



ETCHELLS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 11 - 13 OCTOBER 2024

ORGANISING AUTHORITY ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON COWES

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Code of Conduct – details can be found via this link:
<https://etchells.org/news/article/ieca-code-of-conduct>
- 1.3 [NP] Boats will be provided with bow number stickers by the UK Etchells Class. 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.
- 1.4 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.5 The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) National Prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.6 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Yacht Scoring website by 01 October 2024.
www.yachtscoring.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at www.yachtscoring.com and the Race Office will be at the RYS.
- 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.
- 3.3 In addition to VHF communication, the Race Committee (RC) may use a Telegram Group to communicate with competitors and a "QR code & Link" will be included in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast using Telegram will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4 [DP] 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 until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 4.2 All boat owners and crew must be current (2024) members of the International Etchells Class Association as described by IECA rule 4. Information on how to join the Class can be found at <https://etchellsukfleet.co.uk/shop/>. In addition, all crew are required to provide their personal World Sailing registration number.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to www.yachtscoring.com by 2359 on 10 Oct 2024.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA).
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarusian nationality or a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries. The OA may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is £300 per boat.
- 5.2 Entry Fees include the following:
 - (a) Race Management.
 - (b) Prizegiving.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.yachtscoring.com shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.
- 6.2 WS Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 will apply to all crew members of boats competing for the Corinthian Prize; each crew member of 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/>.
- 6.3 The Crew Deadline for boats competing for the Corinthian Prize is 1159 10 Oct 2024.
- 6.4 To be eligible for the Youth Prize, all competitors on such boat shall be no older than 29 on 1st January 2024.

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

- 9.1 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST). Indicative Tide Times are for High Water (HW) Portsmouth.

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DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Thu 10 Oct	1730-1830		Registration. Sail nomination and crew weigh in CYH.
Day 1 Fri 11 Oct <i>HW 0539 – 3.8m</i> <i>HW 1805 – 3.7m</i>	0730-0830 0900 1900	1055	Registration. Briefing by Telegram Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Class Social in RYS
Day 2 Sat 12 Oct <i>HW 0716 – 3.8m</i> <i>HW 1946 – 3.8m</i>	0900	1025	Briefing by Telegram Race 4 Race 5 Race 6
Day 3 Sun 13 Oct <i>HW 0853 – 4.0m</i> <i>HW 2107 – 4.0m</i>	0900	1025	Briefing by Telegram Race 7 Race 8 Race 9

9.2 A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the Programme because of weather or other reasons, provided that the Programme does not become more than one race ahead of Schedule.

9.3 On the last day of the event, no Warning Signal will be made after 1500.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the Event.

10.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 See Class Rules.

12. VENUE

12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel (CV) in the Central and Eastern Solent.

12.2 To indicate the general race area a local racing chartlet can be found in Addendum A.

13. COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. 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.

14.2 Where an offset leg at the windward mark is part of the course, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

14.3 Hearings will be in the RYS as soon as possible after racing.

15. SCORING

15.1 One (1) race is required to be completed 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 races excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [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 Warning Signal for each race until all boats have Finished that race or until the RO signals no more racing today.

16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF Radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 RRS G3 will apply to chartered or loaned boats.

18. BERTHING

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

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1900 on 10 Oct 2024 until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the Preparatory Signal of the first race and the end of the last race.

20.2 [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission [General Direction 4.4 & 4.5](#).

20.3 [DP] Competitors may at any time and within the existing marina regulations; scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices as long as no person enters the water. This includes outside the harbour limits.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the Events (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 OA'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.

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- 21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, 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.
- 21.3 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 RYS.

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NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the RRS 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 inherently 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.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3m (or the equivalent) against third party claims.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The event prize giving will be at the RYS on 13 Oct 2024 as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).
- 24.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third boats in the series.
- 24.3 The **European Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the winning boat in the series.
- 24.4 There will be a trophy for the highest placed "Youth" boat. A youth boat is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on the 01 January 2024.
- 24.5 In addition, a Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group 1.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the OA:

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

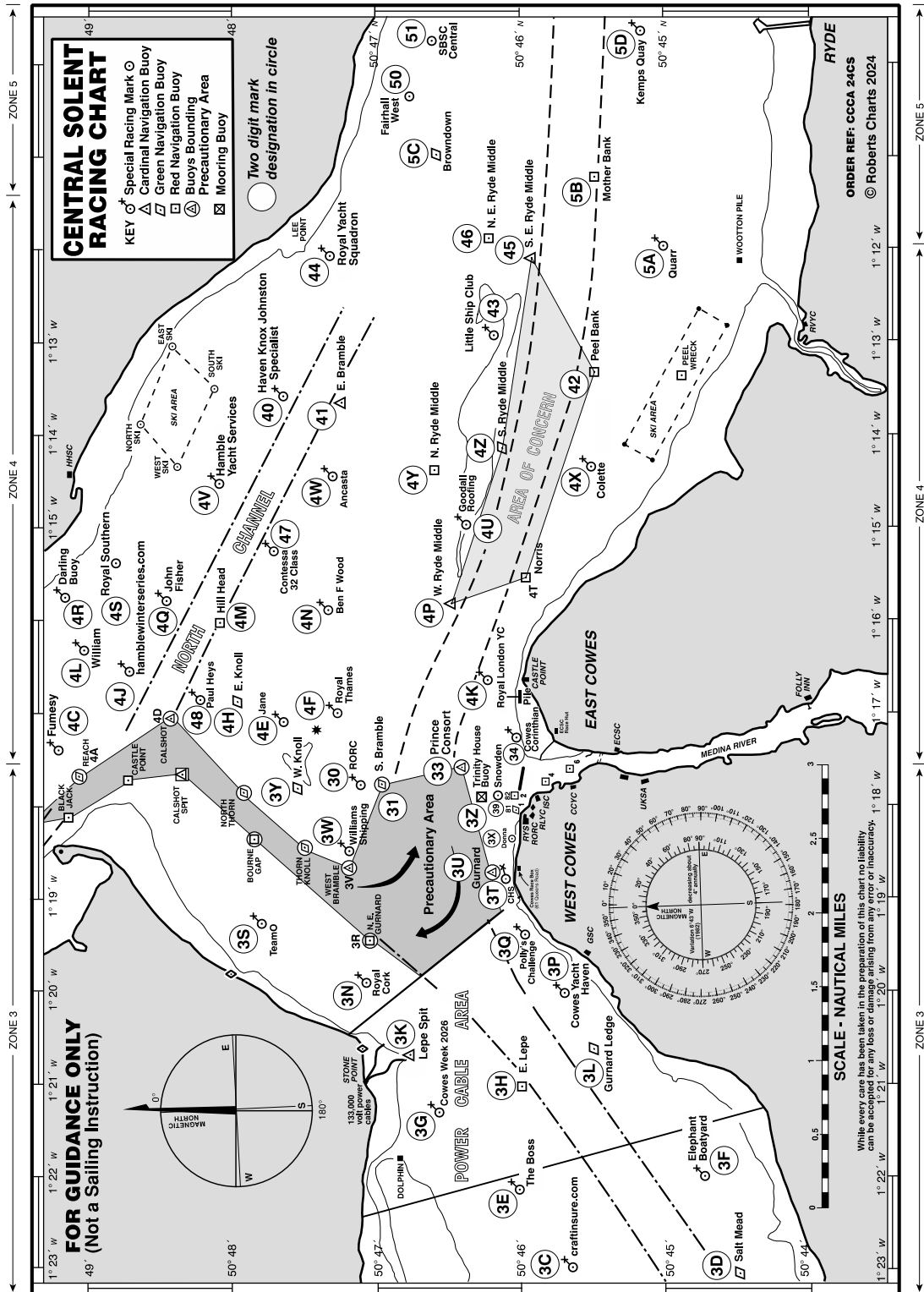
- Class Dinner - Friday 11 Oct in the RYS Pavilion, 1900 for 1930. Dress code: smart casual.
- Further details to follow.

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ADDENDUM A.

See below a chartlet of the Racing Area showing the Solent Two Character Codes.



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ADDENDUM B.

RYA prescriptions that apply.

Rule 4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

Rule 6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

Rule 67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

Additional RYA prescriptions that apply if no international jury has been appointed.

Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

Rule 78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time. Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.