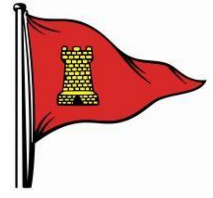




ETCHELLS REGATTA

SATURDAY 20TH SUNDAY 21ST JULY



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ISLAND SAILING CLUB

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE COWES ETCHELLS FLEET

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing(2021-2024)
- 1.2. The International Etchells Class rules apply.
- 1.3. Competitors should note that the Island Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.4. Boats will be provided with bow number stickers by the OA. They shall be placed 52cm aft of the bow, 6cm from the shearline and 6cm apart. Single digit numbers, for example 2, shall display the leading zero, 02. These stickers shall be applied prior to the first race of the series. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that these are properly in place before racing each day.
- 1.5. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. The event is open to all International Etchells boats.
- 2.2. All boat owners must be current 2024 members of the International Etchells Class Association as described by IECA rule 4. Information on how to join the Class can be found at <https://etchellsukfleet.co.uk/shop/>
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee by midnight Wednesday 17 July 2024. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.4. Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 2.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, including providing crew details, and pay all fees.

3. **FEES**

- 3.1. The entry fee for this event is £190.00.
- 3.2. All entry fees are non-refundable after Wednesday 17 July 2024.

4. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Monday 15 July 2024 on www.yachtscoring.com and from the Island Sailing Club.
- 4.2. The Sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S.

5. **COURSES**

- 5.1. The course configuration will be windward–leeward and may include offset marks and gates.
- 5.2. Course diagrams and descriptions will be provided in the sailing instructions.

6. **COMMUNICATION**

- 6.1. The online official notice board is located at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 6.2. All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of receiving all international channels.
- 6.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. This channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 6.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.
- 6.5. The Organising Authority and Race Committee will use a WhatsApp group for communications with competitors regarding their intentions, notices, protest details and other information during the event. A link to join the group will be emailed to competitors closer to the time of the event.

7. **PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE**

- 7.1. Six races are scheduled. A maximum of four races per day may be sailed.
- 7.2. There will be no warning signal on the last day after 1500.

	Saturday	Sunday
Race Days	20 July	21 July
First warning signal	1155	1055
Start	1200	1100
HW Portsmouth (BST)	1146 4.3m	1226 4.5m

8. **CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 8.1. WS Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 will apply to all crew members of boats competing for the Corinthian Prize; each crew member shall have a valid WS Sailor Classification as a Group 1 competitor no later than the Crew Deadline. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://members.sailing.org/classification/>.
- 8.2. The Crew Deadline for boats competing for the Corinthian Prize is Wednesday 17 July 2024.
- 8.3. To be eligible for the Youth Prize, all competitors on such boat shall be no older than 29 on 1st January 2024.

9. **ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

10. **BRIEFING**

A briefing will take place 1000 Saturday 20th April at Cowes Yacht Haven.

11. **BERTHING**

Berthing is the responsibility of each competing boat. Berthing costs are not included in the entry fee.

12. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

13. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

13.1 No person shall swim or undertake any underwater or diving activities of any kind within Cowes Harbour without permission and/or a permit from the Cowes Harbour Master or the authorized Marina Manager.

See: [Cowes Harbour Commission General Direction 4.4 and 4.5](#).

13.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats from 1700 on Friday 19 July 2024 until the end of the event.

13.2 Competing boats shall not be cleaned more than 10cm below the waterline by any means from the preparatory signal of the first race until the end of the event.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 All boats shall be afloat no later than 1700 the day before the first scheduled race.

14.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15 VENUE

15.1 The racing will take place in the Central Solent.

15.2 The location of the start line will be announced on the WhatsApp group by 0900 each race day.

15.3 Navigational Safety

Racing occurs near active shipping channels. The race committee would like to call special attention to the preamble to RRS Part 2 and the current [ABP Southampton Byelaws](#). Boats are reminded to keep a good look out for all commercial traffic and recognize that large vessels have very limited manoeuvrability, particular in the shipping channel east of Norris Bay.

16 SCORING

16.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

16.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 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.

17 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

17.1 Each boat shall verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate during the entry process.

17.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

18 CODE OF CONDUCT

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).

19 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. By participating a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show still and motion pictures taken during the period of the event without compensation. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or WorldSailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 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 inherently 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 in the event.
- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

22 PRIZES GIVING & SOCIAL

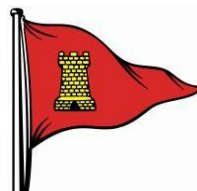
BBQ and drinks on the top terrace of the Island Sailing Club 1900 on Saturday 20th July. Prizes will be awarded at the prize giving ceremony which is scheduled to take place at Cowes Yacht Haven after racing on Sunday.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

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