



2024 International Etchells WA State Championships

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

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in conjunction with the International Etchells Swan River Fleet Inc.
Host Venue: Royal Perth Yacht Club Fremantle Annexe

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT CLUB INC. (RFBYC)

Keane's Point, Peppermint Grove
Perth, Western Australia

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The notation (DP) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Championship is classified as a Class C event as sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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 will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online at the event website at: <https://rbyc.asn.au/etchells-state-championship> .
- 3.2. The race office is located inside the Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC) Fremantle Annexe.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with the [International Etchells Class Code of Conduct](#) and all reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at the RPYC Fremantle Annexe.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

- 6.1 A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 6.2 At completion of a race, to signify an additional race will follow, the Race Committee will display Code Flag Q.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. CLASS FLAG

The Etchells Class flag is white flag with a red Etchells emblem.

8. RACING AREA

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

- 9.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be yellow inflatable cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 The start pin and finish marks will be a black and white chequered cylinder buoy.
- 10.3 The change of course mark per SI 12 will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red stripe.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the port end start mark.

- 11.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF Ch74. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the starboard end finish mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 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 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 14.2 In RRS 44.1, insert after the first sentence: "However, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 2".

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS35) and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	90 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 15.4 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A10.
- 15.5 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a),

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms shall only be made through the online protest system available on the event website at:
<https://rfbyc.asn.au/etchells-state-championship> .
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Royal Perth Yacht Club Fremantle Annexe.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The low points scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. PRIZES

Refer to the Notice of Race.

20. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

21. INSURANCE

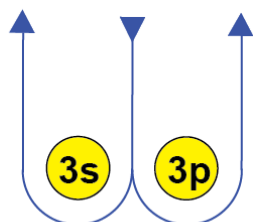
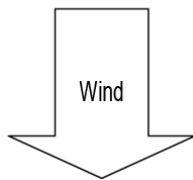
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million.

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APPENDIX A - COURSES

Course 1

Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - Finish



Course 2

Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - Finish

