



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS 2007/2008 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 11th to 18th January 2007



to be conducted by the
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.
In conjunction with the
International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the current "rules" as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2005-2008, the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The Championship is an ISAF Recognised Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class B event.
- 2.3. This is a Category A event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.1(d)(i).
- 2.4. The YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.5. The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (Inc) do not apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed on Saturday 12th January between the hours of 1300 and 1700 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) 7.1.
- 3.3. Each crew member of each boat will be reweighed on Wednesday 16th January between the hours of 0700 and 0900 to ensure compliance with OD Rule 7.1 is maintained.
- 3.4. Crews that fail to make the weight limit will be ineligible to compete in races scheduled that day and will remain ineligible to compete in the regatta until compliant with OD rule 7.1.
- 3.5. Crew substitutions will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 3.6. Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Regatta Office.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form and shall be forwarded to The Regatta Secretary, Etchells Brisbane Fleet, PO Box 5319, Manly QLD 4179 or faxed to 61 7 3393 4100.
- 4.2. Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 4.2.1. The entry Fee of \$550 for a three person crew or \$600 for a four person crew;
 - 4.2.2. A copy of the Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate; and
 - 4.2.3. A copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate.
 - 4.2.4. A copy of a valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 18.
- 4.3. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours EST Friday 4th January 2008.
- 4.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by a late fee of A\$100.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 11 th January	Registration	0800-1700
Saturday 12 th January	Registration	0800-1700
	Crew Weigh-in	1300-1700
	Welcome Cocktails	1800-2100
	Skippers Meeting	1030
Sunday 13 th January	Practice Race	Warning 1300
	Race 1	Warning 1100
Monday 14 th January	Race 2	After Race 1
	Race 3	Warning 1100
Tuesday 15 th January	Race 4	After Race 3
	Crew Re-weigh	0700-0900
Wednesday 16 th January	Race 5	Warning 1200
	Race 6	Warning 1200
Thursday 17 th January	Race 7	Warning 1200
Friday 18 th January	Prize Giving	1700

The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signaled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179 on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th January 2008 between 0800 hours and 1700 hours.
- 6.2. Boats will not be measured for the Australian Championships however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3. Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta must be presented at registration for recording and marking by the Organising Authority. All sails competitors intend to present for use during the regatta are to be measured and correctly recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with IECA Rules prior to registration. There will be no facility available to measure unmeasured sails at registration.
- 6.4. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation required Certificates, are required to be completed by 1700 hours on Saturday 12th January 2008.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. RACING AREA

The races will be sailed on the waters of Moreton Bay to the east of Green Island.

9. COURSES

The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class Appendix B in the International Etchells Class Yearbook.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. Seven races are scheduled. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. If four or five races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.
- 10.4. If six or seven races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority and will be chaired by an International Juror.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 1700 hours on Saturday 12th January 2008 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee. No boat that is already afloat at 1200 hours on Saturday 12th January may be hauled out and re-launched prior to the 1700 deadline except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

From the time a boat leaves its moorings until the conclusion of racing that day, no boat shall activate any device capable of receiving or transmitting radio wave communications, except in an emergency. This restriction includes mobile and cellular telephones.

16. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 16.2. The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in the respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum Aud\$5,000,000 (recommended Aud\$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 17.2. 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..
- 17.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The Skip Etchells Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 18.2. The Roger Dane Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Masters Division (skipper over 50 years of age).
- 18.3. The Jim Annand Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Grand Masters' Division (total age crew of 150 years for a three person crew and 200 years for a four person crew).
- 18.4. Prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall, individual race winners, Masters Division and the Grand Masters Division winners.
- 18.5. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 18.6. Age is that applicable at midnight on Sunday 13 January 2008.

19. SOCIAL

Refreshments will be provided for competitors after racing each day at RQYS as part of the entry fee. A Welcome Cocktail Party will be held in Flags Function Room at RQYS on Saturday 12th January between 1800 and 2100 hours which is also included in the entry fee. A small charge may be made for non-competitors wishing to attend and will be payable at registration.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:

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Sail No..... Hull No..... Boat Name.....
Fleet Name..... Club.....

SKIPPER..... Home #.....
Address..... Mobile #.....
..... Fax #.....
DOB..... YA #..... Email.....

CREW/CO-SKIPPER..... Home #.....
Address..... Mobile #.....
..... Fax #.....
DOB..... YA #..... Email.....

CREW..... Home #.....
Address..... Mobile #.....
..... Fax #.....
DOB..... YA #..... Email.....

CREW..... Home #.....
Address..... Mobile #.....
..... Fax #.....
DOB..... YA #..... Email.....

Complete both pages of this entry form and return with the following enclosures:

1. Copy of Sail Measurement Certificate and a copy of the Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate for the boat registered in the name(s) appearing as Skipper/Co-Skipper on this entry form. The originals must be presented at Registration.
2. Copy of Current Insurance Policy Document.
3. Entry Fee for \$550.00 (Three person crew) or \$600.00 (Four person crew).

PAYMENT by CHEQUE - Payable to the International Etchells Class Association, Brisbane Fleet Inc.

PAYMENT by EFT – BSB 484-799 Account No. 182541941 (Quote Sail Number as the reference)

PAYMENT by CREDIT CARD -

Visa Master Card Amount Payable \$ _____

Card No.		Expiry	
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Card Holder Name _____ Cardholder Signature _____

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I certify that I am a financial member of an International Etchells Class Fleet and a financial member of a Yacht or Sailing Club affiliated with its National Authority

I agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race and all other rules that govern the event and I acknowledge that Rule 4 – Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility for a crew deciding to participate in a race or to continue on the crew alone

I declare and certify that our yacht complies with YA Special Regulations for Category 7 races and the Safety Equipment requirements of the Class Rules.

I understand that the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

I agree to the use of my photograph(s) and other relevant information in any publicity and on the ongoing promotion of Australian yachting, the International Etchells Class Association and the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

I agree to the Organising Authority holding the above information for the general administration and well being of the sport of yachting, and for them to retain, use or disclose the information to affiliated organisations and any other persons or organisations that the Organising Authority believes will further the interests of the sport. I acknowledge my right to access and correction of this information.

Competitor's Signatures:

Helmsperson.....	Date.....
Co-Helmsperson.....	Date.....
Crew.....	Date.....
Crew.....	Date.....

This entry form (and enclosures) including the entry fee must be received not later than 1700 hrs on January 4, 2008.

Mail to:

International Etchells Class Association, Brisbane Fleet Inc
PO Box 5319
Manly QLD 4189

or

Fax to:

RQYS Sailing Office 07 3393 4100