



NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells

**2022 International Etchells
Australian Championship**

2nd to 6th March 2022



**To be conducted by
Metung Yacht Club
Metung, Victoria**

The Metung Yacht Club (MYC), as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the Metung Etchells Fleet, will conduct the International **Etchells 2022 Australian Championship** on the waters of Gippsland Lakes.

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 <https://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>

1.2 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified in NOR Appendix A.

1.3 The notation "DP" in a rule, this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for any breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "SP" in a rule, this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule will be a standard penalty which will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes Appendix A5. The Notation "NP" in a rule, this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions means that the rule is not protestable by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1.4 This is a Class B event, sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association (IECAA).

1.5 The IECAA has designated this event as a Qualifying Event for the 2022 World Championship pursuant to IECA Appendix A, clause 7.C.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.

3.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.

3.3. 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 its days racing, except as provided in clause 3.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 All Competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the World Sailing Eligibility Code.

4.2 All competitors shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 75.

4.3 Entries, payment of the applicable fees and submission of entry documentation shall be made online on the Metung Yacht Club website.

4.4 Entries close at 1700hrs on 23rd February 2022. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a late entry surcharge of \$100. No entries will be accepted after 1700 hrs on 2nd March 2022.

4.5 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval facilities during the Regatta and participation in sanctioned social events.

5. FEES

5.1 Regatta entry fee for all boats sailing is \$660 (Inc. GST)

6. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT (DP)

6.1 All boats shall register with the Organising Authority at MYC on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 between the hours 0800 and 1730 or on Thursday 3rd March between the hours 0800 and 0930.

6.2 All boats shall present a current original Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate (boats sail card) if applicable, Mast Measurement Certificate if applicable, AS Special Regulation Category 7 Safety Compliance Certificate and required insurance documentation at registration.

6.3 All registration formalities (including the presentation of all Certificates and compliance documentation, boat and sail registration and crew weigh in) are required to be completed by 0930hrs on Thursday 3rd March 2022 at the Regatta Office.

6.4 All sails to be nominated for use in regatta must either bear a royalty tag or be correctly recorded on the boats sail card and measurement certificate prior to registration. There will be NO facility available to measure sails during the Regatta.

6.5 The 5 sails nominated from each boat to be used in this event will be stamped. All sails must have a valid measurement stamp affixed and signed by a class measurer.

6.6 During the Regatta, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority at any time.

6.7 Crew Weight Measurement

6.7.1 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing at the Regatta Office on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 between the hours 0800 and 1730 or on Thursday 3rd March 2022 between the hours of 0800 and 0930.

6.7.2 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.

6.7.3 Weighing scales will be available from Tuesday 1st March in the Regatta Office from 0800 to 1730 hrs.

6.7.4 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat may be posted on the Official Notice Board.

6.7.5 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

6.7.6 The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

6.8 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Crew members permitted to substitute must weigh in and register on the morning of sailing between 0800 and 0900 hours.

6.9 Boats that wish to be scored in the Masters & Grand Masters Divisions shall provide the dates of birth of all competitors no later than the close of registration.

6.10 Boats that wish to be scored in the Corinthian Division shall be required to sign a declaration in relation to competitors World Sailing Category status no later than the close of registration.

7. ADVERTISING (DP)

7.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championships in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

7.2 The Organising Authority will provide Bow Numbers. Replacement Bow Numbers will be supplied by the Organising Authority upon request.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Up to three races are scheduled each day except for the final day where a maximum of two races are scheduled. The race committee may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race after the scheduled race, this will be signalled by displaying code flag "L" at the finish boat.

Day	Time	Event
Wednesday 2 nd March	0800-1730 1800 1830	Registration & weigh-in Skippers Briefing Welcome function
Thursday 3 rd March	0800-0930 1200	Registration & weigh-in Race day 1 – 1st Warning signal
Friday 4 th March	1200	Race day 2 – 1st Warning signal
Saturday 5 th March	1200	Race day 3 – 1st Warning signal
Sunday 6 th March	1200 TBA	Race day 4 - 1st Warning signal Prize giving

8.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

9. COURSES & VENUE

9.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 The racing area will be on the Gippsland Lakes in the vicinity of Lake King.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS18, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

11. SCORING

11.1 A maximum of nine (9) races will be conducted for the series.

11.2 A minimum of four (4) races are required to constitute a series.

11.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS (DP)

12.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats may be supplied with a flag to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta.

12.2 Coach or support vessels that require mooring or berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, must book and receive confirmation in writing from the MYC Office prior to registration and arrival.

12.3 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.

12.4 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.

12.5 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the supported boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

12.6 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

13. BERTHING (DP)

13.1. Boats may be allocated berthing at registration and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta.

13.2. All boats shall be berthed at MYC or designated berth from Thursday 3rd March 2022 until the conclusion of the regatta, except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13.3. Boats wishing to arrive at the MYC before Tuesday 1st March 2022 or stay beyond Wednesday 9th March 2022 must apply and receive confirmation in writing from the MYC Office.

14. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS (DP)

14.1. All boats shall be afloat before 0900hrs on Thursday 3rd March 2022 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14.2. Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.

15.2. The Australian Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

15.3. The Women's Trophy will be awarded to the first-place female helm.

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

15.5. The Youth Trophy will be awarded to the first-place crew (Combined crew age 90 years or less for 3-person crew, 120 years or less for 4-person crew).

15.6. A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).

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

15.8. Age is that applicable at midnight on the 2nd March 2022.

15.9. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

16.2. The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

16.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. Each participating boat must be insured with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.

17.2. All owners/competitors who lodge an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.

17.3. Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

18. MEDIA

18.1. By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

19. COVID-19 (DP)

19.1. The Organising Authority may be required to comply with Government legislation, directives and guidelines that may result in the event being shortened or cancelled. If the event is shortened or cancelled, competitors will be offered a pro-rata or full refund respectively of their entry fee however no other compensation will be provided.

19.2. Competitors, by entering, acknowledge and agree to comply with any variations to this Notice of Race or conditions applied by the Organising Authority in its sole discretion. These conditions may include but are not limited to;

- Compliance with COVID hygiene and COVID Safe Plans
- Daily sign in and temperature checking if required
- Declarations being required regarding travel to known hot spots and / or possessing symptoms.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A

Equipment Description	Class Rules	AS Cat 7	Required for Event
PFD for each crew	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckets with lanyards	2	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	-	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Optional
Heaving line	Optional	-	Optional
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
VHF Radio	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheathed and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional
Drinking water (sufficient for crew)	-	-	Yes