



# Metung Yacht Club Inc.

***Etchells***



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For

## 2021 Victorian International Etchells and Dragon State Championships

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### 1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the following 'rules' in addition to those prescribed in the NOR.

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

1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.4. If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.

1.5. Arbitration shall apply as detailed in RRS Appendix T, and as modified by these Sailing Instructions

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor of Metung Yacht Club and the MYC website.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast adjacent to the Metung Yacht Club clubhouse.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.



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## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	1600 to 1800	Registration & Weigh-In
		1800	Welcome Drinks
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	0800 to 0930	Registration & Weigh-In
		1030	Competitor Briefing
		1255	Racing - 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning 1255
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	1055	Racing - 1st Warning 1055
		1700	Presentation of Prizes (Dragons only)
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	0900	Competitor Briefing (Dragons only)
Monday (Etechells only)	8 <sup>th</sup> March	1055	Racing - 1st Warning 1055
Monday (Dragons only)	8 <sup>th</sup> March	1055	Match Racing - 1st Warning 1055
		TBA	Presentation of Prizes ASAP after racing

5.2. Seven races are scheduled for Etechells, and six for Dragons. More than one race may be sailed on any race day.

5.3. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag L will be displayed at the finish of the previous race. The Orange "on station" flag will be hoisted approximately 5 mins before the new Warning Signal for the Etechells.

5.4. On Monday no warning signal for the Etechells will be made after 1500.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flags will be the Etechells Class insignia on a white background for Etechells, and the Dragon Class Flag for Dragons.

## 7. RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will take place in the vicinity of Bancroft Bay and Lake King.



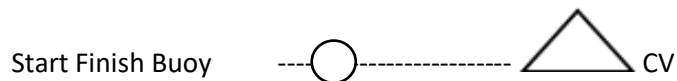
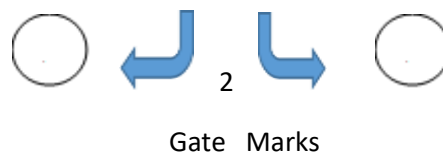
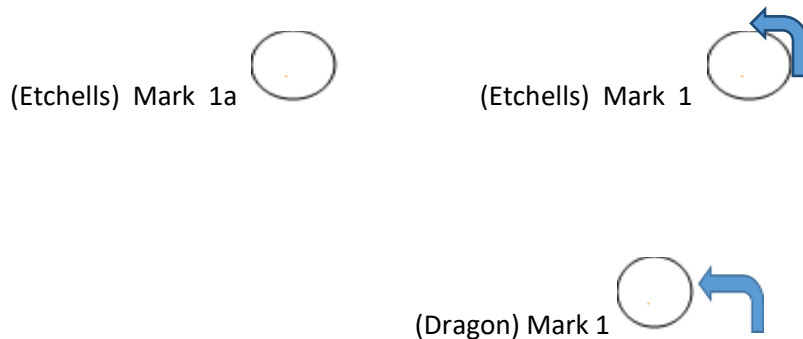
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## 8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams below show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

NOTE: Etchells and Dragons will have separate Windward Marks. The Dragons' Windward Mark will be approximately 80 meters downwind from the Etchells Windward Mark.





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Course 1

Etchells: Start – 1P – 1aP – 2P/2S – 1P – 1aP – Finish

Dragons: Start – 1P – 2P/2S – 1P – Finish

## 9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1 and 1A (for Etchells) will be Yellow inflatable buoys. Mark 1 (for Dragons) and Marks 2P/2S will be Orange inflatable buoys.

9.2. New Marks, as provided in instruction 11 will be the same Marks simply moved to the new position.

9.3. The Start/Finish mark will be a Yellow Inflatable Mark.

## 10. THE START

10.1. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CV and the Start Mark.

10.2 The Start Signal for the Etchells will be the Warning Signal for the Dragons. This will also apply for any restarts of the Etchells. The Dragons will wait for a successful start of the Etchells.

10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10.4 The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by sail number by radio on VHF Channel 73 approximately one minute after the starting signal. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

10.5 RRS 30.3 and 30.4 is changed to permit the race committee to display the sail number.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

11.2 When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the CV and the course side of the finishing mark.



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## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For Etchells, the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1. For Dragons, the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for Course 1 will be 1:30 hours from the starting signal. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race will stand.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark 40 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within 120 minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board

15.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the MYC Committee Room beginning at the time posted.

15.3 Breaches of instructions 14.2, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

## 16. SCORING

16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series for both Dragons and Etchells.

16.2 When five or more races for Etchells and Dragons have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing shall advise the Race Committee via VHF Channel 73 or, if reasonably practicable, pass close enough to a race committee vessel to signal its retirement, or advise the Regatta office immediately on return to shore.



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## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior approval of the Organizing Authority.

## 19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## 20. CREW WEIGHING

20.1 No crew weight limit for Dragons is applicable for this regatta. Etchells shall comply with crew weight limits.

## 21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 This supplement but does not change RRS 2 and 41. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving Channels 16 and 73. As per clause 17.1 boats may use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first Warning Signal until racing has been completed for the day.

21.2 The Race Committee may use Channel 73 to advise competitors of race information.

## 22. PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series for both the Etchells Class and Dragon Class.

22.2 The Victorian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the Etchells

22.3 The Etchells Woman's Trophy will be awarded to the first-place female helm.

22.4 The Etchells Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the first boat where the skipper and crew hold a World Sailor Classification Category 1.

22.5 The Etchells Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the masters Division (helm over 60 years of age)

22.6 The Etchells Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Grand Masters Division (Combined age of crew not less than 165 years for a 3-person crew and 220 for a 4-person crew).

22.7 Age is that applicable as at midnight on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

22.8 The J. J. Savage (Victorian Championship) Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the Dragons.

22.9 The Charles Stephenson Trophy will be awarded to the Handicap winner of the Dragons.



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22.10 The John Cuneo Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Dragon Match Racing Championship.

22.11 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is there's alone."

23.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organizing 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.

## 24. INSURANCE

24.1 All Yachts competing are required to carry current Third-Party Property and Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing.

## 25. ARBITRATION

25.1 Appendix T of the RRS applies, apart from T1(b) which shall read: "A Post Race Penalty is calculated as the boat's finishing place without the penalty plus 25% of the difference between that place and DSQ, rounded up to the nearest whole number. However rule 44.1(a) applies."