



2024 International Etchells WA State Championships

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

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC)
in conjunction with Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC) and the International Etchells Swan
River Fleet Inc (SREF)

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS & SUPPORTERS

2 February 2024



1. INTRODUCTION

The Swan River Etchells Fleet and our supporting clubs understand that our State Championships are a prelude to the main event in March 2024.

In that context our State Championships are intended to be a casual, social occasion with some great racing as preparation.

2. BOAT STORAGE AND CRANES

The Annex has hardstand and parking space for entrants from now.

Formal check-in is 11 February 2024 and checkout 19 February 2024, between which there are no charges for hardstand. Outside those times there are nominal weekly hardstand fees that you must arrange with Royal Perth Yacht Club.

The Club does want to know who is using the hardstand and it will need a copy of your 3rd party insurance certificate.

Entrants can be provided with guest gate passes when registering for boat hardstand with RPYC. They can be picked up from the office at the RPYC main clubhouse Australia II Drive, Crawley.

A copy of the registration form is attached.

We have two wharf cranes. The cranes are locked, but a key is kept in a key box near the clubhouse deck door (code 7285). Last to use the cranes each day must return the key.

3. BEFORE THE REGATTA

Many boats will be sailing over the weeks before the regatta, generally on weekends, but Thursday evening sessions are being coordinated and we expect the Friday of the regatta will be a session too.

4. DURING THE REGATTA – AFLOAT FACILITIES

The Notice of Race makes clear that all boats are to be afloat at the RPYC Fremantle Annexe from 1800 Friday 16th Feb 2024 until the completion of the regatta.

The visitor jetty and its floating pontoon will be made available for this purpose. It is immediately out front of the clubhouse and amenities and, of course, there is power and water.

Space will be available for support boats adjacent the floating dinghy ramp, also immediately out front of the clubhouse.

5. DURING THE REGATTA – SOCIAL

Friday Launch

Noting that registrations and weigh in must be completed by 1700 and all boats must be afloat by 1800 on Friday 16th Feb 2024, RPYC will be opening the Annex's Bar between 1700 and 1900 on Friday 16th Feb 2024.

The Swan River Etchells Fleet would like to invite all competitors, supporters and race organisers for a "Happy 2 Hours" from 1700.

Saturday Hump Day

We anticipate that we will all have returned to the marina after racing at around 1700 to 1730. Again, the Swan River Etchells Fleet would like to invite all competitors, supporters and race organisers for another "Happy 2 Hours" commencing at 1700.

We hope visitors will enjoy the rest of the evening in Fremantle.

Presentation

This is scheduled for 1 ½ hours after the final race.

We will hold to that schedule irrespective of the status of haul outs.

This occasion will be a casual 'Eski Affair', because we are all athletes and we're all in training!

6. AFTER THE REGATTA

After the Regatta Keelboats and associated Trailor's are requested to leave the Annex.

Boats competing in the World Championships can be relocated to Fremantle Sailing Club (FSC).

Arrangement of Land Pen and Gate pass at FSC can be made by contacting Fremantle harbour Master Jason Hands .0434539943, hm@fsc.com.au

Most boats intend to sail to FSC hoist immediately after the last race. Participants will need to drive or attain a lift to travel the short distance back to the Annex for presentations.

Due to time constraints some boats may need to moor at the FSC dock and haul out after presentations. From there you can start enjoying the hospitality of the Fremantle Sailing Club.

7. Contacts

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