

**ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB**



in association with the  
**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES COWES FLEET**  
**SAIDA CUP**

Saturday 11th June 2016 and Sunday 12th June 2016

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**ABBREVIATIONS**

Organising Authority    OA    Race Committee    RC

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

1.1 The OA is the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited.

**2. RULES**

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2. The Associated British Ports Southampton Byelaws current at the start of the first race of the championship will apply.

2.3. RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except where the breach of the rule occurs within the Zone.

2.4 Etchells Class Rules

**3. VENUE**

3.1. The venue of the regatta is Cowes, England, and the racing will take place in the Central Solent.

3.2. The Race Office will be at Cowes Yacht Haven, Cowes.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com). The entry fee is £180.00, and a late entry fee of GBP20 will be payable for entries received after 8th June

4.3 Where boats or equipment have been damaged in the recent fire, owners may sail in boats other than their own and use uncarded sails. This changes Etchells Class Rules C.10

1. Racing Days: Saturday 11th June and Sunday 12th June

2. First Warning Signal on Saturday: 10:55

3. First warning signal on Sunday 10:25

4. Latest Time for any Warning Signal on Sunday 12th June: 14:30

5. Prize Giving; As soon as possible after the finish of the last race on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The Saida Cup will be represented at the Royal Thames Yacht Club Prize Winners dinner in November.

## **5. FORMAT**

5.1 It is intended that there will be a minimum of three races each day.

5.2 The courses will be windward/leeward.

5.3 The RC may change designation of the course or the format of the event as it thinks fit.

5.4 All registered crews shall race in all races unless excused from doing so in writing by the RC.

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the briefing and will be posted on the Royal Thames website ([www.royalthames.com](http://www.royalthames.com)) and on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) some weeks prior to the event.

## **7. SCORING**

7.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

7.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

7.3 When from five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **8. INSURANCE**

8.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident.

## **9. SUPPORT BOATS**

9.1 Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the associated team

## **10. BERTHING**

10.1. Boats should make their own berthing arrangements with the Cowes Yacht Haven or Shepards Wharf Marina berthing master.

## **11. HAULING OUT**

11.1.Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and in accordance to the terms of the prior written permission of the RC.

## **12 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

12.1Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around the boats between the preparatory signal of the practice race of the event and the end of the event.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communications while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. However the sailing instructions will authorise certain communications with the RC.

## **14. RISK ASSESSMENT**

14.1.Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

14.2.Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

14.3.By taking part in the event, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;
- (v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;
- (vi) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (vii) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## **15.PRIZES**

15.1 The First Prize is the Saida Cup and 2 tickets to the RTYC Prize Winners' Dinner on 8th November 2016.

15.2 Other prizes and daily prizes may also be awarded.