

NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells Class British Open, National Championship and 2020 World Championship Qualifier

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd November 2019

Cowes, Isle of Wight

Organising Authority (OA)

Royal Ocean Racing Club in conjunction with the Cowes Etchells Fleet.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020* (RRS).
- b. **[DP]** National authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf>
- c. **[DP]** The Etchells Class rule will apply.
- d. The Championship is a Class B Sanctioned Event in accordance with Etchells Class Rules Appendix A; sail nomination and weigh-in are required.
- e. **[DP]** The International Etchells Class Rules are amended in that all competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving.
- f. **[DP]** Associated British Ports Southampton harbour byelaws 2003.
http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/PDF_Downloads/Soton%20Byelaws.pdf

2. **[DP]** ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- a. Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.
- c. Bow numbers will be supplied and affixed in accordance with instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all boats meeting the Etchells Class rule.
- b. All competitors shall be a member of the International Etchells Class Association.
- c. Entries will only be accepted via the event website
- d. The closing date for entries is 23:59hrs on October 31st 2019.

4. FEES

- a. The entry fee for the event is £240.
- b. The entry fee is non-refundable, with the exception of the Championship being cancelled by the OA.
- c. There will be an Agm AT 1700hrs, followed by a championship dinner at the RORC Clubhouse on Saturday 2nd November at 19:00hrs. Tickets are available on Yacht Scoring and must be booked by the 31st October, vegetarian options must be booked.

5. **[DP]** REGISTRATION

All boats shall have completed registration before racing that includes providing the following:

- a. a completed crew weighing declaration form
- b. a completed sail declaration form
- c. a copy of the boats certificate

6. SCHEDULE

The intended schedule is as follows:

| <i>Date:</i> | <i>Event:</i> |
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| Thursday 31 st October | Registration and crew weigh in: 18:00 – 19:30hrs. |
| Friday 1 st November HW 1400 4.7m | Registration and crew weigh in: 08:00 – 09:30hrs. Competitors Briefing: 09:30hrs at Cowes Yacht Haven Racing: First warning signal 11:55hrs. |
| Saturday 2 nd November HW 1446 4.5m | Racing: First warning signal 10:55hrs AGM 1700hrs Drinks and Crew Supper 18:30 for 19:00hrs. |
| Sunday 3 rd November HW 1534 4.2m | Racing: First warning signal 10:55hrs Prize Giving at the earliest opportunity after racing at Cowes Yacht Haven. |

- a. Up to nine (9) races are scheduled.
- b. It is intended that there will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed on any day to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. Further details of the schedule will be provided in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- c. No warning signal will be displayed after 14:55hrs on Sunday 3rd November.

7. [DP] MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS

- a. Measurement and inspection checks may be conducted.
- b. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be published on the Yachtscoring.com event page by Tuesday 29th October 2019.

9. RACE AREA

The racing area will be on the central Solent.

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward with a target time of 50 minutes for each race.

11. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- a. Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- b. Up to nine (9) races are scheduled.
- c. When five (5) or more races are completed a boat will discard her worst score.

12. [DP] BERTHING AND HAULING OUT

- a. Boats shall be berthed afloat during the Championship from 16:00 on Thursday 31st October 2019 until the completion of the final race. Boats shall not be hauled out during this time, except with and per the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

14. PRIZES

- a. The event main prize giving will be held at Cowes Yacht Haven on Sunday 3rd November as soon as possible after racing.
 - b. Prizes will be awarded to the top three ranked boats in the Championship.
 - c. 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 shall input their World Sailor Classification number on Yacht Scoring.
 - d. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 15. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS**
- a. All support boats shall be registered with the OA.
- 16. RIGHTS TO USE EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMERBS, NAMES & LIKENESSES**
- Competitors automatically grant to the OA, 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. By providing your email as part of the entry procedure, you may receive targeted mail from the OA or OA affiliated companies for the purpose of race tracking applications and detailed entry requirements.
- 17. INSURANCE**
- Each entrant shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.
- 18. RISK STATEMENT**
- 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 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 if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
 - h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
 - i. The OA and it’s organisation partners, the sponsors, the committees, the insurers and any other party and/or persons involved in the organisation will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc.) sustained prior to, during or after the regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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