



NOTICE OF RACE
International Etchells
Bedrock Trophy

Etchells

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2018

**Organizing Authority (OA): Island Sailing Club
in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet**

1. RULES and REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Etchells class rules.
- 1.3 This notice of race and amendments will be available on the Yacht Scoring website.
- 1.4 No boat, rig, sail measurements, sail cards or crew weights will officially be taken.
- 1.5 Sails may be borrowed in accordance with Etchells Class Rule C.10.3 (i).
- 1.6 The Etchells Class will provide bow sticker two digit numbers to new entrants which shall be displayed 52cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline and 6cm apart.
- 1.7 All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF receiver.

2. SCHEDULE of RACING

2.1 Saturday 21 July

0900 Briefing at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH)

1155 First Warning Signal (WS)

Sunday 22 July

1055 First Warning Signal

No warning signal will be made after 1430 Sunday unless there is a postponement or general recall during a starting sequence.

After Racing Sunday: Prize-Giving at the Etchells site in Cowes Yacht Haven.

- 2.2 The intention of the race committee is to run **seven** races and no more than four races a day. But if the weather forecast is poor or for any other reason, additional races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the schedule.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry requirement and paying the entry fee using Yacht Scoring website.
- 4.2 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owners and crews are current members of the Class Association unless dispensation has been agreed.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the briefing and on the Island Sailing Club and Yacht Scoring websites prior to the event.

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Racing will be in the central Solent from the committee boat called Gemini Breeze.
- 6.2 The regatta venue, regatta office, flag pole and the official notice board will be at the Cowes Yacht Haven. Boats may be berthed either at the venue or at Shepards Wharf Marina.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The format for courses will be predominantly windward/leeward with laid inflatable marks.
- 7.2 Courses using laid, fixed racing and navigation marks will be broadcast on VHF.
- 7.3 A list of two-digit marks that maybe used will be issued with the Sailing Instructions.

8. PENALTIES

The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone when the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1

9. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will exclude her worst score. When fewer than five races have been scored in the regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. One race must be scored to constitute a regatta. This changes RRS A2.

10. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on the day before racing commences and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 VHF radio channel to be used for course information and announcements will be identified at the briefing which will take place at 0900hrs on Saturday 21st July in Cowes Yacht Haven.
- 11.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices except any trackers used.

12. PRIZES

The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Classification Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize shall provide their World Sailor Classification Number on the Yacht Scoring system before racing starts.

A prize is also awarded to the Overall winner.

13. INSURANCE

Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 sterling against third party claims.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organisation (other than those provided by the class) may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to the associated Etchells team.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

RRS G3 applies.

16. FEE

The entry fee is £160 per boat payable via the Yacht Scoring entry system.

17. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in this series, 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 series;
- 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 series 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 (the competitors') 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 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.

18. RYA RACING CHARTER

Competitors should note that the Island Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter