



**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
2016 Open European Championship
NOTICE OF RACE**

The Cowes Etchells Fleet in conjunction with the Royal London Yacht Club invites entries to the 2016 Open European Championship to be sailed at Cowes, United Kingdom, on Monday 29 August and Tuesday 30 August 2016 preceded by an optional Coaching Event on Sunday 28 August 2016

The Regatta Venue and the Regatta Office are at Cowes Yacht Haven, Cowes.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal London Yacht Club in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the RYA prescriptions.
- 2.2 The Rules and Regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.4 The Protest Committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rule. This changes rule 64.1.
- 2.5 The Organising Authority will provide Bow Sticker numbers which shall be displayed 52.5cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g."2") must display the leading zero (e.g."02").

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.

- 4.2 All competitors competing for the Corinthian Cup are required to have a current World Sailing Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org
- 4.3 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed together prior to racing on Monday 29 August 2016 (there is no weigh in requirement for the Coaching Event on Sunday 28 August 2016). Weigh in will take place between 1730 and 1930 on Sunday 28 August 2016 and between 0730 and 0830 on Monday 29 August 2016 at the Regatta Office.
- 4.4 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.5 Crews that fail to be weighed by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted to the Race Committee.
- 4.6 Weighing scales will be available each race day in the Regatta Office during opening times.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System at 2016.etchellsworlds.org accompanied by the entry fee which shall be paid in GB Pounds Sterling, and copies of the boat's Measurement Certificate are to be scanned and emailed to the Organising Authority no later than 1700 on Friday 22 July 2016.
- 5.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by the late entry fee as set out at Clause 5.3 below. Copies of the boat's Measurement Certificate shall be emailed to the Organising Authority at time of entry.
- 5.3 Entry fees per boat are:

	3 person crew	4 person crew
Entries received before 22 July	GBP 500	GBP 600
Late entries	GBP 650	GBP 750

Entry fees are to be paid in full after bank charges

- 5.4 The entry fee includes race management, lift in/mooring/lift out at the start/end of the Coaching Event and the Open European Championship at the Regatta Venue. The entry fee also includes one ticket per crew member for the Opening Reception and Prize giving. Tickets will be available for guests to purchase to attend the social events.
- 5.5 The original of the Sail Card shall be presented at registration.
- 5.6 By entering, all competitors become temporary members of the Royal London Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 28 August	0830	Coaching event - Skippers briefing	Regatta Venue
	1100	Coaching Event - First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
	1730 – 1930	Registration, crew weigh-in and sail nomination (Clause 4.3)	Regatta Office
	2000	Welcome Reception	Royal London Yacht Club
Monday 29 August Race Day 1	0730-0830	Registration, crew weigh-in and sail nomination (Clause 4.3)	Regatta Office
	0830	Skippers briefing	Regatta Venue
	1030	First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
Tuesday 30 August Race Day 2	1030	First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
	1900	Prize giving	Regatta Venue
Wednesday 31 August	0900 – 1730	Boat Recovery	Regatta Venue

6.2 The Notice of Race for the Coaching Event is shown in Attachment A. This does not form part of the Notice of Race for the 2016 Open European Championship.

6.3 For the European Championship five races are scheduled and more than three races may be sailed on any race day.

7. COMPLETION OF FORMALITIES

7.1 Eligible boats shall nominate their sails with the Organising Authority in accordance with the times specified in the Schedule of Events.

7.2 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water 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.

7.3 All formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, sail nomination and presentation of Sail Card, are required to be completed by 0830 on Monday 29 August.

7.4 After sail nomination until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the Protest Committee. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.

7.5 During the competition any boat may be subject to measurement or examination at any time.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be emailed to competitors soon after the late entry closing date and will be available at the Regatta Office at registration.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The races will be sailed in the Central Solent as shown in Attachment B, unless notified otherwise by the race committee by 2000 on the preceding day.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class "[Appendix D Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions](#)" available on the International Etchells Class website.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.
- 11.3 The U Flag starting penalty may be used generally in accordance with rule L 11.5. This changes rules 26, 63.1, A5 and A11.
- 11.4 These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules and class rules. This changes rule J1.2(1).

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When five races have been completed one discard shall be applied. This changes rule A2.

13. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Championship will have a Protest Committee in accordance with RRS Part 5 Section A.
- 13.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

14. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Coach and support boats for the European Championship must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat. Coach and support boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Regatta Office. Registration times are set out in the Schedule of Events at clause 6.1 above. Coach and support boats shall display identifying flags, issued by the Organising Authority, and their national sail letters on the engine cover at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat.
- 14.2 The registration fee per boat is GBP 25 to be paid at registration.

- 14.3 All registered coach and support boats shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channels and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 14.4 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal on each race day (or any other time the Organising Authority considers appropriate) until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their support boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Protest Committee or the Race Committee.
- 14.5 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before 1730 on Saturday 27 August 2016 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

16. PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 This supplements but does not change rules 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry one or more marine band VHF receivers capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must 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 from the first Warning Signal on each race day (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 17.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 17.3 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 (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clauses 17.1 and 18.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Protest Committee or the Race Committee.

18. TRACKING SYSTEM

18.1 An electronic tracking system may be used to track the position of participating boats during the race and competitors will be required to allow the installation of tracking devices on their boats. The Organising Authority may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the racing as well as for technical and safety purposes. Competitors shall be responsible for the device while on board and shall return them to the Regatta Office when required. On registration competitors will be required to give a credit card number from which account the Organising Authority may charge the sum of GBP 150 if the device is not returned.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 **The Open European Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 19.2 **The European Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the first European helm.
- 19.3 **The European Corinthian Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Category 1.
- 19.4 Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first three place winners overall and to race winners. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 20.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 All boats competing are required to carry valid Third Party Liability insurance with a minimum cover of GBP 2m per incident, or the equivalent.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 For further information, please contact the Organising Authority:

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INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS



ATTACHMENT A

NOTICE OF RACE

For Coaching Event Sunday 28 August 2016

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal London Yacht Club in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the RYA prescriptions.
- 2.2 The Rules and Regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.4 Coaching support will be provided with post-race debriefing and on-the water advice during racing. This changes RRS 41 - Outside Help.
- 2.5 The Organising Authority will provide Bow Sticker numbers which shall be displayed 52.5cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g."2") must display the leading zero (e.g."02").
- 2.6 Sail nomination and weigh in are not required for the Coaching Event.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats maybe required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats are eligible to take part in the Coaching Event if they have entered the 2016 Open European Championships.
- 4.2 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owner and crews are current members of the Class Association unless dispensation has been agreed.

5. VENUE

- 5.1 The Event Venue and Office will be at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH).

6. SCHEDULE

Day	Briefing	First Warning Signal	Prize Giving at CYH
Sunday 28 August	0830	1100	Welcome Reception RLYC 2000

7. NUMBER OF RACES

- 7.1 The event will consist of up to 4 races with additional races at the discretion of the Race Committee with possible practice starts.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the briefing and may be available electronically sooner.

9. TRACKING

- 9.1 Boats may be required to carry a tracking unit which will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent from a Committee Boat.
10.2 Courses using laid or fixed racing or navigation marks will be broadcast on VHF and displayed on the signal boat. The format will be predominantly windward/leeward.
10.3 A list of marks to be used will be issued with the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTIES

- 11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone when the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
12.2 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1730 on Saturday 27 August 2016 and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices except to any tracker which might be supplied.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 The event prize-giving will be held at the Opening Reception at the Royal London Yacht Club commencing at 2000.
- 15.2 The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Classification Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize must provide their World Sailor Classification number before racing starts.

16. RISK STATEMENT

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