



Etchells

NOTICE OF RACE

**International Etchells Class 2015
South Australian State Championship**

29th November, 6th and 13th December 2014

To be conducted by the

**Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron (inc)
Adelaide, South Australia**

On behalf of the International Etchells Association of South Australia.

1. INVITATION

The Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron (RSAYS), as the organising authority will conduct the

International Etchells Class 2015 South Australian State Championship

On the waters of Gulf St Vincent, North Haven, South Australia

Owners and Charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter on the conditions of the Notice of Race.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016, as modified by the sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia shall apply
- 2.3 Boats must comply with the 2013- 2016 YA Special Regulations Equipment Category 6 requirements.
- 2.4 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with PDF Type 1 (AS 1512) or PDF Type 2 (AS 1499) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.
- 2.5 A boat's compliance with the Yachting Australia Special Regulations – may be checked at any time after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.
- 2.6 The Championship is classified as a Class B event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.7 Participating boats shall display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championships in accordance with instructions detailed at registration. In accordance with ISAF regulations 20.3.1.2 & 20.5.1 no other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All Competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 The weights and total combined weight of each crew member of each boat will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with Etchells Class Rule C.2.2.
- 3.3 Each crew member on each boat shall be weighed between the hours of 0930 and 1100 on the Saturday 29th November 2014 at the Regatta Office of RSAYS.
- 3.4 The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 3.5 All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 56, as well as all International Etchells Class rules in relation to eligibility.
- 3.6 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made on line to the Association's account BSB No. 015 025 Account No. 257600597 with the reference to be the sail number.
- 3.8 Entries close at 1700hrs on Friday 28th November 2014. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for all boats is \$A150.00 (inc. GST).

5. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All registration formalities including sail registration and crew weigh in are required to be completed by 1130hrs on Saturday 29th January 2014 at the Regatta Office.
- 5.2 All sails which competitors intend to use during the regatta are to be correctly recorded on the boats sail card. There will be NO facility available to measure unmeasured sails.
- 5.3 During the regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time.

6. SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Event	First Warning Signal
Saturday, 29 th November, 2014	Registration and Weigh In	
	Pre Race Briefing 1130 Hrs	
Saturday, 29 th November, 2014	Race Day Area A (2 Races)	1310 Hrs
Saturday 6th December, 2014	Race Day Area B (3 Races)	1255 Hrs
Saturday, 13th December, 2014	Race Day Area B (3 Races)	1255 Hrs
Saturday, 13th December, 2014	Presentation	

- 6.1 A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1700hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration,

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on Gulf St Vincent north and south of the Outer Harbour entrance.
- 8.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to relocate the course should conditions require.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 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 that 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.
- 9.2 A boat that is retiring under RRS44.1 shall inform the Race Officer when leaving the course.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 10.4 When six (6) or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 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 is permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.3 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 13.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the floatation of the boat.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the series.
- 12.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any 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.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4– Decision to Race.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat must be insured 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.
- 14.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 14.3 Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

15 MEDIA

- 15.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.