



International Etchells Class 2017 South Coast Championship

Organising Authority
Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club

Sunday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd April 2017

Sailing Instructions

Portsmouth High Water

Date	Time	HW
Sunday 22 nd April	0907	3.8m
	2145	4.2m
Sunday 23 rd April	0956	4.1m
	2225	4.4m

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), rules of the International Etchells Class Association and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Class will provide Bow Sticker Numbers which shall be displayed 52.5cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g. "2") must display the leading zero (e.g. "02").
- 1.3 This regatta is a world qualifying series for the 2017 World Championship with no weigh-in or sail nomination. This changes Etchells Class Rule C.10.
- 1.4 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owners and crew are current members of the Class association. This does not prevent a non-owner borrowing an owner's boat for a non-sanctioned event.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Etchells Notice Board at Cowes Yacht Haven.

3. Changes to Sailing instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing instructions made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Cowes Yacht Haven Etchells flagstaff.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

5. Schedule of Events

Sunday 22 nd April	1000	Crew Briefing	
	1155	First warning signal	
Sunday 23 rd April	1025	First warning signal	
	As soon as possible after racing	Prizegiving	Cowes Yacht Haven

- 5.2 Three races are scheduled each day but may be altered in the event of an adverse weather forecast.

- 5.3 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the last boat finishes.
- 5.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 each day, unless there is a postponement or general recall during a starting sequence.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. The class flag will be Flag E.

7. Racing Area and VHF

- 7.1. The starting area/committee boat location will be announced on VHF from approximately one hour before the first Warning Signal.
- 7.2. The VHF Channel will be Channel 77.

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed. The courses maybe announced on VHF.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks 1, 1a, 4p and 4s will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be black inflatable buoys.
- 9.3. A new mark, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be a black inflatable with yellow band with CCYC stencilled on it.
- 9.4. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.

10. Areas that are Obstructions

- 10.1. Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016 The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 10.2. Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the sea bed.
- 10.3. Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 10.4. The race committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb line courses between marks, particularly over the central Solent Bramble Bank. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62.

11. The Start

- 11.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and black inflatable mark. An inner distance marker IBM may be laid. A committee boat displaying an orange flag may replace the black inflatable mark.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 11.3. Bow or sail numbers of individually recalled boats may be broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure to broadcast bow numbers will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. The position of any laid inflatable mark(s) maybe adjusted by up to plus or minus 10° relative to the previous laid mark(s) and up to approximately 500 meters to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C nor + nor -. This changes RRS 33.

13. The Finish

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff or hoist displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby ODM of the start finish line, or the last mark of the course. A committee boat displaying an orange flag may replace the black inflatable mark.

14. Penalty System

14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two -Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except where the breach of the rule occurs within the Zone.

15. Time Limit

15.1. The time limit for each race shall be 80 minutes.

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be awarded a finishing position or DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing to; enable further races to be sailed, or allow racing to be concluded. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1. Protest forms are available at the office in Cowes Yacht Haven. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to Cowes Yacht Haven Protest Desk within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers must be included on the protest form.

16.2. The protest time limit is 105 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing will be held in the protest room located at Cowes Yacht Haven beginning at the time posted.

16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5. Breaches of sailing instructions 11.3, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and RRS 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6. A request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:

a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed on the decision on the previous day;

b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

17. Scoring

17.1. Six races are scheduled and three races are required to constitute a series.

17.2. When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score.

17.3. 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. This changes RRS A2.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1. All boats shall sail on starboard tack and hail their sail or bow number prior to the start of the first race each day. At the same time, a boat shall notify the Race Committee if any of their sails carry different sails numbers to that registered on Yacht Scoring.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF, or by hailing an official regatta support boat/rib.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Support Boats

21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22. Haul-Out Restrictions

22.1 Boats shall be afloat before 1730 on the day before the regatta begins.

22.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and in accordance to the terms of the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

23. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

23.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the end of registration and the end of the regatta.

24. Radio Communications

24.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Race Committee may broadcast information to competitors on VHF both before and during a race. Failure to receive shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

25. Risk Statement

25.1 RRS 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 along.'

25.2 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:

25.3 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;

25.4 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

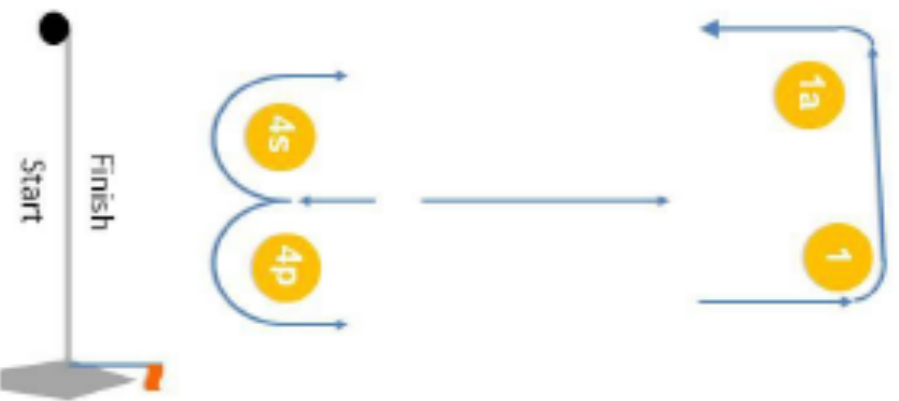
25.5 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

25.6 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

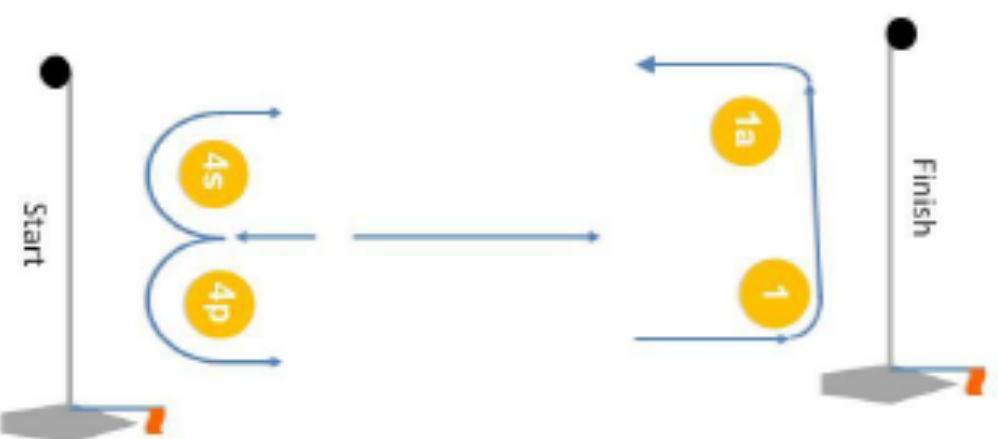
25.7 The provision of a race management team, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

26. Insurance

26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event.

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish