



ROYAL SOUTHERN
— YACHT CLUB —



Notice of Race

Royal Southern Yacht Club
Etchells Bedrock Trophy 2024
11th – 12th May

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Organising Authority: Royal Southern Yacht Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [NP] Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2024.
- 1.3. Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.4. This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website - https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf. Competitors entering the regatta are confirming that they accept this Code of Conduct

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available before the event on the Official Noticeboard.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard will be found here: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16505>
- 3.2. [NP][DP] Boats shall carry working VHF radio with all usual marine channels including M1 (37A) and M2 (P4).
- 3.3. On the water the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio. The channel used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [NP][DP] While afloat, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. There will be a WhatsApp group for competitors – details of which will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.2. [NP] Helms must either be a current (2024) Active or Associate member of the International Etchells Class Association. Information on how to join the Class can be found at <https://etchellsukfleet.co.uk/shop/>
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form which can be found via the event webpage and paying the entry fee before 23:59 on Monday 6th May 2023.
- 4.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £190

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. [NP] Boats shall sail with the same number of crew throughout the racing.
- 6.2. WS Sailor Categorisation Code, Regulation 22 will apply to all crew members of boats competing for the Corinthian Prize; each crew member shall have a valid WS Sailor Categorisation as a Group 1 competitor which shall be submitted via Yachtscoring no later than the entry deadline. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [NP][DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday 11th May 2024	First start (not before)	1200
	Scheduled number of races	3
	Social at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club	Post-racing
Sunday 12th May 2024	First start (not before)	1030
	Scheduled number of races	3
	Last permissible warning signal	1500
	Prize Giving	ASAP after racing

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. [NP] Each boat shall be in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate.

10.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1. The racing area will be the Central Solent.

13. COURSES

13.1. The course will be a windward-leeward configuration, and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules 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.

14.2. Penalties incurred while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken promptly on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

15. SCORING

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as follows:

Races completed	Scores excluded
1 – 4	0
5 – 6	1

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. [NP][DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Preparatory Signal until all boats have finished. Coach and support boats shall not transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats.

16.2. [DP] All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue Instructions'.

17. NOT USED

18. BERTHING

18.1. It is the intention for boats to use their normal berths in Cowes Yacht Haven.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. [NP][DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. [NP][DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 20.2. [NP][DP] Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you 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 you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. RRS 3 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, 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;
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of the weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew

23. INSURANCE

23.1. 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.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded after racing in Cowes Yacht Haven.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. For further information, please contact:

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