



2024 International Etchells WA State Championships

**Saturday 17th and
Sunday 18th February 2024**

The Organising Authority is
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC)
in conjunction with the International Etchells Swan River Fleet Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE



Organising Authority

ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT CLUB INC. (RFBYC)

Keane's Point, Peppermint Grove
Perth, Western Australia

The Swan River Etchells Fleet in conjunction with Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (OA) invites entries to **2024 International Etchells Western Australian State Championship** to be sailed on the waters off Fremantle, Western Australia from 17th February to 18th February 2024.

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this 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.
- 1.2. The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with PDF Type 1 (AS 1512) or PDF Type 2 (AS 1499) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.
- 1.3. The Championship is classified as a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4. Racing Rule 44 will be changed see item 10 *Penalty System*.
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the [Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website](#) no later than Wednesday 7 February 2024. Copies will also be available at Registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online on the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website 2024 Etchells State Championship event page located at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/etchells-state-championship>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on Channel 74.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 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. All helmsmen and crew shall be 2023-24 season financial members of the International Etchells Class Association, prior to entering the event.
- 4.2. All competitors shall comply with International Etchells Class Rules and World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.3. This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown below. Written permission of the IECA for the change will be posted on the official notice board. A copy of the Mould 11 Protocol of Modifications issued by IECA is available at:

- A.11.1 (m) A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.
- C.7.1. (a) **Modification** of the external shape of the **hull** is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.
- D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the **class rules** in force at the time of **initial certification**, *or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications*. (b) **Modifications** (Section C) shall comply with the current **class rules**. Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.
- D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.
- BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.
 - (c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):
 - (1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA
 - (2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures
- BS.C.3 **Modification** of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:
 - (a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings.
 - (b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
 - (c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
 - (d) sanding
 - (e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications
- 4.4 The weights and total combined weight of each crew member of each boat will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with International Etchells Class Rule C.2.2. The total combined crew weight of each boat will be published on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.6 Each crew member on each boat shall be weighed at Registration which will occur at the RFBYC Yachting Operations Office between Tuesday 13th February and Thursday 15th February during business hours 09.00 -17.00hrs and on Friday 16th February which will occur at the RPYC Annexe between 10.00 – 1600 hrs.
- 4.7 Crew substitutions shall be permitted provided that the total crew weight when substituted does not exceed the weight limit in accordance with the International Etchells Class Rules C2.2.

- 4.8 A boat upon entering shall also supply copies of its valid insurance documentation with 3rd party liability insurance not less than \$10m. Boats must also nominate 1 main, 2 jibs and 2 spinnakers and provide registration numbers for those sails.
- 4.9 Entries shall be made using the online entry form <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rfbyc/events/218836/> by Monday, 12 February 2024. The entry form is also available on the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website event page.
- 4.10 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority if accompanied by a late fee.

5 FEES

The Entry fees of AUD \$250 (incl GST) shall be paid in accordance with the online entry system.

6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The schedule is as tabled below.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Tuesday 13 th to Thursday 15 th February 2024	0900 – 1700	Registration and Weigh In	RFBYC
Friday 16 th February 2024	1000 – 1600	Registration and Weigh In	RPYC Annexe
Friday 16 th February 2024	1800	All boats to be afloat	
Saturday 17 th February 2024	0830	Competitors Briefing	RPYC Annexe
Saturday 17 th February 2024	1030 Warning Signal	Racing	
Sunday 18 th February 2024	0900 Warning Signal	Racing	
Sunday 18 th February 2024	90 minutes after the completion of the final race	Presentation of Results	RPYC Annexe

- 7.2. A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 7.3. At completion of a race, to signify an additional race will follow, the Race Committee will display Code Flag Q.
- 7.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 8.1 The venue will be the Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe located at 51 Mews Road, Fremantle.
- 8.2 Berthing and trailer or yard jinker storage will be available at the Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe.

- 8.3 Racing will take place in either Owen Anchorage or Fremantle Zone at the discretion of the Race Committee. NoR Appendix B shows the location of the racing areas.

9 COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be windward leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing.
However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".
- 10.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".

11 SCORING

- 11.1. The low points scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 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.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support persons and support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, support persons and support vessels shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Race Committee.
- 12.2 [DP] Support vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SI's.

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] All boats are to remain afloat from 1800 on Friday 16th February 2024 until the completion of the regatta at RPYC Fremantle Annexe except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon

them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

- 14.2 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat must be insured with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 15.2 All owners/competitors who lodge an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 15.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the regatta.
- 16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17 AMENDMENTS

This NoR may be changed. Changes will be posted on the event website at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/etchells-state-championship>

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX B – RACE AREA

