



**Etchells**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

For

**2022 One Design Regatta**

**Etchells and Dragons**

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The Organizing Authority is Metung Yacht Club Inc. (MYC)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.

### 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 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Friday	21 January 2022	From 1630	Informal welcome Drinks
Saturday	22 January	1030	Competitor Briefing
Saturday	22 January	1255	Racing - 1st Warning 1255
Sunday	23 January	1155	Racing - 1st Warning 1155
Monday	24 January	1155	Racing - 1st Warning 1155
Monday	24 January	1700	Presentation of Prizes after racing

5.2 Seven races are scheduled. More than one race may be sailed on any race day. Two races are scheduled for Saturday, three for Sunday, and another two for Monday. See 5.3 below to be alerted to this plan changing.

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. After finishing a race, boats shall proceed to the starting area in anticipation of sailing another race, even in addition to the scheduled number of races, unless the Start Boat signals "AP over A" - "No more racing today".

5.4 The Orange "on station" flag will be hoisted approximately 5 mins before the new Warning Signal for the Etchells.

5.5 On Monday no warning signal will be made after 1530.

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

6.1 The class flags will be the Etchells Class insignia for Etchells, and the Dragon Class Flag for Dragons.

## **7. RACING AREA**

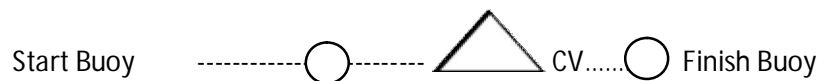
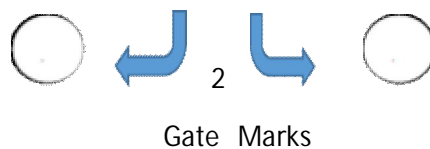
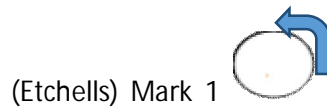
7.1 Racing will take place in the vicinity of Bancroft Bay and Lake King.

## **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.



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 The Start Mark will be a Yellow Inflatable Mark.

9.3 The 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. ie The Dragons will wait for a successful start of the Etchells.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1.

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 move the original mark as soon as practicable.

## **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.

## **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.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for Course 1 will be 1:45 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 Boats intending to lodge a Protest shall sail past the Committee Vessel and hail such intent. The hail must be acknowledged.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 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.

15.4 Appendix T Arbitration applies to this event. The arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee for any subsequent hearing.

## **16. SCORING**

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

16.2 When six 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.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1 Substitution of crew is not allowed without prior written 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 or Etchells shall apply.

## **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. 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. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

22.1 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 her's alone."

22.2 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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

23.1 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.

## **24. SIGN-ON**

24.1 All Yachts competing are required to sign-on prior to the first race of each day, by sailing past the Committee Vessel on STB Tack and hailing their intention to race. The hail must be acknowledged.

## **25. SIGN-OFF**

25.1 All Yachts are required to sign-off after the last race of each day, once they are berthed. The sign-off may be made via VHF radio on channel 73, phoning MYC Start Boat on 0493 389169, or in person at the regatta office. The sign-off MUST be acknowledged. Sign-off must

be made prior to the end of Protest Time. Boats failing to sign-off will incur a 20% scoring penalty.

## **26. BOW NUMBERS**

26.1 The organizing authority has allocated bow numbers for each Etechells. They shall be affixed according to set criteria by two nominated representatives of MYC. In the interests of the environment, if a boat already has a bow number affixed from a previous regatta, MYC will Endeavour to allow the boat to keep that number, as long as the affixing conforms to the set criteria. Contact either of the following representatives to arrange affixing:

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