



NOTICE OF RACE



British Open and National Championship Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June 2017

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Royal London Yacht Club in association with International Etchells Cowes Fleet.

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 weigh-in are required.
- 2.2 This Notice of Race and amendments will be available on the Yacht Scoring website.
- 2.3 Two digit number shall be displayed 52 cm from the bow and 6cm from the sheerline and 5cm apart.
- 2.4 Boats shall carry a working marine band VHF receiver.

3 ADVERTISING

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 by completing the entry form requirements on the Yacht Scoring website and paying the entry fee.
- 4.2 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

The regatta venue, official notice board and flagstaff will be at the Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) and may be repeated at the Royal London Yacht Club.

6 SCHEDULE

Day	<i>Weigh in & Registration at CYH</i>	Briefing	First Warning Signal	Social at RLYC	Prize Giving at CYH
Friday 23 June	1800 - 1900				
Saturday 24 June		0900	1055		
				National Dinner £19.95 1915 in London Room	
Sunday 25 June			1025		Soon after racing

7 **NUMBER OF RACES**

- 7.1 Six races are scheduled. Three races are required to constitute a series.
- 7.2 The intention is that there will be no more than 3 races a 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 1700 on Saturday 24 June and 1530 on Sunday 25 June, unless there is a postponement or general recall during a starting sequence.

8 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at the briefing and on the Yacht Scoring and Royal London YC websites prior to the event. Oral alterations to the sailing instructions may be made by VHF before a warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c).

9 **TRACKING**

You 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 inflated marks will be broadcast on VHF and/or displayed on the committee boat. The course format will be predominantly windward/leeward.
- 10.3 A list of fixed marks that may be used to help identify the starting area and in the event of not being able to use laid inflated marks, will be in the sailing instructions.

11 **PENALTIES**

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 There will be one discard after 4 races have been completed

13 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall be afloat by 1800 the day before the first race and not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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. Protests and retirements shall be notified by VHF ch 77.

15 **PRIZES**

- 15.1 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).
- 15.2 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 shall provide their World Sailor Classification number before racing starts.
- 15.3 There is a trophy for the Open winner and another for the British winner.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing state: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 16.2 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 while taking part in the event;
 - (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their 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) 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.
 - (f) Before racing they will ensure that my crew is aware of:
The undertakings of this notice of race and entry form declaration
The importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.
Their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions).
They agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, the Notice of Race and other rules.
 - (g) the boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the boat is made, e.g. to the sails, rig, mast ballast or time, they will notify the Race Committee immediately.
 - (h) in participating in the event any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.
 - (i) they understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organization.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims of at least £2 million.

18 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

RRS G3 applies.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Jan Ford, Etchells Class Secretary at jan@janford.co.uk
- 19.2 Nicky Symonds Royal London Yacht Club Sailing Secretary at sailing@rlyc.org.uk
- 19.3 There will be a smart casual social on Saturday evening at the Royal London YC