



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

2025 SYD CORSER REGATTA

22 and 23 November 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Joint Organising Authority
ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT
CLUB INC. (RFBYC)



Joint Organising Authority
ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB INC.
(RPYC)



In conjunction with
INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
ASSOCIATION SWAN RIVER FLEET
(Inc.)



EVENT SPONSOR

The Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Inc (RFBYC) and Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc (RPYC), as joint organising authorities in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association Swan River Fleet Inc., will conduct the International Etchells 2025 Syd Corser Regatta on the Swan River on 22 and 23 November 2025.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation (SP) in a rule in this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements including compliance with AS Variation Approval regarding use of Anchors (Class rules shall apply).
- 1.3. This is an open event not sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T1 Post-race penalties, shall apply.
- 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 63.5(c)(2)).

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://rfbyc.asn.au/etchellsregattaserie> and emailed to all nominated boats. Failure for electronic communication to be received will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress.
- 3.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall not initiate transmissions of any nature from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalled "no more racing today".
- 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 boat.

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 mast at the front of the RFBYC Senior Clubhouse.
- 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

Session	Date	Location	Time	Event
1	Saturday, 22 November	RFBYC	0930	Racing – Time of First Warning Signal Race 1, Subsequent races 2 and 3 to follow.
2	Saturday, 22 November	RPYC	1330	Racing – Time of First Warning Signal Race 4, Subsequent race 5 to follow.
3	Sunday, 23 November	RFBYC	0930	Racing – Time of First Warning Signal Race 6, Subsequent races 7 and 8 to follow.

- 6.1 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1200 hrs on Sunday, 23 November.

7. CLASS FLAG

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

8. VENUES AND RACING AREAS

- 8.1 For sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November, the venue will be Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November will be Royal Perth Yacht Club.
- 8.2 For Sessions 1 and 3, the racing area will be Melville Water West. For Session 2 the racing area will be Melville Water East.
- 8.3 For Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November, the regatta office will be in the Sailing and Boating office located inside the RFBYC Dinghy Club. For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November the regatta office will be the Sailing Office located inside Royal Perth Yacht Club.
- 8.4 The event will be a dry regatta.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 For Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November, the courses will be windward/leeward as described in Appendix A.
- 9.2 For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November the courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Royal Perth Yacht Club windward / leeward Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 For Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November, 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.
- 10.4 For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November the marks will be as per those described in the Royal Perth Yacht Club windward / leeward Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 For Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the port end start mark.
- 11.3 For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November the start line will be as per that described in the Royal Perth Yacht Club windward / leeward Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 11.4 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.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 For Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November, 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.
- 12.2 In the event of a change in wind direction of less than 10 degrees, the race committee may relocate the existing marks without signalling a change of course.
- 12.3 The race committee may alter the course length by up to 25% without signalling a change of course.
- 12.4 For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November any change of course mark will be as per that described in the Royal Perth Yacht Club windward / leeward Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 For Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November the finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the starboard end finish mark.
- 13.2 For Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November the finishing line will be as per that described in the Royal Perth Yacht Club windward / leeward Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

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

Time Limits paragraphs 15.1 – 15.5 below apply to Sessions 1 on Saturday, 22 November and 3 on Sunday, 23 November only. Any time limits applicable for Session 2 on Saturday, 22 November will be as per that described in the RPYC Windward Leeward Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

- 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
30 minutes	45 minutes	75 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 at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/web/pages/protest-hearing-request-form?formId=31>
- 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 Training Room 3 inside the RFBYC Dinghy Clubhouse.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The low points scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Four (4) 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

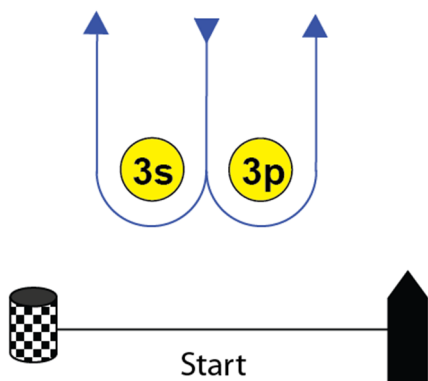
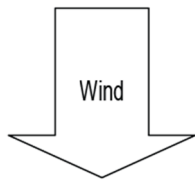
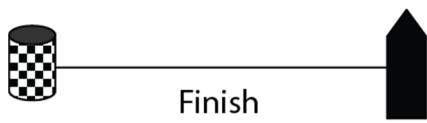
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million.

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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

