



## ETCHELLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

17-19 SEPTEMBER 2021

ORGANISING AUTHORITY  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON  
COWES, UK

## NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Class will provide Bow Sticker Numbers, which shall be displayed 52cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g."2") shall display the leading zero (e.g."02"). [DP]
- 1.3 In accordance with Etchells Class Rules C10.2(b) a boats sails shall be registered at registration. [DP]
- 1.4 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#). [DP]
- 1.5 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Yachtscoring website at by Friday 10 September 2021. [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Official Noticeboard (ONB) will be online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF

communication shall be on International VHF channels. [DP]

- 3.3 On the water the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio. The channel used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 Whilst racing except in an emergency, a yacht shall not make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.5 The Race Committee (RC) and Organizing Authority (OA) will use a WhatsApp group to facilitate communications regarding their intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event and a "QR code" will be made available to entered boats.
- 3.6 Trackers or other electronic equipment may be provided by the class and OA and shall be used in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.2 All persons onboard whilst racing must either be a current (2021) 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 on the Yacht Scoring Website and paying the entry fee before 1159 on Friday 10 Sept. [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £240 for entries received before Friday 10 September 2021.

### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Boats shall sail with the same number of crew throughout the racing.
- 6.2 Class Rule C2.2. Each crew member shall be weighed during registration.
- 6.3 [WS Sailor Classification 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 Classification as a Group 1 competitor no later than the Crew Deadline. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://members.sailing.org/classification/>.
- 6.4 The Crew Deadline for boats competing for the Corinthian Prize is 1900 Thursday 16 September 2021.

### 7. ADVERTISING

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

### 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The intention of the Race Committee is to run nine (9) races over the three days of the championship.

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- 8.2 The Race Committee intends to run no more than three races each day.
- 8.3 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 8.4 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time).
- 8.5 Tide Times are for High Water Portsmouth.
- 8.6 Schedule

DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Thur 16 September	1600 - 1900		Registration and crew weigh in CYH.
Fri 17 September HW Ports 0940 4.1m	0800 – 0900 0930  1930 for 2000	1055	Registration and crew weigh in CYH. Briefing by WhatsApp Race 1. Race 2 & 3 asap after each finish.  Supper at RYS
Sat 18 September HW Ports 1050 4.3m		1025	Race 4. Race 5 & 6 asap after each finish.
Sun 19 September HW Ports 1140 4.5m		1025	Race 7. Race 8 & 9 asap after each finish.  Prizegiving asap after racing in RYS.

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 Etchells Class Rules Apply.

## 11. VENUE

- 11.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.

## 12. COURSES

- 12.1 The format of the courses will be windward/leeward.
- 12.2 To indicate the general race area and assist boats in locating the Committee Vessel a chartlet including the Solent two-character codes for race marks will be included in the SIs.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1 One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series for the Etchells National Championships.
- 14.2 When one (1) to four (4) races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of all their scores.
- 14.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 15.1 [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.
- 15.2 [DP] All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue Instructions'.

## 16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 16.1 RRS G3 applies.
- 16.2 Non-owners may compete in loaned boats provided that the boat is insured in accordance with this NoR.

## 17. BERTHING

- 17.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee.

## 18. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 18.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Thursday 16 September. [DP]
- 18.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

## 19. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 19.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from 1800 on Thursday until the end of the event.

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19.2 [DP] Boats shall not be cleaned below a line about 10 centimetres below the waterline by any means from 1800 on Thursday until the end of the event.

## 20. DATA PROTECTION

20.1 The Royal Yacht Squadron, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of RYS event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

20.2 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 provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

20.3 The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS. [DP]

## 21. RISK STATEMENT

21.1 Rule 3 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."

21.2 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 competitor or 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.

## 22. INSURANCE

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

## 23. PRIZES

23.1 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 hearings.

23.2 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third ranked boats in the overall series.

23.3 The **British National Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the first boat in the series with a British skipper.

23.4 The **Open National Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the winning boat in the series.

23.5 The **Corinthian Prize** will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all WSSC Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize must provide their current valid WSSC ID number before racing starts.

23.6 A **Youth Prize** will also be awarded to the highest place boat sailed by youth crew. A youth crew is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on the 01/01/2021.

## 24. FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1 Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

## NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

### 1. SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) There will be a class social on the Friday night. Further details and booking arrangements will be available from the Class Association on Yachtscoring.

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