



ETCHELLS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 27 – 29 MAY 2017

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES, UK

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020(RRS).
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Rules (ECR).
- 1.3 The organising authority in conjunction with the Class will provide Bow Sticker Numbers, which shall be displayed 52.5cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g."2") must display the leading zero (e.g."02"). [DP]
- 1.4 The byelaws for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour. [DP]

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class, unless dispensation is given, and with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.3 Eligible boats shall enter by using the online entry system on the 'Yachtscoring' Website which includes

online payment of the entry fee.
www.yachtscoring.com

- 3.4 Entries shall be received on or before Friday the 19th May.
- 3.5 Boats may be required to carry on board a tracking device or Smart-Phone capable of running a small Tracking App during racing.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 All Competitors competing for the Corinthian Cup (WSSC Group 1) shall provide current WSSC IDs for all crew on their entry form. Sailors who fail to provide a valid WSSC ID by end of registration at 2000 on the 26 May will be deemed to be Group 3.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £275 for entries received before 19 May. After this date an additional late entry supplement of £50 may be applied.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1 The intention of the Race Committee is to run nine races over the three days of the regatta.
- 6.2 The Race Committee intends to run no more than three races each day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 6.3 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.4 Schedule

DAY HWP (BST)	BRIEFING	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Fri 26 May HW 1220 4.9m			1700 - 2000 Registration , Weigh In and Sail Card Nomination - CYH
Sat 27 May HW 1310 4.9 m	1000	1155	Briefing in CYH Race 2 & 3 asap after each finish.
Sun 28 May HW 1400 4.9 m		1025	Race 5 & 6 asap after each finish.
Mon 29 May HW 1500 4.8 m		1025	Race 8 & 9 asap after each finish. Prizegiving asap after racing in RYS.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate. Measurement certificates

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shall be emailed to the Organising Authority (OA) or a copy provided at registration.

- 7.2 Each boat shall nominate their sails in accordance with ECR at registration.
- 7.3 The official weigh in will be in the Regatta Office in Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) during registration between 1700 and 2000 on Friday 26th May in accordance with ECR C.2.2. The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 7.4 Crews that fail to be weighed by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit in ECR C.2.2 by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races until such time as they comply with ECR C.2.2. The race committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances and such requests shall be submitted in writing.
- 7.5 Weighing scales will be available in the Regatta Office during opening times.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Royal Yacht Squadron website two weeks before the event and in printed format at the RYS lodge from Friday 12 May. Copies will also be available at the briefing.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Eastern Solent, including the Bramble Bank.
- 9.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF Radio and at the briefing.
- 9.3 The Regatta Office and Official Noticeboard will be at the RYS.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The format for racing will be predominantly windward/leeward.
- 10.2 Courses will be set in accordance with the International Etchells Class Appendix D, Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the Zone the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Four races shall be completed to constitute a series for the Etchells European Championships.
- 12.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the Organising Authority at registration. The registration fee for support boats is £25.
- 13.2 All support boats must carry marine VHF radios and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 13.3 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal of the day until the conclusion of racing for the day or unless otherwise indicated by the Race Committee. *[DP]*

14. BERTHING

- 14.1 The Regatta berthing will be at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) or Shepards Wharf Marina.

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1730 on 26 May. *[DP]*
- 15.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta. *[DP]*

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 All Yachts shall carry a Marine Band Radio capable of receiving all International VHF Channels.
- 17.2 VHF Radio Channels used for course information and announcements will be identified in the Sailing Instructions and at the Briefing.
- 17.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices except to any Tracker Devices used. *[DP]*

18. MEDIA

Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 The event prize giving will be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron as soon as possible after the final day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 19.2 The **Open European Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner.

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- 19.3 The **European Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the first European helm.
- 19.4 The **European Corinthian Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Sailor Classification Group 1.

20. **INSURANCE**

All boats shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained throughout the event.

21. **CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 21.1 RRS G3 applies.

22. **RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1 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."
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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;
 - (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of 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. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information requests should be sent to the address below.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS