flag is visible the start/finish line is an obstacle of the course.

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.

8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying numeral pennant 1, 2 or 3 from the race committee vessel no later than the warning signal.

8.5 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 or broadcast on Channel 72.

8.6 Course changes will be signalled in accordance with Rule 33.

8.7 To change the next leg of the course before the finish, 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.

9.0 Marks

9.1 Marks 1, 3s & 3p will be large orange inflatable buoys. Mark 2 will be an orange "pimple" buoy.

9.2 Change of course for Mark 1 will be a large green inflatable buoy. In the event that this is used a separation mark may be used.

10.0 The Start Line

The Start line shall be between the staff carrying an orange flag on the Start Boat and the port end start mark which shall be a large, chequered buoy.

11.0 The Finish

The Finish line shall be between the staff carrying the blue flag on the Start Boat and the starboard end finish mark. This mark shall be a large, chequered buoy.

12.0 Time limits

Course 1 60 minutes

Course 2 60 minutes

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in their fleet will be recorded DNF. This changes Rule 35.

13.0 Penalties at the Time of an Incident

Taking a penalty: rule 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 while outside the *Zone* is a one-turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 **inside** the *Zone* remains unchanged at two-turns Penalty.

14.0 Protests

14.1 To facilitate early notification to the protest committee, skippers planning to lodge a protest are required to hail the finish boat as soon as they have finished that race. The race officer will then notify the protest committee Chairman.

14.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and delivered to the Regatta Office within 60 minutes from the time the last boat has finished in the last race of that day.

14.3 Parties to a protest will be advised of the time and location of the hearing. This advice may be given verbally and may be posted on the notice board.

15.0 Protest Arbitration (Appendix 2)

15.1 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 rules of mediation adopted by RPYC – see Appendix 2.

15.2 Protestors must lodge forms with the Regatta Office. The protestor must wait to receive 2 copies of the protest – one for themselves, and the other to deliver to the protestee. It is the protestor's responsibility to bring the protestee back to the office for the arbitration hearing as required.

16.0 Scoring

16.1 The Championship scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Point System in the Rules Appendix A.

16.2 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

17.0 Safety

17.1 Boats are required to carry an operational marine VHF radio. Except in an emergency or in circumstances described in these instructions, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, and also notify their intentions towards any subsequent races for that day.

- 17.3 At least one person additional to the nominated skipper on each boat shall be capable of handling the boat.
- 17.4 Boats shall meet all the requirements of the relevant Class rules for racing.
- 17.5 All Person Overboard incidents are to be reported to the RO by VHF radio on channel 77, or by mobile phone.
- 17.6 Any boat requiring emergency assistance during the event shall signal the Race Officer either on VHF Channel 77 or with the use of a mobile phone on the number published on the cover of these Sailing Instructions.
- 17.7 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.0 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance and eligibility to compete. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.0 Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless advised by the Race Committee.

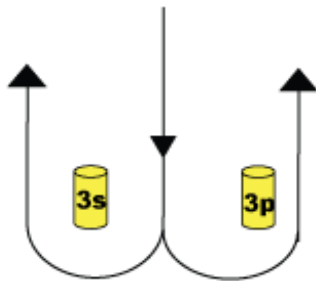
20.0 Prizes

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Regatta
- 20.2 Other Trophies/Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of each Class committee at a time to be determined.

APPENDIX 1 – COURSE DIAGRAM

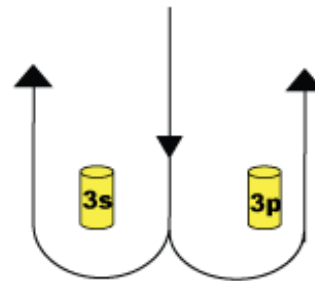
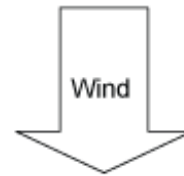
COURSE 1

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



COURSE 2

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



APPENDIX 2 – ARBITRATION

- 1.1 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
 - 1.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
 - 1.3 After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
 - (a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, and the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)
 - 1.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
 - 1.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.
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