



NOTICE OF RACE

International Etchells Bedrock Trophy

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July 2017

Organizing Authority (OA): Royal London Yacht Club
in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet

1. RULES and REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Etchells class rules.
- 1.3 This notice of race and amendments will be available on the Yacht Scoring website.
- 1.4 No boat, rig, sail measurements, sail cards or crew weights will officially be taken.
- 1.5 Sails may be borrowed in accordance with Etchells Class Rule C.10.3 (i).
- 1.6 The OA will provide bow sticker two digit numbers to new entrants which shall be displayed 52cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline and 6cm apart.
- 1.7 All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF receiver.

2. SCHEDULE of RACING

2.1 Saturday 8 July

0900 Briefing at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH)

1055 First Warning Signal (WS)

1930 Club BBQ at the RLYC (not included in the entry fee, £15 per person)

Sunday 9 July

1025 First Warning Signal

No warning signal will be made after 1430 Sunday unless there is a postponement or general recall during a starting sequence.

After Racing Sunday: Prize-Giving at Cowes Yacht Haven.

- 2.2 The intention of the race committee is to run **six** races and no more than three races a day. But if the weather forecast is poor or for any other reason, additional races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the schedule.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry requirement and paying the entry fee using Yacht Scoring website.
- 4.2 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owners and crews are current members of the Class Association unless dispensation has been agreed.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the briefing and on the Royal London Yacht Club and Yacht Scoring websites prior to the event.

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Racing will be in the central Solent from a committee boat.

6.2 The regatta venue, regatta office, flag pole and the official notice board will be at the Cowes Yacht Haven. Boats may be berthed either at the venue or at Shepards Wharf Marina.

7. **COURSES**

7.1 The format for courses will be predominantly windward/leeward with laid marks.

7.2 Courses using laid, fixed racing and navigation marks will be broadcast on VHF.

7.3 A list of two-digit marks that maybe used will be issued with the sailing instructions.

8. **PENALTIES**

The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone when the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

9. **SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will exclude her worst score. When fewer than five races have been scored in the regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. One race must be scored to constitute a regatta. This changes RRS A2.

10. **HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on the day before racing commences and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

11. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

11.1 VHF radio channel to be used for course information and announcements will be identified at the briefing.

11.2 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 any trackers used.

12. **PRIZES**

The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Classification Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize shall provide their World Sailor Classification Number on the Yacht Scoring system before racing starts.

13. **INSURANCE**

All competitors shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

14. **SUPPORT BOATS**

Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organisation other than those provided by the class may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to the associated team.

15. **CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

RRS G3 applies.

16. **FEE**

The entry fee is **£180** per boat payable via the Yacht Scoring entry system.

17. **RISK STATEMENT**

**ENTRANTS SHALL TICK AGREEMENT TO THE BELOW LIABILITY WAIVER
DECLARATION ON THE YACHT SCORING WEB SITE ENTRY**

Liability Waiver Declaration by Owner/ Skipper

I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous and accept my responsibilities as set out in the Risk Statement in the notice of race. Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable insurance and ensure that my crew is aware of:

- The undertaking of this Declaration
- The importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- Their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions).

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA prescriptions, the notice of race, the sailing instructions and other applicable rules. The boat and sails will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the boat is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast ballast or trim, I will notify the race committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, a National Authority or the OA.

In participating in the event any competitor automatically grants to the OA permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the class's or OA's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation including publicity.



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Please note

**The Etchells Autumn Series will take place on
16 – 17 October & 30 October – 1 November 2017**