



# Etchells Southern Area Championship

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Royal Thames Yacht Club - Cowes Etchells Fleet  
Cowes, Isle of Wight



The Organizing Authority (OA) is the RTYC Regattas Limited in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.

### 1. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com). The race committee will use the Etchells SAC event WhatsApp group to alert competitors when there has been a posting.
- 3.2. The race office is located at Cowes Yacht Haven, telephone +44 7730 347177, email [rosa@royalthames.com](mailto:rosa@royalthames.com).
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 06.
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF radio: location of race committee vessel, alternate preparatory signals, courses, postponement, abandonment, starting signals, recalls.

### 4. TRACKERS

[DP] Boats may be supplied a tracker by the OA. The tracker shall be carried onboard when leaving its berth until it has returned ashore. Trackers shall be collected from and returned to the Etchells container at Cowes Yacht Haven. Trackers shall be returned within the protest time limit.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located near the boat hoist at Cowes Yacht Haven. If a signal is made ashore, the RC will also relay the message on the event WhatsApp Group.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes rule Race Signals AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

	Saturday	Sunday
Race Days	5 June	6 June
First warning signal	1155	1055
No warning signal after	--	1500

Three (3) races per day are scheduled, however a maximum of 4 races per day may be sailed.

### 7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag for the Etchells Class will be code flag 'E'.

### 8. RACING AREA

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

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course signal and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3. If either gate mark 2s or 2p is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Marks 1, 1a, 2s and 2p will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2. The start and finish marks will be a RTYC dan buoy.
- 10.3. A new mark, as provided by SI 12 will be a black inflatable buoy.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. In addition to RRS 29.1, if any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her bow or sail number on VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LET OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. The race committee may change a leg of the course by up to ten (10) degrees in bearing and/or 200m in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at one end of the line and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

See NOR 11.

## **15. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME**

- 15.1. The time limit for each for race will be 90 minutes.
- 15.2. The Target Time for each race will be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **16. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the online official notice board.
- 16.2. Protest forms are available from the race office at Cowes Yacht Haven.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Cowes Yacht Haven at the time posted.

**17. SCORING**

See NOR 12.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1. [DP] Before the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall: 1) sail past the race committee signal vessel on starboard tack; 2) announce her bow number; and 3) obtain the recognition of her bow number by the race committee.

18.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via VHF before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, immediately after arrival ashore by contacting the race committee via the event WhatsApp Group.

**19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

[DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the OA.

**20. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

20.1. The Race Committee signal vessel will be the M/V *Gemini Breeze*, a 7m pleasure craft with a large cockpit and wheelhouse, flying a RTYC burgee.

20.2. Race Committee support vessels will be RIBs flying RTYC burgees.

**ADDENDUM A – COURSE DIAGRAMS**

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<b>LA</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and leeward finish</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>LA2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish</b>
<b>LA3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish</b>
<b>LA4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish</b>

  

The diagram illustrates the course layout. At the bottom, a dashed line represents the 'Start & Finish' line, flanked by two black buoys. Above this line are four red circular marks: '1a' and '1' at the top, and '2s' and '2p' below them. Arrows indicate the direction of travel: from the Start & Finish line, the course goes up to mark 1a, then down to mark 2s, then up to mark 1, then down to mark 2p, and finally up to mark 1a again. This sequence corresponds to the LA2 course description.

<b>WA</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and windward finish</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>WA3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish</b>
<b>WA4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish</b>