



# Etchells Southern Area Championship

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Thames Yacht Club - Cowes Etchells Fleet  
Cowes, Isle of Wight



### 1. GENERAL

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.

### 2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### 3. ELIGIBLY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all International Etchells boats. All skippers and crews are required to be Active or Associate members of the IECA, unless dispensation is approved by the OA.
- 3.2. Sails may be borrowed for this event in accordance with IECA rule C 10.3 (i) and RRS G3 applies.
- 3.3. To be eligible for the Corinthian Prize, all competitors on such boat shall be current Category 1 sailors, per the World Sailing Sailor Classification, prior to racing. This can be obtained online at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).
- 3.4. The entry fee for this regatta is £170 per boat. All entry fees are non-refundable, except if the event is cancelled by the OA.

### 4. BOW NUMBERS

Boats will be provided with bow number stickers by the OA. They shall be placed 52cm aft of the bow, 6cm from the shearline and 6cm apart. Single digit numbers (e.g. '2') shall display the leading zero (e.g. '02'). These stickers shall be applied prior to the first race of the series. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that these are properly in place before racing each day.

### 5. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 5.1. There is no competitors' briefing scheduled for this regatta.
- 5.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and will be subsequently sent out via a WhatsApp group.
- 5.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Cowes Yacht Haven.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Six (6) races are scheduled. A maximum of four (4) races per day may be sailed.

	Saturday 3 October	Sunday 4 October
First warning signal	1025	1025
No warning signal after	--	1430*

\*unless there is a postponement or general recall during the starting sequence when the warning signal was made prior to 1430.

### 7. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall be in possession of a valid measurement certificate. There are no additional measurement procedures for this event.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Wednesday 30 September 2020 on the RTYC website.
- 8.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email: [racing@royalthames.com](mailto:racing@royalthames.com). Questions and responses from the race committee will be posted on the official notice board.

## **9. RACE VENUE AND COURSES**

- 9.1. Racing will take place in the Central Solent. The exact location of the first race will be announced each morning prior to racing on the WhatsApp group and over the dedicated VHF channel.
- 9.2. Competitors should make themselves familiar with the Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws. In addition, particular attention is drawn to the following document: [ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 14 of 2019](#).
- 9.3. The race course configuration will be windward–leeward and may include offset marks and gates.
- 9.4. Course diagrams and descriptions will be provided in the sailing instructions.

## **10. PENALTIES**

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty, each turn including one tack and one jibe. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 11.2. The Low Point scoring system will apply except when fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **12. PRIZES**

- 12.1. The Royal Thames Yacht Club Decanter, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the regatta at the annual RTYC Prize Winners' Dinner. Invitation to follow.
- 12.2. Prizes for the following will be awarded as soon as possible after the final race of the series at Cowes Yacht Haven.
  - a. Prizes for the top three (3) boats.
  - b. The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed a WS Category 1 crew.
  - c. A prize will be awarded to the highest place boat sailed by youth crew.

## **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat no later than 1800 the day before racing commences.
- 13.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **14. SUPPORT PERSON(S)**

*Support person(s)* shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each race until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **15. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information while afloat.
- 16.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **18. RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of them prior to, during, and after the event without compensation.

## **19. PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The personal information competitors provide to the OA will be used to facilitate their participation in the event. If they have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If they are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. A competitor's personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **20. INFORMATION**

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