



Etchells

NOTICE OF RACE

2019 INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November 2019

to be conducted by the
SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB Inc.
In conjunction with the
International Etchells Class Association Gold Coast Fleet Inc. (IEAGCF)

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Southport Yacht Club Inc. in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association Gold Fleet Inc.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the then current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 2.3. Bow numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 2.4. The Queensland State Titles is a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 2.5. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 2.6. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.7. The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device being PFD Level 100/150/275 (AS4758) or PDF Level 50 (AS4758) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed between 0800 - 1600 on Friday 8th November or 0830 - 0930 Saturday the 9th November to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.
- 3.3. Crews that fail to make the weight limit by the close of registration Saturday 9th November will be ineligible to compete in the event.
- 3.4. Any crew substitutes for Sunday 10th November 2019 must be weighed before the first race of that day.
- 3.5. Crew substitutions will not be allowed for the purpose of complying with the weight limit.
- 3.6. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 56.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is an On-Line payment system for Etchells Class Membership. Memberships must be paid for on-line prior to registration. Please go to the Member’s area at www.etchells.org.au to pay your subscriptions.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries shall be made using the TopYacht entry link at <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/club-racing/etchells/2019-international-etchells-class-queensland-championships/>
- 4.2. Entries shall be accompanied by:
 - 4.2.1. The entry fee of \$350;
- 4.3. The originals of the following documents MUST be produced at the Event Registration:
 - 4.3.1. The Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate registered in the name of the Skipper;
 - 4.3.2. The Sail Measurement Certificate; and
 - 4.3.3. A valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 17.
- 4.4. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours on 31st October 2019.

4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority with the payment of a late entry fee of \$50.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 8 th November	Registration @ SYC Main Beach	0800-1600hrs
Saturday 9 th November	Registration @ SYC Main Beach	0830-930hrs
	Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0930hrs
	Race 1	Warning 1155hrs
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Sunday 10 th November	Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0800hrs
	Race 4	Warning 1055hrs
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5
	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Hollywell	1700hrs approx..

5.1 A maximum of six (6) races will be conducted

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

5.3 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.

5.4 If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the last day's scheduled race(s) this will be signalled 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 Southport Yacht Club Main Beach between 0800 and 1600 hours on Friday 8th November 2019 or Saturday 0830 and 0930 hours.

6.2. Boats will not be measured for this event.

6.3. Sails to be nominated for use in the event must be marked on the copy of the Sail Measurement Card presented at registration. Stickers may be issued for affixing to the nominated sails.

6.4. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation of required certificates must be completed by 0930 hours on Saturday 9th November 2019.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. RACING AREA

All Racing to be in the vicinity of the Sand Pumping Jetty in Offshore waters. In the event of Inclement Weather racing may be run on the Gold Coast Broadwater “Deep Hole” for the day. Decisions will be made by the Race Committee.

9. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

10.3. Six (6) races are scheduled.

10.4. If three (3) races are completed, then all results will count. This amends A2.

10.5. If four (4) or more 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.

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 1000 hours on Saturday 9th November 2019 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and 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. Swimming to clean a boat’s hull will not be permitted.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1. This supplement but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats **SHALL** carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats may 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 the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.

15.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.

15.3. 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 from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clause 15.1 or in an emergency threatening safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All helmspersons shall “Log-On” with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 providing Boat Name, Sail #, Persons On Board (POB), Mobile Number, Vessel Registration Number and Estimate Time of Return (ETR) **prior** to departing the Gold Coast Seaway.

16.2 All helmspersons shall “Sign On” with Race Control **BEFORE** the first Warning Signal on VHF09 advising their Boat Name, Sail # and P.O.B. (Persons On Board). Race Control will confirm their recorded details for confirmation of “Sign On”.

16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify Race Control as soon as possible.

16.4 All helmspersons shall “Log-Off” with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 immediately upon safely returning through the Gold Coast Seaway.

16.5 Failure to comply with **any** of these Safety Regulations will result in the boat being scored **DSQ** without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

17.1. 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 is hers alone.”

17.2. 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.

18. INSURANCE

18.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum Aud\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.

18.2. Such insurance policy should also carry a “racing risk” extension.

18.3. 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.

18.4. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

19. PRIZES

19.1. The Queensland State Titles Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.

19.2. Keeper prizes will also be awarded to First, Second and Third Overall.

20. LAUNCHING & RETRIEVAL AREA

- 20.1 **SYC Hollywell (1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell) is to be used for all Launching and Retrieval with its onsite Crane.** SYC Hollywell will provide a Crane Marshall to operate the SYC Hollywell Crane on Friday 8th & Sunday 10th November 2019. There will be no Crane facilities at SYC Main Beach.
- 20.2 Trailer Parking will be available on the grass public area along Marina Crescent.
- 20.3 SYC Main Beach Marina birthing allocations will be available for competitors on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November 2019. Rafting may be required depending on Marina vacancies.
- 20.4 SYC Hollywell will provide Support Boats on Friday 8th November for towing multiple Competitors on each occasion to SYC Main Beach throughout the day.

20.5 Any competitors launching on Saturday 9th of November must make prior arrangements with the SYC Sailing Offices

20. SOCIAL

- 20.1. A BBQ will be held for crews and families after racing on Saturday 9th November at SYC Main Beach in the BBQ Area at the Sunset Garden Bar and Sunday 10th November SYC Hollywell in the BBQ area. There will be no charge for this BBQ.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Sailing Office on phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131 or E-mail: sailing.admin@sycgc.com.au

