

COAST NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th / 7th April, 2024

The Organising Authority is the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club
Birkenhead Wharf, Birkenhead, Auckland 0626

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply, except as per the international class rules, PFD's must be carried on board but are only required to be worn if code flag Y is displayed.
Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 The International Etchells Class Association Rules will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Wednesday 3rd April, 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.nbyc.org.nz
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI's. Failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF radio at all times while racing.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This does not include any communication with the race committee over the designated race channel.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Etchells class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by;
 - (a) Completing the on-line entry form on the Etchells Assn website, www.etchells.org.nz
 - (b) Paying the non-refundable entry fee.

- 4.3 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 2nd April 2024.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor’s national authority.
- 4.6 All boats skippers and crews must be a current member of the International Etchells Class Association.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry and social activity fees are:

Event entry fee (per boat)	\$230
Social activities fee (per person)	\$30

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 As per the International Etchells Class Rules, the maximum crew weight, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt is 285 kilograms.
- 6.2 All skippers are required to sign a weight declaration form at registration. Crews may weigh in on or before 16:00 on Friday 5th April 2024.
- 6.3 All registered crew shall sail all races. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

7 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance WS advertising code.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 *Dates of racing:*

The event shall consist of a series of up to 8 races – (refer schedule below).

Day	Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Number of Races	Maximum races per day
Day 1	Sat, 6 th April 2024	10:25	4	5
Day 2	Sun, 7 th April 2024	10:25	4	5

- 8.5 The Target Time for each race is 40 minutes.
- 8.6 On Sunday 7th April 2024 no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested.
- 9.2 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The event will be based out of the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club.
- 10.2 The intended racing area is off the Auckland East Coast Bays but may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee to suit the conditions.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses with beat lengths of approximately 0.6-1.1 NM adjusted to suit the conditions and target race time. A separator mark will be used at the top mark and a gate for the bottom mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 (a) When from 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,
(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 [DP] All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.
- 14.2 [DP] Any support and coach vessels shall be registered with the Race Committee, and clearly marked to identify with their team.
- 14.3 [DP] All support and coach vessels shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Race Committee.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 [DP] All boats must in the water 18 hours before the event starts, and remain in the water during the event, unless given prior written permission has been provided by the Race Committee.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. All those taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the NBYC and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The NBYC and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The NBYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy insurance policy certificate must be provided if at any time requested to do so by the Organising Authority.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 The National Championship will be decided on line. Prizes will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd overall on line.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

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