



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS 2008 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

11th to 18th January 2008



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



1. Rules

- 1.1. 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) and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Championship is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association as a Class B event.
- 1.3. 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).
- 1.4. The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) apply.
- 1.5. The YA Special regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located outside the Marine Sports Office of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS).

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast adjacent to the RQYS clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 90 minutes in the race signal AP.’

5. Schedule of Events

- 5.1. The Schedule of Events is as follows:

Date	Event	Time of Race Warning Signal
Friday 11 th January 2008	Registration	0800 – 1700 hours
Saturday 12 th January 2008	Registration	0800 – 1700 hours
	Crew Weigh-in	1300 – 1700 hours
	Welcome Cocktails	1800 – 2100 hours
Sunday 13 th January 2008	Skippers Meeting	1030 hours
	Practice Race	1300 hours
Monday 14 th January 2008	Race 1	1200 hours
	Race 2	As soon as practical after Race 1
Tuesday 15 th January 2008	Race 3	1200 hours
	Race 4	As soon as practical after Race 3
	Crew Re-weigh	For 1 hour after last boat returns to dock
Wednesday 16 th January 2008	Crew Re-weigh	0700 – 0900 hours
	Race 5	1200 hours
Thursday 17 th January 2008	Race 6	1200 hours
Friday 18 th January 2008	Race 7	1200 hours
	Trophy Presentation	1800 hours

- 5.2. No warning signal will be made after **1400 hrs** on the last day of racing.
- 5.3. When more than one race is scheduled on any day, the warning signal for the ensuing races

will be made not less than 10 minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.

6. Class Flag

Class flag will be a Etchells Insignia in blue on a white background.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be to the east of Green Island.

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The Courses are illustrated in Attachment A.
- 8.2. The windward leg will be between 1.2 - 2.5 nautical miles (approx.).
- 8.3. The numeral pennant for the course to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee vessel prior to the warning signal.
- 8.4. The approximate compass bearing, together with the approximate length of the first leg, may be displayed on the Race Committee vessel.
- 8.5. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2.

9 Marks

- Course marks 1, 2, 3S an 3P - Conical orange inflatable buoys.
Start & Finish marks - Conical orange inflatable buoys with a black band.

10 The Start

- 10.1 All races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the port end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- 10.4 A starting limit mark, which may not be precisely on the start line, may be laid near or floated from the Race Committee vessel. All boats shall leave this mark to starboard. For the purpose of the RRS a limit mark is deemed to be part of the vessel which it protects.

11 Change of Course after the Start

Changes to the course shall be made in accordance with RRS 33. The compass bearing to the new mark shall be displayed on a board on the signal boat.

12 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the finish mark (Refer to Attachment A – Course Diagram).

13 Penalty System

- 13.1 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 for infringements occurring within the Two-Length Zone for which the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Marine Sports Office at the earliest opportunity after coming ashore and before the protest time limit.
- 13.3 As provided in RRS 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken RRS 42.

14 Time Limit

- 14.1 The time limit for each race will be one hundred and eighty (180) minutes. If one boat finishes within the time limit the race will stand.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). (Amends RRS 35).

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Marine Sports Office. Protests will be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is one hundred and twenty (120) minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Protests will be heard approximately in the order of receipt as soon as possible after the end of the protest time limit.
- 15.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time to be advised.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 A list of boats that, under Clause 13.3, have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.7 Breaches of Clauses 13.2, 17, 19, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 If six (6) or seven (7) races are completed, then the worst result will be dropped, and if four (4) or five (5) races are completed, all scores will count,

This changes RRS A2.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 **Sign On:** All boats intending to start shall, before the first warning signal, sail past the Race Committee vessel (start boat) on starboard tack, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the official on the boat.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after making the decision to retire.
- 17.3 Tow lines – all boats shall carry and use tow lines that are in accordance with the Etchells Class Rules. Tows may be refused if tow ropes do not comply.

18 Official Boats

- 18.1 Race Committee boats may be marked by flying a white flag displaying the letters RC.
- 18.2 Boats carrying members of the Protest Committee may be marked by flying a white flag displaying the letter J.

19 Support Boats

Without approval of the Race Committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not approach closer than 100 metres from any boat racing from the warning signal until the last boat in that race has finished or the race has been postponed or abandoned. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be subject to protest by the Race Committee which may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so. All support boats must be registered with the Regatta Office prior to the regatta. Each boat will be issued with an identifying flag which must be prominently displayed while on the water.

20 Skipper's Meeting

A **compulsory** skippers meeting will take place at **1030 hrs** on Sunday 13th January 2008 on the Boardwalk Cafe area of RQYS.

21 Haul-Out Restrictions

All boats shall be afloat before **1700 hrs** 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, except in an emergency.

22 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee.
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Protest Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Protest Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

23 Equipment & Measurement Checks

A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions which may include RRS 43 and One Design Rules 7.1 and 7.2. On the water a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.

24 Crew Weighing

- 24.1 Each crew member of each boat will be weighed on Saturday 12th January 2008 between the hours of 1300 and 1700 hours to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1.
- 24.2 All crews will be reweighed during a period of one hour after racing on Tuesday 15th January and on Wednesday 16th January 2008 between 0700 and 0900 hours.
- 24.3 To facilitate both weigh-ins crews of each boat should present themselves as a complete crew.

- 24.4 Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of the weigh-in time will be ineligible to compete in races scheduled that day and will remain ineligible to compete in the regatta until compliant with One Design Rule 7.1.
- 24.5 Crew substitutes will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limits.
- 24.6 Weighing scales will be available on each race day at the Regatta Office.

25 Bow Numbers

- 25.1 Competitors may be required to display bow numbers on both port and starboard bows. If required, they shall be maintained by competitors in accordance with the following requirements:
- Bow numbers shall be placed perpendicular to the sheer line;
 - No portion of a bow number may be placed farther aft than a vertical line intersecting a point on the sheer line 1.1 metres aft of point A (the point of the bow);
 - Bow numbers shall be placed 75 mm apart, except they shall be placed 150 mm apart if one of them is a numeral one;
 - The tops of all bow numbers shall be placed within 20 mm of the sheer line; and
 - No portion of the bow number may wrap around the sheer or the stem.
- 25.2 Only the Race Committee may protest a boat for breach of Sailing Instructions 25.1 (amends RRS 60).

26 Plastic Pools

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

27 Radio Communication

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.

28 Prizes

Presentation of prizes will be conducted in Flags (Upstairs function room) at approximately 1800 hours on Friday 18th January 2008.

- 28.1 The Skip Etchells Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 28.2 The Roger Dane Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Masters Division (skipper over 50 years of age).
- 28.3 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).
- 28.4 Prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall, individual race winners, Masters Division and the Grand Masters Division winners.
- 28.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Brisbane Etchells Fleet.

29 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4. Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and all others involved in the management and conduct of this event shall not be liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 Insurance

Each participating boat shall have adequate third-party property insurance cover and valid third-party personal liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10 million per event or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A - COURSE DIAGRAM

COURSE 1 – Numeral Pennant 1

Start – 1 – 2 – 3s or 3p – 1 – 2 - Finish

COURSE 2 – Numeral Pennant 2

Start – 1 – 2 – 3S or 3P – 1 – 2 – 3S or 3P – Finish

