



NOTICE OF RACE

British Open and National Championship Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June 2016

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal London Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Etchells Class Rules. The Championship is a Class B Sanctioned Event in accordance with Etchells Class Rules Appendix A; sail nomination and crew weigh-in are required.

2.2 The Regatta is a World Qualifying Event for the Cowes Worlds in September.

2.3 Etchells Class Rules are amended following the exceptional circumstances of the January fire so that an owner can sail on a different hull to his sail number. This changes Class Rule C10.3 (h).

2.4 The Organising Authority will provide Bow Sticker numbers which shall be displayed 52 cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g. "2") must display the leading zero (e.g. "02").

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats maybe required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Eligible boats may enter at www.yachtscoring.com and pay the entry fee no later than 1700 on Friday 17 June 2016.

4.2 Late entry maybe accepted at discretion of the Organizing Authority if accompanied by the late entry fee set out at Clause 4.3 below.

4.3 Entry fees per boat:

Dates	Fees
Entries received before 17 June	GPB 270
Late entries	GPB 320

4.4 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owner and crews are current members of the Class Association unless dispensation has been agreed.

5. VENUE

5.1 The Regatta Venue and Office will be at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH).

5.2 Boats may be berthed at Shepards Wharf Marina.

6. SCHEDULE

Day	Sail nomination and crew weigh in at CYH	Briefing	First Warning Signal	After racing
Thursday 23 June	1900-2100			
Friday 24 June	0700-0900	0900	1055	
Saturday 25 June			1025	Buffet Supper at RLYC Smart casual
Sunday 26 June			1025	Soon after Racing at CYH

7. NUMBER OF RACES

- 7.1 Nine races are scheduled.
- 7.2 The intention is that there will be no more than 3 races per day. Additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday 26th June.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Briefing and may be available electronically sooner.

9. TRACKING

- 9.1 Boats may be required to carry a tracking unit which will be supplied by the Organising Authority or to use your own smart phone using a recommended app.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent from a Committee Boat.
- 10.2 Courses using laid or fixed racing or navigation marks will be broadcast on VHF and/or displayed on the signal boat. The format will be predominantly windward/leeward.
- 10.3 A list of marks to be used will be issued with the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTIES

- 11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS 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 when the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 6 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 There will be one discard after 6 races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

13. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Championship will have a Protest Committee in accordance with RRS Part 5 Section A.
- 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. PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

15. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

15.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1730 the day before the first race and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

16. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices except to any tracker which might be supplied.

17. **PRIZES**

17.1 The event main prize-giving will be held at Cowes Yacht Haven as soon as possible after the last day's racing and after any protest(s).

17.2 The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Classification Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize must provide their World Sailor Classification number before racing starts.

17.3 There is a cup for the Open winner and another for the British winner

18. **RISK STATEMENT**

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

19. **INSURANCE**

19.1 All boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

20. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

20.1 Jan Ford, Etchells Class Secretary at secretary@etchellsukfleet.co.uk

20.2 Nicky Symonds Royal London Yacht Club Sailing Secretary at sailing@rlyc.org.uk Tel +44 1983 300727

20.3 There will be a Buffet Supper at £20 per person on Saturday evening at RLYC, dress smart casual