



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
2020 British Open and National Championship
Friday 25 – Sunday 27 September 2020



NOTICE OF RACE

The Cowes Etchells Fleet in conjunction with the Royal London Yacht Club invites entries to the 2020 British Open and National Championship to be sailed at Cowes, United Kingdom, on Friday 25, Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September 2020

The Regatta Venue is at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) Cowes. The Regatta Office is at the Royal London Yacht Club (RLYC), The Parade, Cowes.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority (OA) is the Royal London Yacht Club in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the RYA prescriptions.
- 2.2 The Rules and Regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2.3 This regatta constitutes part of the International Etchells (Cowes Fleet) Champion of Champion series.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7. The sailing instructions may also change other rules including class rules. This changes RRS J1.2(1).
- 2.5 **The Protest Committee** may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 2.6 **Covid-19: All crews are required to adhere to the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the UK Government.**
- 2.7 **Covid-19: All crews are also required to observe and follow the latest [RYA Guidance on sailing and racing with participants from different households during COVID-19 in England.](#)**

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 4.2 All competitors competing for the Corinthian Cup are required to have a current World Sailing Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org and must also be entered on www.yachtscoreing.com
- 4.3 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed together prior to racing. Weigh in and sail nomination will take place between 1730 and 1900 on Thursday 24 September and between 0800 and 0900 on Friday 25 September.
- 4.4 Crews that fail to be weighed by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until

such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. This changes RRS A5. The race committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted to the race committee.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System at www.yachtscoring.com accompanied by the entry fee no later than 1600 on Thursday 24 September.
- 5.2 The entry fee per boat is £240.
- 5.3 In addition, to enter, the skipper of each boat shall complete and submit an 'Event Personal Declaration' in the 24 hours immediately prior to the event. This form will be available on the Yacht Scoring Website. Competitors who answer 'False' to any of the questions shall not take part in the event. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN BOATS BEING SCORED DNC.
- 5.4 By entering, all competitors become temporary members of the Royal London Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1

Date	HW *	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 24 Sept		By 1900	Self-registration as 5.3 above	
Friday 25 Sept	1846 3.9m	0930 1125	Socially distanced briefing or by VHF radio First warning signal	CYH or by VHF Central Solent
Saturday 26 Sept	0732 3.8m	1025	First warning signal	Central Solent
Sunday 27 Sept	0935 3.9m	1025 After racing	First warning signal Prize-giving	Central Solent CYH

* All High Water times refer to High Water Portsmouth.

Note: times in this programme are BST.

- 6.2 Seven races are scheduled. It is the intention of the race committee to run two races on Friday and Sunday, and three races on Saturday. No more than three races may be sailed on any race day.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. COMPLETION OF FORMALITIES

- 7.1 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing; to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 7.2 All formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, sail nomination and presentation of Sail Card, are required to be completed by 1900 on Thursday 24 September.
- 7.3 After 1900 on Thursday 24 September until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Protest Committee. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 7.4 During the competition any boat may be subject to measurement or examination at any time.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on www.yachtscoring.com and the [RLYC website](#) and copies will be available at the Regatta Office at registration.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The races will be sailed in the Central Solent unless notified otherwise by the race committee by 2000 on the preceding day.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to:- A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 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.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 Discards:
- a) When four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 12.1 The Championship will have a protest committee in accordance with RRS Part 5 Section A.
- 12.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1700 on the 24 September and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

14. PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between 1700 on Thursday 24 September and the end of the regatta.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 This supplements but does not change rules 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry one or more marine band VHF receivers capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts from the first warning signal on each race day (or any other time considered appropriate by the OA) until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 15.2 The race committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 15.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day (or any other time considered appropriate by the OA) until racing has been concluded for the day, or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the protest committee or the race committee.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 **The National Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 16.2 **The National Corinthian Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Category 1.
- 16.3 A prize will be awarded to the highest placed youth boat.
- 16.4 Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first three place winners overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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.' 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;
 - 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.
- 17.2 The OA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 All boats competing are required to carry valid Third Party Liability insurance with a minimum cover of GBP 3m per incident, or the equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information, please contact the organising authority:

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