



**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS ASSOCIATION
2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
and
BILL STEELE REGATTA**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT CLUB INC. (RFBYC)
Keane's Point, Peppermint Grove, Perth, Western Australia

In conjunction with



**FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB
INC. (FSC)**
Host Club and Venue

**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES
CLASS ASSOCIATION SWAN
RIVER FLEET (INC.)**



**ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB
INC. (RPMC)**
Supporting Club

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Inc (RFBYC) in conjunction with Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc (RPYC), and the International Etchells Class Association Swan River Fleet Inc. The host club is Fremantle Sailing Club (FSC).

The notation (DP) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) 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 means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

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 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online at the event website at <https://www.etchellsworldsfremantle.com>.
- 3.2 The Regatta Office is in the Activity Room located in the single storey building to the north of the main car park.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74.
- 3.4 [DP] Whilst racing, except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 In addition, during the event a messaging service (WhatsApp, SMS or other) will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC communications. Further details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with the International Etchells Class Code of Conduct Appendix D of the Notice of Race and all reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located on the western side of the Fremantle Sailing Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 10 March	1200	Registration and Weigh-In
Monday, 11 March	1200	Bill Steele Regatta Racing – Time of First Warning Signal
Tuesday, 12 March	1200	Bill Steele Regatta Racing – Time of First Warning Signal

Wednesday 13 March	0900	Bill Steele Regatta Racing – Time of First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Presentation of Results
Friday, 15 March	0900 - 1600	Measurement and Registration
Saturday, 16 March	0900 - 1600	Measurement and Registration.
Sunday, 17 March	08:30 - 1200	Measurement, Registration and Weigh-In
	1000	Competitors Briefing
	1200	Practice Race – Time of First Warning Signal
Monday, 18 March	1000 – 1015	Competitors Briefing
	1200	World Championship – Time of first Warning Signal
Tuesday, 19 March	1200	World Championship – Time of first Warning Signal
Wednesday 20 March	1200	World Championship – Time of first Warning Signal
	After Racing to 2000	Mid-week Crew Re-weigh in
Thursday 21 March	0800-1000	Mid-week Crew Re-weigh in
	1200	World Championship – Time of first Warning Signal
Friday 22 March	1200	World Championship – Time of first Warning Signal

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the championship is no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag(s) will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Etchells Class flag is white with the Etchells emblem.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is Owen Anchorage or Fremantle Zone as shown in Appendix B of the Notice of Race.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee vessel using numeral pennant 1 or numeral pennant 2. The compass bearing and distance to windward mark 1 will be announced by VHF and displayed on the committee vessel immediately after the orange flag attention signal is displayed for each race.
- 9.2 The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.3 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.
- 9.4 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be yellow inflatable cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 The start pin will be a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 The finish pin will be a black and white chequered cylinder buoy.
- 10.4 The change of course mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red stripe.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the port end of the line.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between two staffs displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

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 44.1, insert after the first sentence: "However, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 2".

15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	90 minutes	120 minutes	45 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4 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 official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing requests shall only be made through the online protest system available on the event website <https://www.etchellsworldsfremantle.com/>.
- 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 in the Library situated in the single storey building to the north of the main car park.

17 SCORING

Bill Steele Regatta

- 17.1 Six (6) races are scheduled.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

World Championship

- 17.5 Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 17.6 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.7 When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.8 When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee vessels	White flag with RC
Jury vessels	White flag with JURY or J and number
Marshall vessels	White flag with SAFETY
Technical committee vessel	Black flag with yellow M
Media vessels	White flag with MEDIA

22 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Support vessels shall comply with local regulations which can be found at <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/marine-information.asp> and shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 74.
- 22.2 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support persons and support vessels 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. This distance is a minimum of 50 meters, including the extensions of the start and finish lines. Between races, support persons and support vessels 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 Race Committee.
- 22.3 Unless requested by the race committee, support vessels shall not enter the area bounded by the start line, marks 1, 2 and the finish line. In case of an emergency, the Race Committee may request the assistance of a support team.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

24 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst afloat.

27 PRIZES

Prizes for the World Championship will be given in accordance with World Championship NoR 25. Prizes for the Bill Steele Regatta will be given in accordance with the Bill Steele NoR 16.

28 RISK STATEMENT

28.1 It is the competitor's 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 respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, 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.

28.2 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

28.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

29 INSURANCE

29.1 Each participating boat must be insured with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD10,000,000 (10 million dollars) or near equivalent in another currency, for any one claim event in Australia.

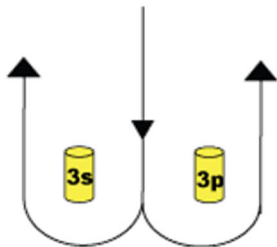
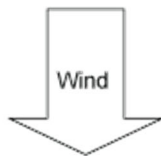
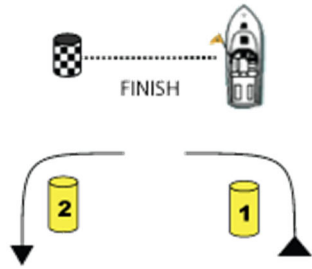
29.2 All owners/competitors who lodge an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.


29.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

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ADDENDUM A - Courses

COURSE 1 
Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - Finish



COURSE 2 
Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish

