

COAST NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

18th – 20th November 2022

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS)
181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) – v3

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

CHANGE LOG

Changes made to previous version are highlighted in red

- A1 1.4, 1.5, 18.1 - (21st Dec 2021)
- A2 Event Date, 2.1, 4.2, 6.2, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.7, 15.1 - (24th March 2022)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I for open yachts will apply, except as per the international class rules, PFD's must be carried on board but are only required to be worn if the Y flag is flown.
- 1.3 The International Etchells Class Association Rules will apply.
- 1.4 **RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.**
- 1.5 **The RNZYS Covid Policy applies at all times during RNZYS events.**
Refer to <https://www.rnzys.org.nz/racedoc-course-info/>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the RNZYS website on or before the **14th November 2022**.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located on the RNZYS website.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/etchell-nationals/
- 3.2 [DP] Boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF. The failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. The emergency channel is 16.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all

boats. This does not include any communication with the race committee over the designated race channel.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Etchells class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fee before the **31st October 2022**.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.etchells.org.nz
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.
- 4.6 All boats' skippers and crews must be a current member of the International Etchells Class Association.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee and social activities fee are:

	Fee
Entry fee	\$230
Social fee per person	\$30

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 As per the International Etchells Class Rules the total crew weight limit is 285kg.
- 6.2 All skippers and crew must weigh in before the completion of registration on Friday **18th November, 2022**.
- 6.3 All registered crew shall sail all races. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

7 ADVERTISING

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

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Registration and weigh in:

Date	From	To
18th November	0930	1800

- 8.2 Sailors may weigh in at another time after the **13th November** if approved by the OA.

- 8.3 Dates of racing:

Date	
19th November	racing
20th November	racing

8.4 Number of races:

Class	Total Number Scheduled	Races per day - scheduled	Races per day - maximum	Target time Minutes.
Etchells	9	4	5	50

8.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955.

8.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600.

8.7 The briefing for competitors will be held at 1800 at the RNZYS on the 18th November.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested.

9.2 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the event.

10 VENUE

10.1 The event will be based out of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, 181 Westhaven drive.

10.2 The intended racing area is off the Auckland East Coast Bays, but may be changed at the discretion of the Race Office to suit the conditions.

11 COURSES

11.1 The Course will be windward leeward courses with beat lengths of approximately 0.6-1.1 NM adjusted to suit the conditions and target race time. A separator mark will be used at the top mark and a gate for the bottom mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

13.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 [DP] Any team support boats should be registered with the Race Committee, and clearly marked to identify with their team.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 [DP] All boats must be either launched by the OA or be in the water before 2000 hours on 18th November. All boats must remain in the water during the event, unless given prior written permission from the race committee.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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.**
- 17.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

18 COVID

- 18.1 Decision making on the event in relation to Covid restrictions will be made according to the local Auckland status and the RNZYS Covid policy.
- If it becomes necessary to cancel the event, payments made to RNZYS by competitors in relation to the event will be refunded. Any items that have been pre-ordered and paid for will be mailed to competitors – eg. T-shirts.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy insurance policy certificate must be provided if at any time requested to do so by the Organising Authority.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 The National Championship will be decided on Line, places will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd overall on Line.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

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