



NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells

**2024 International Etchells
Victorian State Championships**

25th to 28th January 2024



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

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The Metung Yacht Club (MYC), as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the Metung Etchells Fleet, will conduct the International Etchells 2024 Victorian State Championships on the waters of the Gippsland Lakes.

The notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2 The notation [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1 The notation [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) published by World Sailing and Australian Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 [DP] The International Etchells Association Class Rules and the Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website
https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf
Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 1.4 Boats must 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).
- 1.5 [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned by the Organising Authority (OA) and supplied and fixed to each participating boat prior to inspection. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC) or event Technical Committee (TC).
- 1.6 A Skipper shall use only those sails presented in accordance with Class Rule C10, and as stated in the Sails Registration Certificate, and they shall not be recut or altered during the championship.
- 1.7 Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the Protest Committee.

- 1.8 Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 1.9 If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Race Committee for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.10 [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing, to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.11 The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S) or equivalent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.
- 1.12 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 1000hrs 25/1/24.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at [2024 Etchells VIC States](#)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress.
- 3.4 [DP] Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. Unless otherwise requested by the Race Committee, 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".
- 3.5 [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.
- 3.6 In addition to the information published on the official website and to assist competitors and others, the Race Committee may publish information to a mobile telephone number using "WhatsApp". Any interested party may join this Whatsapp chat via self-registering using this link: [WhatsApp Sailor Information Link](#)

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class. For clarity: boats originally built from Mould 11 that have completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications as approved by the IECA and World Sailing are eligible to race as Etchells, subject to compliance with the Etchells class rules as modified by this Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Rules
- This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown **highlighted in red**. Written permission of the IECA for the change has been posted on the official notice board.
- A.11.1 (m) **A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.**
- C.7.1. (a) **Modification** of the external shape of the **hull** is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), **or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
- D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the **class rules** in force at the time of **initial certification, or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
- (b) **Modifications (Section C)** shall comply with the current **class rules. Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.**
- D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, **or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
- BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.
- (c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):
- (1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA
- (2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures
- Boats built from Mould 11 and subsequently modified in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications are deemed to have complied with BS.B.1.**
- BS.C.3 **Modification** of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:
- (a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings
- (b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
- (c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
- (d) sanding
- (e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications**
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all lodgement of required documentation as stated in clause 5 and payment of the applicable Entry Fee online via the link on the MYC Website: [Online Entry](#) All helm and crew contact details and Divisions entered (Corinthian, Masters, Grand Masters) must also be completed. There will be no provision for manual/paper entries.
- 4.4 Entries close at 1700hrs on Friday 19th January 2024. Late entries will be not accepted.
- 4.5 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing as indicated on the Schedule or required by Class Rule C2.
- 4.6 All boats entered for the Corinthian Division shall be automatically entered in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes in both divisions.

The crew deadline date for entrants to confirm their eligibility for the Corinthian Division is by the close of entries.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry fee of \$450 (incl GST) for a three person crew, and \$510 (incl GST) for a four person crew shall be paid in accordance with the online entry system.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 All crew shall all be members of the International Etchells Class Association. The skipper shall be an Owner member.
- 6.2 In addition to NOR 6.1 Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:
- a. be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - b. borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and
 - c. be at least a Non-Owner Class Member

7 [NP] [DP] REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 The following documents are required to be uploaded during the registration process by close of entries at 1700hrs on Friday 19th January 2024:
- A full copy of the Etchells Measurement Certificate,
 - A valid insurance certificate as stated in clause 18,
 - A valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form,
 - If a M11 boat – a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications
 - A [Sail Selection Form](#) comprising of up to 5 sails (one main, two jibs and 2 spinnakers) to be used in the regatta, including sail type, manufacturer and sail label number.

8 ADVERTISING

- 8.1 All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.
- 8.2 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.

9 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 9.1 The event will be a single series championship.

10 SCHEDULE

10.1

Day	Event	Time
Thursday 25 January	Crew weigh-in	0900-1200
Friday 26 January	Crew weigh-in	0800-0900
Thursday 25 January	Welcome drinks	1630
Friday 26 January	Competitor Briefing	1000
Friday 26 January	Racing	From 1255
Saturday 27 January	Racing	From 1255
Sunday 28 January	Racing	From 1255
Sunday 28 January	Presentation Ceremony	1800

10.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1530hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

11 CREW WEIGHT

- 11.1 Each skipper and crew member shall be weighed at the regatta office on Thursday 25 January 2024 between the hours 0900 and 1200. A timetable for boat crews will be distributed.
- 11.2 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 11.3 Requests for substitution of crew members must be made in writing and will be considered by the Race Committee. Requests must set out the reason, and detail the crew to be substituted. Approved substitute crews must weigh in and register on the morning of sailing between 0800 and 0900.

12 CLOTHING

- 12.1 See Class Rule C3.2.

13 VENUE AND COURSES

- 13.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 The racing area will be on Lake King in the vicinity of Tambo Bluff, Raymond Island and the mouth of the Tambo River.

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 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.
- 14.3 RRS Appendix T “Arbitration” will apply.
- 14.4 A National Jury as provided in RRS Addendum A has been appointed.
- 14.5 The right to appeal from a Protest Committee decision is denied as provided in RRS under Australian Sailing’s Policy on denial of the right of appeal (RRS Addendum A Part 2).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 15.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 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.

16 SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats may be supplied with a number to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta. Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the MYC Regatta Office prior to registration.
- 16.2 [DP] Coaches and other support personnel shall stay no closer than 100m to any racing boat or race committee vessel or mark of the course from the time of the first Prep Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 16.3 [DP] 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.
- 16.4 [DP] Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency threatening the safety of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 [NP] BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 18.1 Boats shall be allocated berthing prior to the event and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta.
- 18.2 Trailer parking shall be as shown in this NOR.
- 18.3 There is rigging room at the rear of MYC and on the hardstand, however boats must be launched after rigging and trailers relocated to the above trailer parking area. Only trailers belonging to boats with a licenced MYC Carpark berth may remain in the carpark. No visiting boats on trailers are allowed to remain on the hardstand.

19 [NP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1000hrs on Friday 26 January 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes shall be awarded as follows:
- The Victorian Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner.
 - The Corinthian Trophy shall be awarded to the first boat where the skipper and all crew qualify for a World Sailing Classification Category 1.
 - The Women's Trophy shall be awarded to the first-place female helm.
 - A Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the Masters Division (Helm over 60 years of age).
 - A Perpetual Trophy shall 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 years for a 4-person crew).
 - Age is that applicable at 2359 25th January 2024.
- 20.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 20.3 The awarding of any prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 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.

- 21.4 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 All owners/competitors shall upload a copy of their Certificate of Currency during the online entry process.
- 22.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

23 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 23.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give 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.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A - Safety Equipment

<i>Equipment Description</i>	<i>Class Rules</i>	<i>AS Cat 7</i>	<i>Required for Event</i>
PFD for each crew member as per NOR 1.3	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp (as per AS exemption)	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	Yes	Yes
Heaving line, throwing device	Optional	-	Optional
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheaved and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional
Drinking Water (sufficient for all crew)	-	-	Yes

Note: For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the International Etchells Class Rules and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.