



SCOTTISH ETCHELS CHAMPIONSHIP 19 - 20 AUGUST 2017

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL GOUROCK YACHT CLUB ("RGYC")

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020(RRS).
- 1.2 The International Etchells Class Rules (ECR).
- 1.3 Sails may be borrowed for this event in accordance with Etchells Class Rules C 10.3 (i).
- 1.4 The byelaws of Clydeport Operations Limited. [DP]
- 1.5 Non-owners may compete in loaned boats provided that the boat is insured in accordance with this NoR.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the Yachtscoring Website and paying the entry fee. www.yachtscoring.com

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 Not relevant to this regatta.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £25.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1 The intention of the Race Committee is to run up to seven races over the two days of the regatta.

- 6.2 The Race Committee intends to run no more than four races each day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 6.3 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600.
- 6.4 Schedule including times, high water Greenock, British Summer Time:

DAY (BST)	BRIEFING	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Sat 19 August HW 1120 3.1 m	1000	1125	Briefing at RGYC (sponsored bacon rolls and coffee available). Races 2, 3 and 4 to follow ASAP. Prizegiving ASAP after racing at RGYC.
Sun 20 August HW 1220 3.3 m	1000	1125	Briefing at RGYC (sponsored bacon rolls and coffee available). Races 6 and 7 to follow ASAP. Prizegiving ASAP after racing at RGYC.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Not relevant to this regatta.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the yachtscoring.com website two weeks before the event and in printed format at the briefing.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel within five miles of the RGYC.
- 9.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF Radio and at the briefing.
- 9.3 The Race Office and Official Noticeboard will be at the RGYC. Notices may also be posted on the yachtscoring.com website.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The format for racing will be predominantly windward/leeward using laid marks.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the Zone the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Two races shall be completed to constitute this series.
- 12.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

14. BERTHING

- 14.1 The Regatta berthing will be supplied by the RGYC on free-swinging moorings.

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1730 the day before the first race. *[DP]*
- 15.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta. *[DP]*

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 All Yachts shall carry a Marine Band VHF Radio capable of receiving all International Channels.
- 17.2 VHF Radio Channels used for course information and announcements will be identified in the Sailing Instructions and at the Briefing.
- 17.3 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 Devices used. *[DP]*

18. MEDIA

Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, 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.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 The event prize givings will be held at the RGYC as soon as possible after each day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series.

20. INSURANCE

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained throughout the event.

21. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 21.1 RRS G3 applies.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 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."
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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 and 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.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS