



**INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS  
2018 Open European Championship  
NOTICE OF RACE**

The Cowes Etchells Fleet in conjunction with the Royal London Yacht Club invites entries to the 2018 Open European Championship to be sailed at Cowes, United Kingdom, on Friday 24 August, Saturday 25 August, Sunday 26 August and Monday 27 August

The Regatta Venue and the Regatta Office are at Cowes Yacht Haven, Cowes

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal London Yacht Club in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.
- 1.2 This event is a world qualifier for Corpus Christi 2019 Worlds.

**2. RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the RYA prescriptions.
- 2.2 The Rules and Regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rule. This changes rule 64.1.

**3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 4.2 All competitors competing for the Corinthian Cup are required to have a current World Sailing Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)
- 4.3 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed together prior to racing. Weigh in and sail nomination will take place between 1730 and 2000 on Thursday 23 August and between 0800 and 0900 on Friday 24 August.
- 4.4 Crews that fail to be weighed by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted to the Race Committee.

**5. ENTRIES**

- 5.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) accompanied by the entry fee no later than 1700 on 22 August.

- 5.2 Entry fees per boat is £320.
- 5.3 The original of the Sail Card shall be presented at registration.
- 5.4 By entering, all competitors become temporary members of the Royal London Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 6.1

Date	Registration	Briefing	Warning Signal	Last Warning Signal	Social
Thursday 23 August	Weigh-in & Sail Nomination 1730 – 2000 at CYH				
Friday 24 August	Weigh-in & Sail Nomination 0800 – 0900 at CYH	Briefing <b>0900</b>	First warning signal 1155	Final Warning Signal no later that 1600	
Saturday 25 August			First warning signal 1055	Final Warning Signal no later that 1600	
Sunday 26 August			First warning signal 1055	Final Warning Signal no later that 1600	AGM at London Room at <b>1900</b>  Hot Buffet Supper to follow at <b>2015</b> £20 per person
Monday 27 August			First warning signal 1055	Final Warning signal no later than 1500	Prize-giving at CYH after racing

- 6.2 For the European Championship eight races in total with two races scheduled per day. No more than three races may be sailed on any race day.

## 7. COMPLETION OF FORMALITIES

- 7.1 Eligible boats shall nominate their sails with the Organising Authority in accordance with the times specified in the Schedule of Events.
- 7.2 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 7.3 All formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, sail nomination and presentation of Sail Card, are required to be completed by 0900 on 24 August.
- 7.4 After sail nomination until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Protest Committee. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 7.5 During the competition any boat may be subject to measurement or examination at any time.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring and copies will be available at the Regatta Office at registration.

## **9. RACING AREA**

- 9.1 The races will be sailed in the Central Solent as shown in Attachment B, unless notified otherwise by the race committee by 2000 on the preceding day.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.
- 10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.
- 10.3 These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules and class rules. This changes rule J1.2(1).

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When five races have been completed one discard shall be applied. This changes rule A2.

## **12. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 The Championship will have a Protest Committee in accordance with RRS Part 5 Section A.
- 12.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

## **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat before 1730 on Thursday 23 August 2018 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

## **14. PLASTIC POOLS**

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

## **15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 15.1 This supplements but does not change rules 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry one or more marine band VHF receivers capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts from the first Warning Signal on each race day (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 15.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.

- 15.3 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 (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clauses 17.1 and 18.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Protest Committee or the Race Committee.

## **16. PRIZES**

- 16.1 **The European Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 16.3 **The European Corinthian Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Category 1.
- 16.4 Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first three place winners overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1 Rule 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 alone.' 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.
- 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.

- 18.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1 All boats competing are required to carry valid Third Party Liability insurance with a minimum cover of GBP 3m per incident, or the equivalent.

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1 For further information, please contact the Organising Authority:
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