



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS ASSOCIATION 2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

15 March to 22 March 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



Organising Authority

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. (RPYC)**

Supporting Club

The Swan River Etchells Fleet in conjunction with Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and Royal Perth Yacht Club invites entries to **International Etchells Class 2024 World Championship** to be sailed on the waters off Fremantle, Western Australia from 15th March to 22nd March 2024.

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

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

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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).

2. RULES

- 2.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2.2 RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed See **NoR 15 PENALTY SYSTEM**.
- 2.3 [DP] International Etchells Class Association (IECA) Class Rules will apply.
- 2.4 This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website and further described in Appendix D. Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.
- 2.5 Boats must carry all Safety Equipment specified in NoR Appendix C.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 2.7 RRS Appendix T, ARBITRATION will be used as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2.8 [NP] Bow numbers will be assigned and supplied by the Organising Authority (OA). They shall be affixed to the hull prior to inspection and according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship. Boats failing to follow these requirements are subject to protest only by the Race Committee (RC) or event Technical Committee (TC). This changes RRS 60.
- 2.9 A Skipper shall use only those sails presented in accordance with Class Rule C10, and they shall not be recut or altered during the championship.
- 2.10 Each sail presented shall be re-measured and approved by the Measurer or delegated Equipment Inspector immediately prior to the championship and shall not thereafter be recut or altered during the championship. After such re-measurement, repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the International Jury.
- 2.11 Where a boat is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number.
- 2.12 If, through no fault of its personnel crew or support persons, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Jury for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 2.13 [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.
- 2.14 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

- 2.15 If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the event website prior to the event.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The official notice board is located in the Regatta Office at the FSC. Notices may also be posted online at <https://www.etchellsworldsfremantle.com>. Failure to post a notice online will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 4.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on Channel 74.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Failure to receive any such broadcasts will not be subject to an application for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 4.4 [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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class, with a valid measurement certificate. For clarity: boats originally built from Mould 11 that have completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications as approved by the IECA and World Sailing are eligible to race as Etchells, subject to compliance with the Etchells class rules as modified by this Notice of Race.

5.2 Rules

This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown below. Written permission of the IECA for the change will be posted on the official notice board. A copy of the Mould 11 Protocol of Modifications issued by IECA is available at:

https://etchells.org/assets/documents/M11_Protocol_of_Modifications_v5_2022-06-07.pdf .

- A.11.1 (m) A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.
- C.7.1. (a) **Modification** of the external shape of the **hull** is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.
- D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the **class rules** in force at the time of **initial certification**, *or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications*. (b) **Modifications** (*Section C*) shall comply with the current **class rules**. Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.
- D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.

- BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.
(c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):
(1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA
(2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures
Boats built from Mould 11 and subsequently modified in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications are deemed to have complied with BS.B.1.

- BS.C.3 **Modification** of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:
(a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings.
(b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
(c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
(d) sanding
(e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications

5.3 Entry allocation is 100% for fleet qualifying series and qualifying events per the IECA Championship Event Manual. Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain prior to the entry being accepted. No entry can be considered final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the OA with the IECA Secretariat.

5.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at :

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rfbyc/eventsregister/57158/>

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5.5 Each skipper and crew member of each boat shall be weighed prior to racing as indicated on the Schedule or required by Class Rule C2.

6. FEES

6.1 The Entry fees of AUD 2,500.00 (incl GST) shall be paid in accordance with the online entry systems. Youth under 29 Years entry fee (refer NoR Rule 7.2) shall be AUD 1,000 (incl GST).

6.2 The closing date for entries will be 23:59 on Wednesday, 31 January 2024.

6.3 No refunds for cancellations of registration will be made after Wednesday, 14 February 2024

6.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. The late entry fee is AUD 500, in addition to the basic entry fee.

6.5 The entry fee includes:

- (a) Launching at FSC on or after Friday, 15 March 2024
- (b) In-water berthing at FSC from Friday, 15 March to Sunday, 24 March 2024.
- (c) Haul out at FSC on Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 March 2024.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

7.1 All crew shall all be members of the IECA. The skipper shall be an Owner member.

7.2 In addition to NoR 6.1 Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:

- a) be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
- b) borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and

- c) be at least a Non-Owner Class Member

7.3 The skipper shall be:

- a) be an Owner Member of the Fleet they represent and be so registered with the Etchells Class National Association prior to the first race of their Fleet’s qualification races.
- b) have sailed as a Skipper in their Fleet’s Worlds qualification races unless approved by the IGC
- c) not have attempted to qualify for the applicable World Championship as a Skipper, in a fleet other than the one being represented during the six months prior to the first race of the World Championship
- d) A Skipper belonging to more than one fleet may compete for qualification in one fleet only, which shall be the Fleet sailing the earliest qualifying series, unless such Skipper advises the Fleet Captain of such Fleet in writing before the first race in that qualifying series that they will not be competing for qualification in that series.

8. ADVERTISING

All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

9. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The event will be a single series championship.

10. SCHEDULE

10.1 Up to three races may be sailed on any day except for the final day where a maximum of two races may be sailed. The race committee may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race, this will be signalled by displaying code flag “L” at the finish boat.

10.2 The times shown in the table below are Australian Western Standard Time.

10.3

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 15 March	0900 - 1600	Measurement, Registration and Weigh-In
Saturday, 16 March	0900 - 1600	Measurement, Registration and Weigh-In
Sunday, 17 March	0900 - 1000 1000 1200	Measurement, Registration and Weigh-In Competitors Briefing Practice Race – Time of First Warning Signal
Monday, 18 March	1000-1015 1200	Competitors Briefing Racing – Time of First Warning Signal
Tuesday, 19 March	1200	Racing – Time of First Warning Signal
Wednesday, 20 March	1200 After Racing to 2000	Racing – Time of First Warning Signal Mid-week Crew Re-weigh in
Thursday, 21 March	0800 - 1000 1200	Mid-week Crew Re-weigh Racing – Time of First Warning Signal
Friday, 22 March	1200	Racing – Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday, 23 March		Haul Out
Sunday, 24 March		Haul Out

10.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate and measurement forms.
- 11.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. NoR Appendix C outlines required safety requirements.

12. CLOTHING

The total weight per person of worn or carried clothing and equipment, including footwear and other clothing worn below the knee, shall not exceed 10 kg. The total combined weight worn or carried by the crew shall not exceed 30Kg. This changes RRS 50.1 (b). See Class Rule C 3.2

13. VENUE

- 13.1 NoR Appendix A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 13.2 Racing will take place in either Owen Anchorage or Fremantle Zone at the discretion of the Race Committee. NoR Appendix B shows the location of the racing areas.

14. COURSES

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

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 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".
- 15.2 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".
- 15.3 An international Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91 (b). There shall be no appeal to the decisions of the international jury. RRS 70.5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 16.2 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 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.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1 [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. 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.

17.2 [DP] Support vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SI's.

18. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

[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 has approved her sail identification before the first race.

19. BERTHING

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

20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] All boats shall be afloat before 1000hrs on 17 March 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

22. MEDIA RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

22.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

22.2 By entering this event, you agree to provide personal data to the OA. The OA will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Australian Sailing and/or World Sailing. The results of the events and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1 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.

23.2 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.

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

24. INSURANCE

24.1 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) for any one claim event in Australia.

- 24.2 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.
- 24.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

25. PRIZES

Overall series perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Founders Trophy, an antique silver bowl, for the overall World Championship winner – given by Mary Etchells.

C Stanley Ogilvy Masters Trophy, an antique sextant and box, for the winner of the Masters' Division (Masters' category is defined as helmsman 50 years of age or older) – given by the Members and Governors of the Class to honour Stan Ogilvy's 17 years of service to the Class as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

Robert W Sides Seniors Trophy, a Lucite boat on marble block, for the winner of the Seniors' Division (Seniors' category is defined as helmsman 60 years of age or older – should fewer than two skippers qualify for this division the age limit for the year will be 55 years or older) – given by US Etchells Fleet 4.

Grand Masters Trophy, a crystal plate mounted on a stainless-steel base given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honour of Ian Kingsford Smith, awarded to the skipper and crew with best result at the World Championship with a combined age of 150 years for a three-person crew or 200 years for a four-person crew, (ages being as at midnight on the last day of registration).

Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy, a ceramic tile with a picture of an Etchells mounted on a wooden plaque, presented by Jim DeWitt. To be awarded annually to the competitor who in the eyes of the Organising Authority, Race Committee and International Jury exhibits the most sportsmanlike qualities of the event.

Corinthian Cup, a pewter cup on a wood base, given by Patricia Stadel in recognition of outstanding achievement by Corinthian sailors to be awarded to the so defined (ISAF Category 1) Corinthian skipper and crew achieving the best result in the International Etchells World Championship.

Best Female Helm Trophy, a wooden backing with raised brass Etchells half hull with sails, presented by US Detroit Fleet #7. Awarded to the female helm achieving the best result.

Next Generation Trophy, a silver cup, presented by the friends of Hans Fogh. Awarded to the skipper and crew, all 29 or younger as of the first day of January 2024, achieving the best result.

Bill Bennett Crew Trophy, a wooden plaque, presented by Fleet 13. Awarded to the winning crew.

Bill Steele Trophy, awarded to the crew with the lowest average age, given by the family of Bill Steele.

Individual race perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

- Race 1: A silver tray for the first race winner – given by Etchells Fleet 6, Newport Beach, California, USA.

- Race 2: A half model, the Peter Tirion/Etchells Association of Canada perpetual trophy for the second race winner – given by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Race 3: A photo engraved plaque of an Etchells under spinnaker on timber backing for the third race winner – given by the Brisbane Etchells Fleet, Australia.
- Race 4: A half model for the fourth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 4 and the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, Massachusetts, USA.
- Race 5: A silver bowl and stand for the fifth race winner – given by US Etchells Fleet 12 and the St Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California, USA.
- Race 6: A silver plate, the American Yacht Club Centennial for the sixth race winner -4.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- Race 7: A framed symbolic Kauri wood carving. Donated by the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club, Gulf Harbour, New Zealand.
- Race 8: A crystal cube containing three-dimensional images of two Etchells for the eighth race winner, the Jim Annand Trophy – given by the International Etchells Class Association of Australia in honour of Jim Annand.
- Race 9. A half model for the ninth race winner - given by the Cowes Fleet in honour of Cowes Fleet member Ante Razmilovic, the winner of the first race nine at the 2002 World Championship.

Other trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

Website: <https://www.etchellsworldsfremantle.com/>

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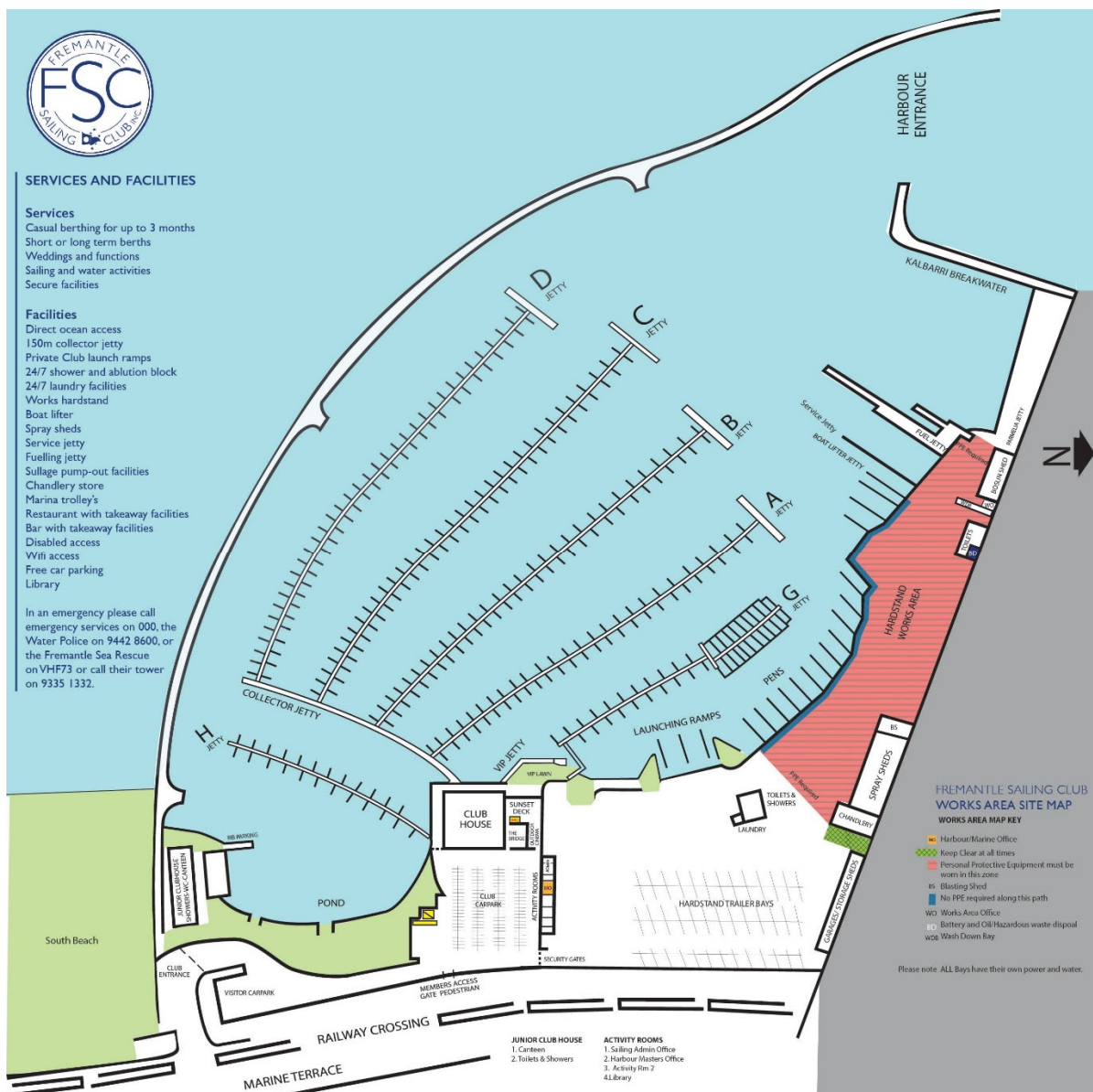
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APPENDIX A – EVENT VENUE



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APPENDIX B – RACE AREA



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APPENDIX C –EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Equipment Description	Class Rules	AS Cat 7	Required for Event
PFD for each crew	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain, and warp (as per AS exemption)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckets with lanyards	2	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	-	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Optional
Heaving line	Optional		Optional
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
VHF Radio	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheathed and secured in or near the cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional
Drinking water (Sufficient for crew)	-	-	Yes

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APPENDIX D – CODE OF CONDUCT

The Etchells Class is committed to providing a safe, respectful, inclusive and flexible Sailing environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment and bullying. We do not tolerate or condone any form of discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment or bullying.

This Code of Conduct outlines expected standards of behaviour by all Participants in any competition or sailing event in which an Etchells Class Yacht is participating. All Participants take part in the event on the condition that they agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

A breach of this Code of Conduct by any Participant may lead to disciplinary action, including immediate disqualification from the competition or sailing event. Any disciplinary action taken by the Event Hosts, World Sailing, the National Sailing Association, or Etchells Class Associations will be fully supported by the International Etchells Class Association.

Definitions of Participants:

All Participants must comply with this Code of Conduct.

Participants include but are not limited to:

- Etchells Class Yacht owners;
- Crew of any competing Yacht;
- Any Support Crew either on land or on the water;
- Full-time, part-time, professional staff and crew;
- Coaches and affiliated support persons;
- Volunteers and anyone working in an unpaid capacity.

This Code of Conduct applies to all Participants while:

- Attending any Etchells event, including practice, training and Registration prior to the commencement of the Event, and all post event activities; and
- At all times, whether sailing or otherwise and whether at the venue of the event or otherwise including but not limited to any social gatherings of Participants such as prizegiving or another event related activities.

Standards of behaviour

The International Etchells Class Association members and participants are responsible for promoting a safe, respectful, inclusive and flexible event environment by:

- √ Treating all competitors and their guests and staff assisting in the running of any Etchells event with dignity, courtesy and respect;
- √ Respecting cultural, ethnic, religious, gender and sexual orientation differences;
- √ Behaving in a professional, fair and courteous manner at all times;
- √ Promptly reporting any breaches of this Code of Conduct, whether it is against you or another person, to the Owner/Skipper of a competing yacht or any Race Officer or Club Official or any other Owner/Skipper or participant;
- √ Maintaining confidentiality when complaints are made and/or under investigation; and
- √ Abiding by all applicable laws and regulations.

Unacceptable behaviours

A Competitor must not:

- X Abuse or threaten to abuse (verbally, physically or in writing) another person;
- X Physically or sexually assault another person;
- X Discriminate against or treat someone less favourably because of their race, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability or other personal characteristics;
- X Intimidate, threaten or harass another person;
- X Sexually harass another person with unwanted, unwelcome or uninvited behaviour;
- X Bully, isolate or humiliate another person;
- X Victimise, unjustly treat or threaten someone because they have raised a complaint or are a witness in an investigation; or
- X Behave improperly or unethically.

Participant acknowledgment

I have read and understood this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it at all times as a class member or competitor during any Etchells Class Sailing events.

Name:

Sail Number:

Signature:

Date: