



**INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLES CLASS
2016 World Championship
NOTICE OF RACE**

The Cowes Etchells Fleet in conjunction with the Royal London Yacht Club invites entries to the 2016 World Championship to be sailed at Cowes, United Kingdom, from Wednesday 31 August to Saturday 10 September 2016 (first day of racing Sunday 4 September).

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).
- 2.2 The RYA Prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Attachment A of this Notice of Race.
- 2.3 The Rules and Regulations of the International Etchells Class Association will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 The Championship is a World Sailing Recognised Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class A event.
- 2.5 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.6 The International Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes rule 64.1.

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 For the 2016 World Championship, the entry allocation is 75% of each fleet's paid boats (rounded up). Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain prior to the entry being accepted. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the Organising Authority and with the International Etchells Class Association Secretariat. Additionally, eligibility is extended to those who qualify through a Qualifying Event as defined in Class Appendix A 7.C.
- 4.4 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed together at the times set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.5 The total combined weight of crew members for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.6 Crews that fail to weigh 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.
- 4.7 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 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 1600	GBP 1750
Late entries	GBP 1900	GBP 2050

Entry fees are to be received in full after bank charges

- 5.4 The entry fee includes race management, lift-in/mooring/lift out at the start/end of the World Championship at the Regatta Venue and boat/trailer storage at the Regatta Venue from the 17 August 2016 to the 13 September 2016 (additional lifts by arrangement are free of charge). Boats and trailers may be stored off site outside of the above dates (also free of charge by arrangement). The entry fee also includes one ticket per crew member for the Opening Reception and the World Championship Prize giving and at least one additional social event. Tickets will be available for guests to purchase to attend the social events.

- 5.5 Facility fees for moorings and lift-in/out, outside of the World and European Championship before the 17 August 2016 and after the 13 September 2016 are the responsibility of each competitor.
- 5.6 Originals of a boat's Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate shall be presented at Registration.
- 5.7 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
Wednesday 31 August	1200 - 1700	Measurement	Regatta Venue
Thursday 1 September	1200 - 1700	Measurement	Regatta Venue
Friday 2 September	1200 - 1700	Measurement & Registration	Regatta Venue
Saturday 3 September	0930 - 1700 0800 - 1700 1700	Measurement & Registration Boat Launch All Boats Launched (Clause 15) & Close of Registration (Clause 7)	Regatta Venue
Sunday 4 September	1400 1800 1830	Practice Race – Warning Signal Skipper's Briefing Opening Reception	Central Solent Race Area Royal London Yacht Club
Monday 5 September	1100	Day 1 – First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
Tuesday 6 September	1100	Day 2 – First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
Wednesday 7 September	1100	Day 3 – First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
Thursday 8 September	1100	Day 4 – First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
Friday 9 September	1100	Day 5 – First Warning Signal	Central Solent Race Area
Saturday 10 September	1100 1900	Day 6 – First Warning Signal World Championship Prize giving	Central Solent Race Area Royal Yacht Squadron
Sunday 11 September	0800-1700	Boat Recovery	Regatta Venue

- 6.2 Nine races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.
- 6.3 The Class International Governing Committee members present may permit the Race Committee to deviate from the above schedule.
- 6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1530 on Saturday 10 September 2016, unless there is a postponement or one or more general recalls during a starting sequence.

7. MEASUREMENT and REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority in accordance with the times specified in the Schedule of Events.
- 7.2 All boats and sails will be checked for compliance with World Sailing measurement regulations and class rules and shall present acceptable documentation to the satisfaction of the class measurer.
- 7.3 All boats must be available for measurement at the regatta venue from 1200 on Wednesday 31 August 2016. The Event Chief Measurer may examine or measure any competing boat which is available in advance of the first official registration and measurement date.
- 7.4 All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, boat and sail measurement are to be completed by 1700 on Saturday 3 September 2016.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 After measurement, until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the Regatta Venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 7.7 After measurement 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 International Jury. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 7.8 During the competition any boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time.
- 7.9 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendation of the Class IGC/ODT and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the International Etchells Class Association.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and on 2016.etchellsworlds.org

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 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 13.1 The Championship will have an International Jury constituted in accordance with rule 91(b) and Appendix N. Substitutions may be made. Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with rule 70.5.
- 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 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 time of 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 International Jury or the Race Committee.

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

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1700 on Saturday 3 September 2016 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the International Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

16. PLASTIC POOLS

16.1 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between 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 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 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 International Jury 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 devices 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 World Championship Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 19.2 Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the individual race winners of races one to nine, **the Masters' Division winner, the Seniors' Division winner, the Grand Masters Division winner, the Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy, the Corinthian Cup, the Next Generation Trophy and the Top Female Helm.**
- 19.3 Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first five place winners overall and to the other 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. LOANER BOATS

22.1 Loaner boats may be available for overseas entrants and will be allocated in accordance with Class Rules at the Royal London Yacht Club at 1700 on Friday 29 July 2016. The Loaner boat fee of GBP 3000 includes all insurance premiums. A damage deposit of GBP 2000 includes insurance deductibles.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

23.1 For further information, please contact the Organising Authority:

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ATTACHMENT A - RYA PRESCRIPTIONS

The RYA prescriptions that apply

Rule

5. Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required by ISAF regulation 21.14 to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through ISAF regulation 21 are the *RYA Anti-Doping Rules*, as published on the RYA website.

67. Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

86.3 Rule Changes

An organising authority wishing to develop and test a rule change shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. The organising authority shall promptly report the results of the test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions of rules 5, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

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ATTACHMENT B – RACING AREA

