



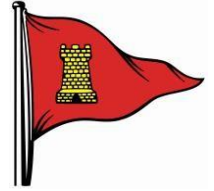
ETCHELLS SPRING REGATTA

SATURDAY 15TH SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

ISLAND SAILING CLUB

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE COWES ETCHELLS FLEET



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it takes effect. Any change to the schedule of races will also be posted by 0900 on the day it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.yachtscoring.com. The race committee will use the event WhatsApp group to alert competitors when there has been a posting.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.3. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF radio: location of race committee vessel, alternate preparatory signals, courses, postponement, abandonment, starting signals, recalls.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the boat hoist at Cowes Yacht Haven. If a signal is made ashore, the Race Officer will also relay the message on the event WhatsApp Group. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute after removal' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes the rule, Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

	Saturday	Sunday
Race Days	15 April	16 April
First warning signal	1155	1055
No warning signal after	--	1500

Three (3) races per day are scheduled, however a maximum of four (4) races per day may be sailed.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag for the Etchells Class will be code flag 'E'.

7. RACING AREA

The location of the start line will be announced via the event WhatsApp group by 0930 each race day.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course signal and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. If either gate mark 2s or 2p is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p will be Island Sailing Club inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. The start and finish marks will be an orange buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3. In addition to RRS 29.1, if any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her bow or sail number on VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LET OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. The race committee may change a leg of the course by up to ten (10) degrees in bearing and/or 200m in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at one end of the line and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty 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. This changes RRS 44.1.

14. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.
- 14.2. The Target Time for each race will be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the online official notice board.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available from the race office at Cowes Yacht Haven or the Island Sailing Club.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Island Sailing Club at the time posted.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

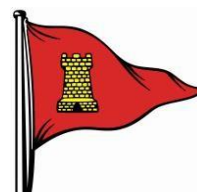
- 17.1. Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall: 1) sail past the race committee vessel on starboard tack; 2) announce her bow number; and 3) obtain the recognition of her bow number by the race committee.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via VHF before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore by contacting the race committee via the event WhatsApp Group.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Organising Authority.

19. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 19.1. The Race Committee signal vessel will be the M/V Cowes United, flying an Island Sailing Club burgee.
- 19.2. Race Committee support vessels will be RIBs flying Island Sailing Club burgees.



WhatsApp group



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APPENDIX A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

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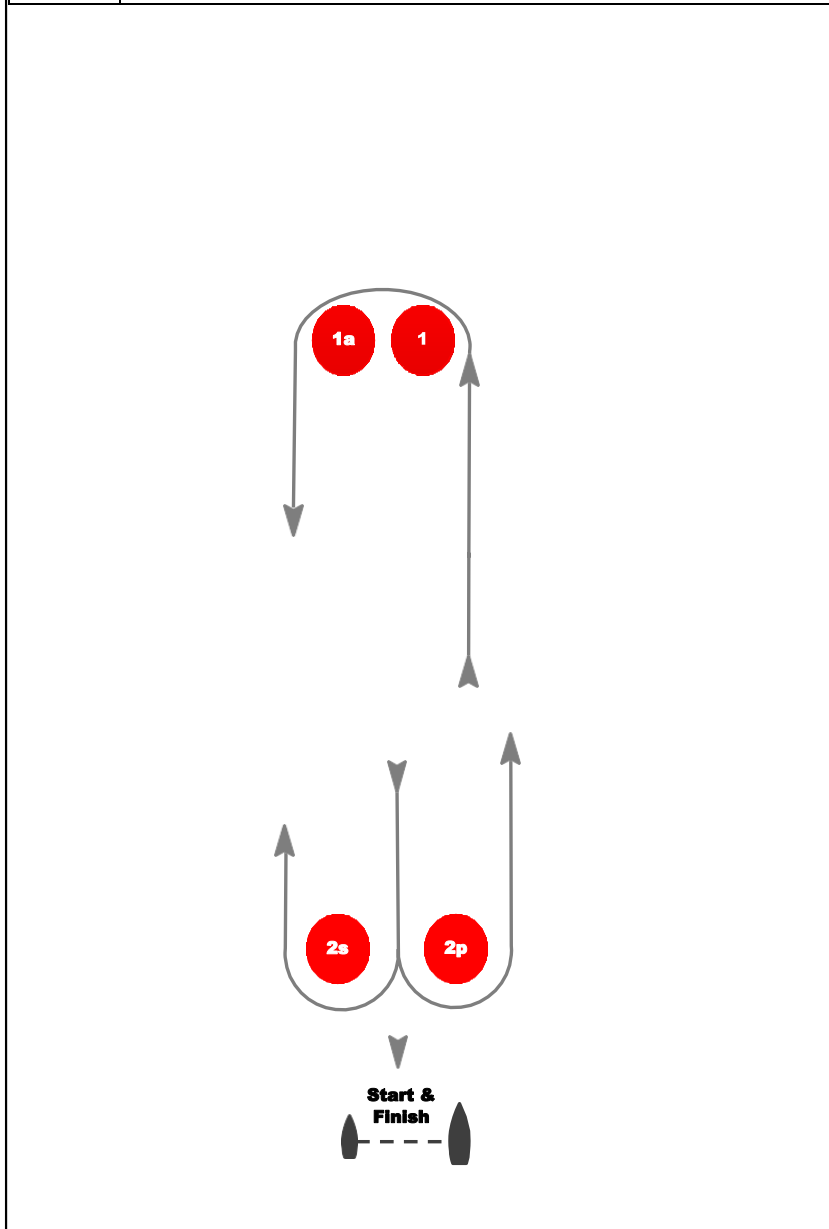
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LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and leeward finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish





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WA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and windward finish
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WA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish

