



***Etchells***

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**International Etchells 2019  
Victorian Championship**

**9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

**To be conducted by**

**Royal Geelong Yacht Club  
Geelong, Victoria**

**In conjunction with the Geelong Etchells Fleet**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 plus VHF radio.
- 1.2 A boat's compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations may be checked at any time by the Organising Authority after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee. Discretionary penalties may apply.
- 1.3 The Championship is classified as a Class C event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championships in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing boats.
- 2.2 Bow Numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority. Replacement Bow Numbers will be supplied and fitted by the Organising Authority upon request.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 Crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46.
- 3.3 Entries and payment of the applicable fees shall be made online through Top Yacht on the website at [Entry Page](#)
- 3.4 Entries close at 17:00hrs on Friday 1st March 2019. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$100. No entries will be accepted after 13:00 hrs on Wednesday 6th March, 2019.
- 3.5 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval during the Regatta and participation in sanctioned social events.

## **4 FEES**

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with three crew is \$520 (Inc. GST)
- 4.2 Regatta entry fee for boats sailing with four crew is \$570 (Inc. GST)

## **5 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT**

- 5.1 Boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the RGYC Registration Desk on Friday 8th March, 2019 from 16:00hrs to 18:30hrs or on Saturday 9th March, 2019 from 08:30hrs to 10:00hrs.
- 5.2 Boats shall present a current Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, Mast Measurement Certificate if applicable, AS Special Regulation Category 7 Safety Compliance Certificate and acknowledge insurance currency at registration.
- 5.3 Registration formalities (including the presentation of all Certificates and compliance documentation, boat and sail registration and crew weigh-in) are required to be completed by 10:00hrs on Saturday 9th March, 2019 at the Regatta Office.

5.4 Sails which boats intend to use during the Regatta are to be correctly recorded on the boats sail card prior to registration. There will be NO facility available to measure sails during the Regatta.

#### 5.5 Crew Weight Measurement

5.5.1 Competitors shall be weighed prior to racing at the Regatta Office during the Registration period (See NOR 5.1)

5.5.2 Competitors shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.

5.5.3 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

5.5.4 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

5.5.5 The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

#### 5.6 Crew Substitution

Requests for substitution of crew members will be received if in writing and will be considered by the Race Committee. Requests for crew substitution must be made no later than at the time of the boat's registration setting out the reason for such request and detailing the crew to be substituted and the days on which the substituted crew will be sailing. Crew members permitted to substitute must weigh in and register on the morning of racing between 08:00 and 09:00hrs.

5.7 Boats that wish to be scored in the Masters & Grand Masters Divisions shall provide the dates of birth of all crew no later than the close of registration.

## 6 SCHEDULES

### 6.1 Regatta Schedule

Day & Date	Activity	Time
Friday, 8th March, 2019	Registration and Weigh In	16:00-18:30 Hrs
Saturday, 9th March, 2019	Registration and Weigh In	08:30-10:00 Hrs
Saturday, 9th March, 2019	Competitor Information session	10:30 Hrs
Monday, 11th March, 2019	Presentation Ceremony	After Racing

### 6.2 Racing Schedule

Day & Date	Number of Races	First Warning Signal
Saturday, 9th March, 2019	2	12:55 hrs
Sunday, 10th March, 2019	2	12:55 hrs
Monday, 11th March, 2019	2	10:55 hrs

6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration, and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on Corio Bay.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the “Zone”, shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats will be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta. Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the RGYC Regatta Office prior to registration. [DP]
- 11.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. [DP]
- 11.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day. [DP]
- 11.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the prior permission of the Race Committee. [DP]
- 11.5 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING**

- 12.1 Boats will be allocated into the basin area near crane or at the guest dock in front of the RGYC main Club house.
- 12.2 The organising committee will direct trailer parking at a venue to be advised.

### **13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 12:00hrs on Saturday, 9th March, 2019 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

### **14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 14.1 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 are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. [DP]
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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 14.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat. [DP]

### **15 PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be given to the boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 15.2 The Victorian Perpetual Trophy will be given to the overall winner.
- 15.3 The Women's Trophy will be given to the first place female helm.
- 15.4 The Corinthian Trophy will be given to the first boat where the skipper and all crew hold a World Sailing Sailor Classification Category 1.
- 15.5 A Perpetual Trophy will be given to the winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
- 15.6 A Perpetual Trophy will be given to the winner of the Grand Masters Division (Combined age of crew not less than 165 years for a 3 person crew and 220 years for a 4 person crew).
- 15.7 Age is that applicable at midnight on the 8th March 2019.
- 15.8 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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

16.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

## **17 INSURANCE**

- 17.1 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 AUD\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 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 MEDIA**

- 18.1 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 editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

## **19 ACCOMMODATION**

Information regarding accommodation options in and around the yacht club precinct is available at [Accommodation Options](#).

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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