



## INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS NATIONAL AND BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 15 – 17 JULY 2022

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

### NOTICE OF RACE

*'The notation [DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation [NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 1.3. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a"
- 1.4. International Etchells Association Class Rule.
- 1.5. The RYA national prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.7. [DP] The Class 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").
- 1.8. Where a skipper is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the Organizing Authority (OA) before commencement of racing.

- 1.9. If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the Event, the Skipper may petition the OA for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the Event.
- 1.10. [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is 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.
- 1.11. Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Yachtscoring website by 01 July 2022. [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and the Race Office will be at Cowes Yacht Haven.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal **International VHF Channels**. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels.
- 3.3. On the water the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] 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 until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class, with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by registering online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees is £255 per boat.
- 5.2. The closing date for entries will be 1159 hrs on Wednesday 13 July 2022.
- 5.3. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

#### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. World Sailing Categorization Code will apply to all crew members of boats competing for the Corinthian Prize; each Corinthian crew member shall have a valid WS Sailor Categorization as a Group 1 competitor no later than the Crew Deadline. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailor-categorisations/>.

- 6.2. The Crew Deadline for boats competing for the Corinthian Prize is 1159 BST on Wednesday 13 July 2022.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

## 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1. The 2022 British and Open National Championships are a Qualifier event for the 2022 and 2023 World Championships.

## 9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST).

- 9.2. Indicative Tide Times are for High Water Portsmouth.

DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Thur 14 July HW Ports 1230 - 4.7m	1600 - 1900		Sail Nomination and crew weigh in CYH.
Fri 15 July HW Ports 1320 - 4.7m	0930	1055	Briefing in CYH. Race 1. Race 2 & 3 asap after each finish.
Sat 16 July HW Ports 1420 - 4.8m		1025  1930	Race 4. Race 5 & 6 asap after each finish. Supper in RYS
Sun 17 July HW Ports 1530 - 4.7m		1025	Race 7. Race 8 & 9 asap after each finish.  Prizegiving asap after racing in RYS.

- 9.3. The intention of the Race Committee is to run nine (9) races over the three days of the championship.
- 9.4. The Race Committee intends to run no more than three races each day.
- 9.5. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Each boat shall be in possession of a valid measurement certificate.
- 10.2. Boats may be inspected at any time during the Event.

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. See Class Rule C3.2.

## 12. VENUE

- 12.1. Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
- 12.2. To indicate the general race area a local racing chartlet can be found in Addendum A of this NoR.

## 13. COURSES

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".
- 14.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1. One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series for the Etchells National Championships.
- 15.2. When one (1) to four (4) races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of all their scores.
- 15.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day 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 supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the OA.
- 16.2. All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

## 17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1. [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee is notified and has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## 18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing is the responsibility of each boat and not included in the entry fee.

**19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1. Boats shall not be launched, relaunched or hauled out after 1800 on Thursday 14 July except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 20.1. [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the warning signal of the first race and the end of each event.
- 20.2. [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission [General Direction 4.4](#).
- 20.3. Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race of the event and the end of the event.

**21. DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the Organizing Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the Event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organizing Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the Event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2. Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the Event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.
- 21.3. The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS.

**22. RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1. Rule 3 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."
- 22.2. 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:
- 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;
  - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the Event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the Event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or these Event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or Event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the Event;

**23. INSURANCE**

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

**24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. The event prize giving will be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron as soon as possible after the final day's racing and after any hearings.
- 24.2. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third ranked boats in the overall series.
- 24.3. The **British National Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the first boat in the series with a British skipper.
- 24.4. The **Open National Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the winning boat in the series.
- 24.5. The **Corinthian Prize** will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all WSSC Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize must provide their current valid WSSC ID number before racing starts.
- 24.6. A **Youth Prize** will be awarded to the highest place boat sailed by youth crew. A youth crew is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on the 01/01/2022.

**25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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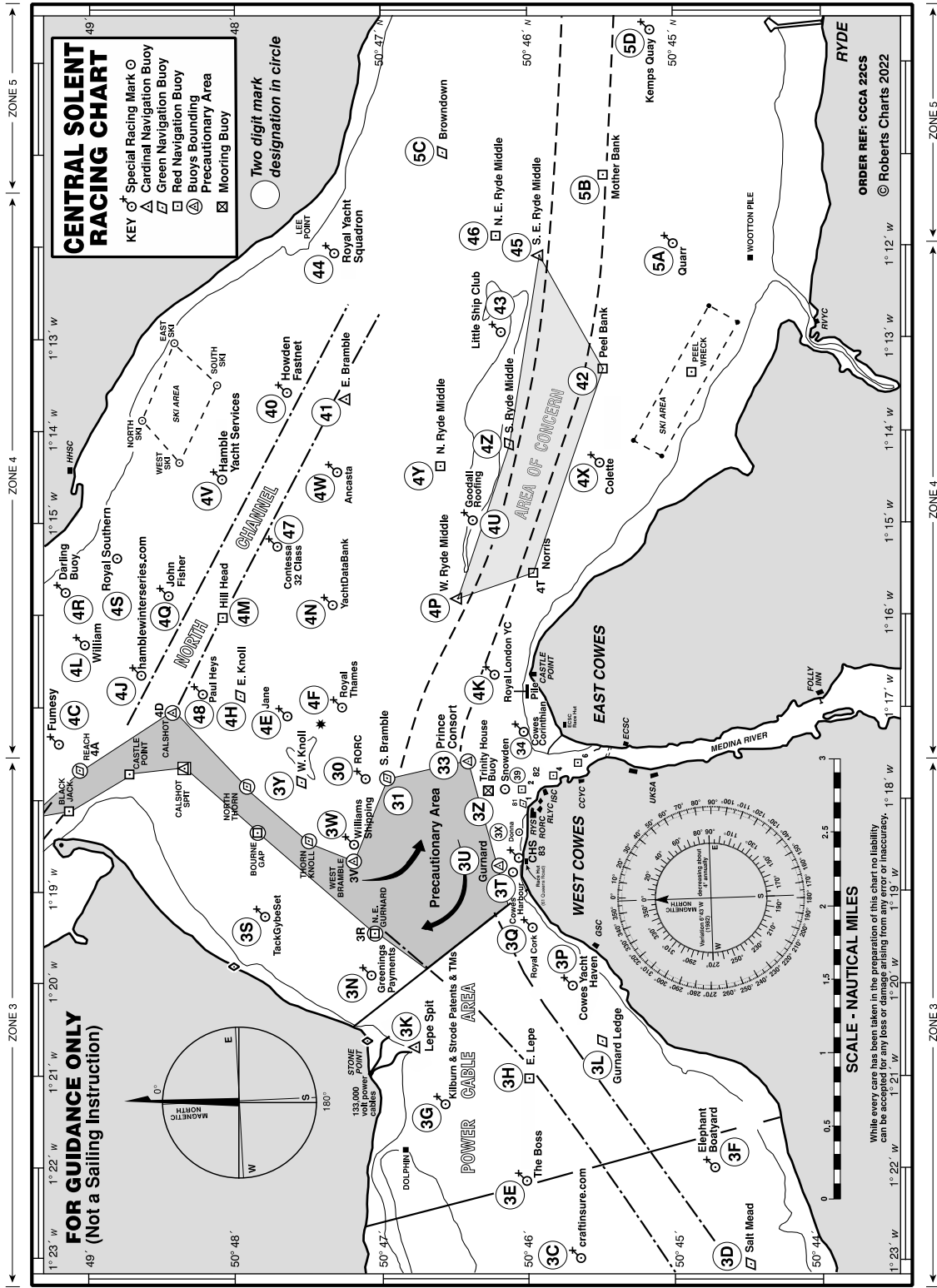
**NOTICE OF RACE ENDS**

**26. SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

There will be a Class supper in the RYS on Saturday 16th July - 1930 for 2000. Dress code – Jacket and Tie.

ADDENDUM A.

See below a chartlet of the Racing Area showing the Solent Two Character Codes.



## **ADDENDUM B.**

### **RYA prescriptions that apply.**

#### **Rule 4 Acceptance of the Rules**

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### **Rule 6 Anti-Doping**

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

#### **Rule 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 Organizing Authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The Organizing Authority shall promptly report the results of the development or 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 to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

### **Additional RYA prescriptions that apply when no international Jury has been appointed.**

#### **Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices**

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

#### **Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal**

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
  1. (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
  2. (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
  3. (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.
3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

#### **Rule 78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates**

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.