



Etchells

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2024

**International Etchells Victorian State
Championships**

25-28 January 2024

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Metung Yacht Club Inc. (MYC), in conjunction with the International Etchells Metung Fleet.

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[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

[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 is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* published by World Sailing and Australian Sailing Prescriptions.

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 MYC website at: <https://metungyachtclub.com.au/sailing-regatta-documents/vic-etchells-state-championships-25-28-jan-2024/vic-etchells-state-championships-25-28-jan-2024-notice-to-competitors/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 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

Day	Event	Time
Friday, 26 th January	Competitor Briefing	1030 Hrs
Friday, 26 th January	Racing	1 st Warning 1255 Hrs
Saturday, 27 th January	Racing	1 st Warning 1155 Hrs
Sunday, 28 th January	Racing	1 st Warning 1155 Hrs
Sunday, 28 th January	Presentation Ceremony	After Racing

5.1 Nine races are scheduled. Three races per day are scheduled. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the championship is no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 3.1.

5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made no sooner than 10 minutes after the last boat finishes the preceding race.

5.3 The Orange “on station” flag will be hoisted approximately 5 mins before the first Warning Signal.

5.4 On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1530.

5.5 The Internationals Dragon Class Prince Philip Cup will be run concurrently on 26,27 and 28 January

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 Lake King.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram 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.

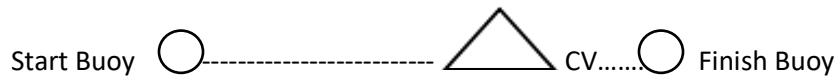
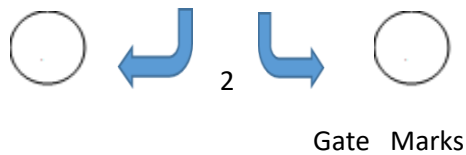
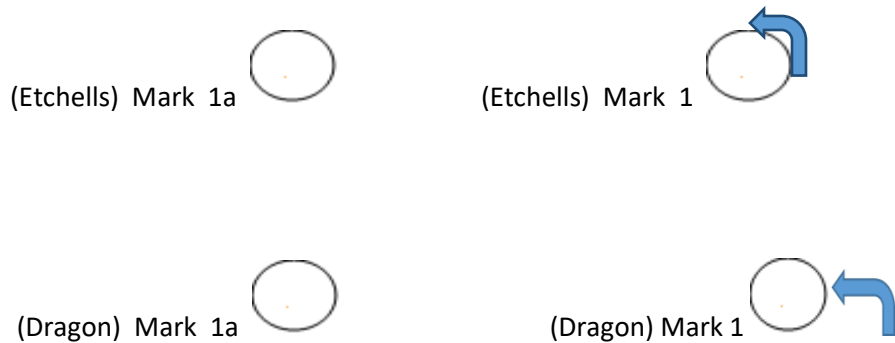
8.2 The race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

8.3 All Navigation Marks are Marks of the Course.

8.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.

8.5 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

NOTE: Etchells and Dragons will have separate Windward Marks. The Dragons' Windward Mark will be approximately 150 meters downwind from the Etchells Windward Mark.



Course 1

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

9. MARKS

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

9.2 The Start Mark will be a Black/White Chequered Inflatable Mark.

9.3 The Finish Mark will be a Black/White Chequered Inflatable Mark.

10. THE START

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

10.2 The Warning Signal for the Etchells will be made at least 2 minutes after the Start Signal for the Dragons. This will also apply for any restarts of the Dragons. Ie The Etchells will wait for a successful start of the Dragons.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10.4 The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by sail number by radio on VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible 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.

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 See NOR 14

14. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

14.1 The race target time is 55 minutes.

14.2 The race time limit shall be 80 minutes. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the race shall stand.

14.3 If no boat has passed the first windward mark 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.4 The Finishing Window 20 minutes, and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

14.5 (NP) Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)".

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Boats intending to lodge a Protest shall where possible sail past the Committee Vessel and hail such intent. The hail must be acknowledged. This is in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office and may also be completed and submitted [online](#). Protests shall be delivered there within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Notices shall 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 (lower level of clubhouse) at 0900 hours the following day, except on the last day of the event where hearings will be held ASAP after the protest time limit of the final race of the day. All Protest Information including protest time limit and hearing details may be found [here](#).

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP] [NP] The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing shall advise the Race Committee via VHF Channel 72 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.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

18. RADIO AND PHONE COMMUNICATION

18.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving Channels 16 and 72. 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.

18.2 The Race Committee may use Channel 72 to advise competitors of race information.

18.3 In addition to the information published on the official website, the Race Committee may text courses, postponements and other information to a single mobile telephone number using "What's App" that has been registered to a boat. Any interested party may join this WhatsApp chat via self-registering using this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IIBnAFVnub0G8XcCgjSnj1>

18.4 Delays or failure of the text messaging service shall not be grounds for redress.

18.5 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes the use of mobile phones.

19. SIGN-ON

19.1 [SP] [NP] All Yachts competing are required to sign-on prior to the first race of each day, by sailing past the Committee Vessel on starboard tack and hailing their intention to race. The hail must be acknowledged.

19.2 [SP] Boats failing to comply with SI 19.1 shall incur a scoring penalty as defined in RRS 44.3 (c) added to their score in their first race of that day.

20. SIGN-OFF

20.1 [SP] 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 72, phoning MYC Start Boat on 0419 533302, 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 scoring penalty as defined in RRS 44.3 (c) for their last race of that day.