



ETCHELLS SPRING REGATTA

SATURDAY 09 – SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COWES ETCHELLS FLEET

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 will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Rules apply.
- 1.3 RRS G3 will apply to chartered or loaned boats.
- 1.4 [WS Sailor Categorisation system, Regulation 22](https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/) will apply to all crew members of boats competing for the Corinthian Prize; each crew member shall have a valid WS Sailor Categorization as a Group 1 competitor no later than the Crew Deadline. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>
- 1.5 [DP] Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.6 Competitors should note that the Organizing Authority (OA) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.7 [DP] Boats will be provided with bow number stickers by the (OA). They shall be placed 52cm aft of the bow, 6cm from the shearline and 6cm apart. Single digit numbers (e.g.'2') shall display the leading zero (e.g.'02'). These stickers shall be applied prior to the first race of the series. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that these are properly in place before racing each day.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (Sis) will be available no later than Saturday 01 April 2022 on www.yachtscoring.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at www.yachtscoring.com. There is no physical ONB.

- 3.2 *[DP]* 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. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. This channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 *[DP]* While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 The OA and Race Committee will use a WhatsApp group to facilitate communications regarding their intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. A link and QR code will be made available to all entered boats.
- 3.5 Trackers or other electronic equipment may be provided by the OA and shall be used in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all International Etchells Class boats.
- 4.2 All owners must either be a current (2022) 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 online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee by 1159 on Friday 08 April 2022.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, including providing crew details, and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for this event is £170. All entry fees are non-refundable after Thursday 7th April 2022. However, if the event is cancelled due to government restrictions, all fees will be refunded.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The Crew Deadline for boats competing for the Corinthian Prize is 1159 Friday 08 April 2022.
- 6.2 To be eligible for the Youth Prize, all competitors on such boat shall be no older than 29 on 1st January 2022.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 9.1 Six races are scheduled. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run three races on Saturday and three races on Sunday, however a maximum of four races per day may be sailed. The target time for each race will be 50 minutes.
- 9.2 There will be a briefing at 0930 on Saturday 09 April. This may be by WhatsApp.

9.3 Schedule:

	Saturday 09 April	Sunday 10 April
HW Portsmouth (BST)	0511 – 3.8m 1747 – 3.7m	0610 – 3.5m 1918 – 3.5m
First warning signal	1155	1055
No warning signal after	--	1500

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid measurement certificate during the event.
- 10.2 Competitors are reminded that sails produced prior to 1st March 2021 should be endorsed on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate. Sails produced after this date must have a uniquely numbered 'IECA sail royalty tag' permanently affixed. See IECA Rule G.2.4.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Class rules apply.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place in the Central Solent.
- 12.2 The approximate location of the Committee Vessel and start line will be notified by VHF radio CH 77 or communicated by WhatsApp at least 90 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The race-course configuration will be windward–leeward and may include offset marks and gates.
- 13.2 Course diagrams and descriptions will be included in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS rule 31 while racing. However, when a boat may have broken a rule 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.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 *[DP]* Support person vessels shall stay at least 200m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each race until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.2 *DP]* All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue'.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee. Visiting boats may contact Cowes Yacht Haven or Shepards Wharf Marina for berthing reservations.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 *[DP]* All boats shall be afloat by 1800 the day before the first series race.

19.2 *[DP]* Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 *[DP]* 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 event.

20.2 *[DP]* Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21. PRIVACY STATEMENT

21.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 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.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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."

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 familiarize 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.

22.3 COVID Statement

(a) 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.

23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 10 April 2022 at Cowes Yacht Haven to the following boats:

(a) Prizes will be awarded for the top three (3) boats in the series.

(b) The Spring Regatta Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed boat in the series.

(c) The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed with a WS Category 1 crew.

(d) A 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 01/01/2022.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Further information requests contact either.

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