



Etchells

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS

2015 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

29th November, 6th and 13th December 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is

ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YACHT

SQUADRON

In conjunction with

International Etchells Fleet of South Australia

MUSTO

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rule of Sailing (RRS) as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association shall apply except as altered by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 This is a Class C Event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.5 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia shall apply.
- 1.6 The Organising Authority will supply sail identification stamps. All boats will require having the stamp attached to each sail identified at sail registration for use in the event and maintaining them for the duration of the event.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located on the left hand side of the entrance to the Race Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 120 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron flagpole located on the lawn in front of the Official Race Office.
- 4.2 When the “AP” flag is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than forty five (45) minutes. This changes the RRS Race Signals Postponement Signal “AP”.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The State Championships will consist of eight (8) races scheduled over three (3) consecutive Saturdays.
- 5.2 The schedule of events are as follows:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 29 th November	Registration and Weigh in	0900 - 1100
	Briefing	1130
Saturday 29 th November	Racing (2 Races) Course A	1310
Saturday 6 th December	Racing (3 Races) Course B	1255
Saturday 13 th December	Racing (3 Races) Course B	1255
	Presentation	

- a. The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time, but will advance the Championship by not more than one (1) race per day.
- b. After a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the day, to alert boats that the next race will begin soon, the “AP” flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four (4) minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

6 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The race area will be situated in the Gulf St Vincent (Courses A and B).

7 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The Diagrams in **Attachment 1** show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed shall be indicated on the course board at the stern of the Committee Vessel displayed no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 shall be orange inflatable buoys.
- 8.2 For a change of course the alternate mark will be yellow.
- 8.3 The start and finish marks will be the Race Committee Vessel on the starboard end and a pink inflatable on the port end.

9 SHIPPING ADVICE

- 9.1 Commercial ships (longer than 25mt) are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre while entering and departing the Port River and the Outer Harbour Channel and all boats shall take avoiding action to keep a clear area 500 mt forward of ships. Failure to do so may result in heavy fines.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 10.2 The start line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the pink inflatable at the port end.
- 10.3 A crowding mark displaying a yellow flag maybe streamed from the Race Committee Vessel. This forms part of the Race Committee Vessel and boats shall not pass between it and the Race Committee Vessel.
- 10.4 Boats starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 10.5 If the “U” flag has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal, no part of the boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the start line and the first mark during the last minute of her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS A4.

11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing mark) 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 and will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2 The course may be shortened after the start in accordance with RR 32.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at starboard end and a pink inflatable on the port end of the line.
- 12.2 The finish line Race Committee Vessel shall also display a blue flag as per Race Signals.

13 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 13.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS44.1 and 44.2.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the courses are as follows:
- 14.2 Course 1: Three (3) hours
- 14.3 Course 2: Two (2) hours
- 14.4 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the counter of the Race Office within the official time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit shall be sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 15.3 The time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the Race Committee shall be thirty (30) minutes after the final results are posted. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The low points score system as described in RRS A4 will apply.
- 16.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled of which a minimum of four (4) races are required to constitute a Championship.
- 16.3 When four (4) races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

- 16.4 When six (6) or more races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5 Competitors may lodge a scoring enquiry of that days racing within the time limits of SI 16.2.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Race committee. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal on any race day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Race Committee and the written permission of the Race Committee shall be applied for before protest time limit at the end of the day of substitution taking place.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and International Etchells Class Rules C2.1, C2.2 and C2.3.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 19.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advice competitors of general matter relating to the racing. Failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.
- 19.3 The race radio channel will be VHF channel 73.
- 19.4 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 (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of a member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Championship.
- 20.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 20.3 The Perpetual Trophy for First Place in the State Championship is permently held at RSAYS.

21 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 Boats shall not dispose of any litter such as plastic bags, cans, bottles, etc. into the water. Rubbish may be placed on a Race Committee Vessel between races as per RRS55.

22 ENTRY DISCLAIMER AND RISK WARNING INSURANCE

- 22.1 **Disclaimer:** It is the responsibility of owner and skipper to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the rules as defined in the RRS. All competitors who sign the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:
- (a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 56;
 - (b) Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
 - (c) Adequate current Third Party Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
 - (d) The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
 - (e) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning below;
 - (f) The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning below and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any event conducted by the Organising Authority;
 - (g) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, Class Associations, Race Committee and other officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the Regatta.
- 22.2 **Risk Warning:** Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.

- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Royal south Australian Yacht Squadron, Class Association, S.A. Coast Guard and the S. A. Maritime Services also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing activity with the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron.

Participants are also advised that although the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting Australia entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat must be insured with third party property insurance cover and valid third party personal liability insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (\$10 million) or equivalent in any other currency for any one claim for the duration of the Regatta.

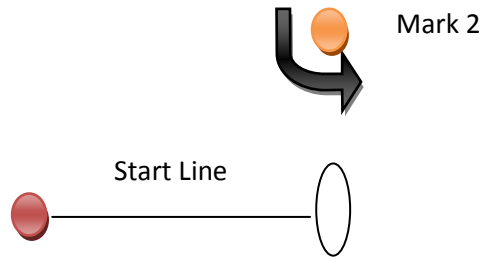
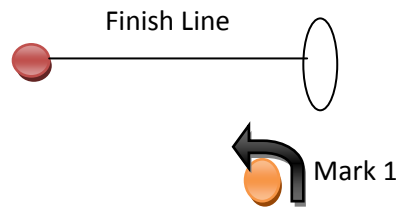
24 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 24.1 In participating in this Regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the Regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Regatta without compensation.

ATTACHMENT 1: Courses

Course 1

Start- 1-2-1-2-Finish



Course 2

Start-1-2-1-Finish

