



International Etchells Class 2019 Syd Corser Regatta

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November 2019

The Organising Authority of the 2019 Syd Corser Regatta is the Royal Perth Yacht Club (Inc.) in conjunction with the Swan River International Etchells Fleet (Inc.)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Boats must comply with the 2017-2021 AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7. In accordance with the AS variation dated 12 December 2017, Etchells shall use anchors that are compliant with class rule C.5.1 (a) in lieu of Special Regulation Part 1, 4.05.
- 1.3. The wearing of a Personal Flotation Device complying with AS4758-2015 (minimum Level 50) or AS1512-1996 Type 1 or Type 2, or equivalent or more stringent overseas standard by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.
- 1.4. This is an Open event not sanctioned by the International Etchells Class Association; however the Class rules for a Class C event will apply.
- 1.5. In these Sailing Instructions:
 - a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and
 - b) [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds of a protest of a boat.This changes racing rule 60.1(a).

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located outside the main reception area at Royal Perth Yacht Club Fremantle Annex. Every reasonable attempt will be made to ensure that copies of notices are also posted on the RPYC and RFBYC websites and Notice Boards, however, this does not constitute an official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes made to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0730 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

Electronic communications: Notices and changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be posted by electronic means of communication sent to skippers of registered Etchells using contact details provided at registration.

However failure of these notices or amendments to be made available electronically shall not be grounds for boats to request redress.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the northern side of the Royal Perth Yacht Club Fremantle Annex clubhouse.
- 4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted for the series.
- 5.2. On Sunday 24th November no warning signal will be made after 1500.

5.3 Schedule of events:

Event	Day	Date	Time
Weigh-in	Wednesday	20 Nov 2019	@ Crawley - 0900-1700
	Thursday	21 Nov 2019	@ Crawley - 0900-1700
	Friday	22 Nov 2019	@ Annexe - 1500 - 1800
Races	Saturday	23 Nov 2018	First Warning Signal - 0930
Races	Sunday	24 Nov 2018	First Warning Signal - 0930
Presentation	Sunday	24 Nov 2018	@ Annexe - 90 minutes after final race

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag is a white flag with red Etchells emblem.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters off Fremantle, to the west of the Annexe and north of Fish Rocks

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 Courses are illustrated in Attachment A. The course illustrations show the course configurations, including the rounding order and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course signals shall be displayed either before or with the warning signal, and shall comprise:

Course 1: Numeral Pennant 1
Course 2: Numeral Pennant 2

- 8.3 The approximate compass bearing and distance to mark 1 may be displayed on the committee boat.
- 8.4 When there is a gate mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If there is only one gate mark, boats shall round the single mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 3S and 3P will be orange inflatable buoys. Mark 2 will be an orange pimple buoy.
- 9.2 The change of course mark as per 11.1 will be a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 Start and finish marks will be a black and white chequered buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at port end.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may attempt to notify COS, UFD and BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio or VHF approximately one minute after the starting signal. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which the hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will replace the original mark with a change mark (SI 9.2) in the new position and then remove the original mark.
- 11.2 The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This adds to RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a flag mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the finishing mark.
- 12.2 When the race committee intends on sailing another race, code flag 'R' will be flown from the committee boat.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish course number 1 is 90 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish course number 2 is 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2 Penalties or exonerations for RRS 31 at the top mark may be delayed until the boat has past the separator mark.
- 14.3 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.

15. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 15.1 Boats wishing to protest or request redress must notify the Race Committee very soon after the completion of the race in which the incident occurred. This may be by VHF radio.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta desk at Royal Perth Yacht Club Fremantle Annexe.
- 15.3 Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta desk within 60 minutes of the docking time of the race committee boat after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room within the Royal Perth Yacht Club Fremantle Annexe on the day of the protest lodgement (unless otherwise advised) starting as soon as possible after the notice has been posted on the official notice board.
- 15.5 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 18, 19.2, 21, 22.1 and 22.4 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. [DP]
- 15.7 On the last day of the regatta:
 - a. A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b. A request for reopening a hearing held on the last day shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day;
 - c. The time limit to request redress based upon an action or omission of the race committee shall be 30 minutes after the final results are posted. SI 15.7 (a) (b) & (c) amend RRS 62 and 66.

16. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 16.1 Protest arbitration may be used for this event, which if used, will be held at the Regatta Office soon after protest forms are lodged and will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. KEEPING CLEAR

Boats shall give way to support and safety vessels identified by a white flag with the words "Safety" in red.

19. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Coach and support boats shall, when requested by the Organising Authority, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats will monitor VHF channel 77 unless otherwise advised and shall follow all instructions from the Organising Authority.
- 19.2 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day. [DP]
- 19.3 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats or other competing yachts unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee. [DP]

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP] [NP]

- 20.1 Substitution of measured equipment will be allowed with the approval of the Race Committee as long as any substitution satisfies the class rules.
- 20.2 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without the approval, in writing, of the Race Committee.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 All boats are to remain afloat from the warning signal of race one on the 23rd November until the completion of the regatta on 24th November. Boats are to be kept afloat at the regatta venue during these times, except with and according to the terms of written permission by the Race Committee.
- 21.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 22.1 Boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting marine VHF channels. Boats may use the radio to report retirement from racing or notification of protest or request of redress to the Race Committee and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day [DP]
- 22.2 The race committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 22.3 The radio channel in use for the regatta will be VHF 77.
- 22.4 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 its day's racing (except for a VHF radio as per 13.1, or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat).

23. PRIZES

- 23.1 First, Second and Third overall prizes will be awarded, and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 23.2 A trophy may be awarded for boats with hull and sail numbers older than 785.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 It is the competitors' decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every aspect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their Offices, members, staff, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 24.2 The Organising Authority their offices, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage of property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 24.3 Competitor attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to race.

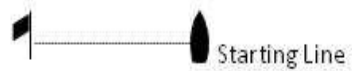
25. INSURANCE

All competing helmspersons shall have Third Party Liability and Public Liability insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 for any one incident. By signing the entry form, helmspersons are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

ATTACHMENT A

COURSE 1

Start 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - Finish



COURSE 2

Start 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 1 - 2 - Finish



ATTACHMENT B

PROTEST ARBITRATION

1 Arbitration

The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

- 1.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted Rule 63.1 is changed such that an arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn.
- 1.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 1.3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 1.4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:
 - (a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- 1.5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 1.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.