

COAST NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ETCHELL CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th-8th November 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011
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1 RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I for open yachts will apply.
- 1.3 The International Etchells Class Association Rules will apply.
- 1.4 All boats must carry a VHF radio and monitor channel 17 at all times while racing.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Etchells Class.
- 3.2 All skippers and crew must be current financial members of the National Etchells Class Association before being eligible to sail. Payment of the Association fees must be made before the end of registration close to remain eligible to sail.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at www.etchells.org.nz
- 3.4 All skippers and crew must weigh in before the completion of registration on Friday 6th November. The number of crew (incl. skipper) shall be 3 or 4, with a crew weight of no more than 285kg.
- 3.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority.

4 FEES

Eligible skippers may enter by completing an entry form online at etchells.org.nz, and paying a non-refundable entry fee to the class association before the time of registration.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Crew Weigh in / Briefing & Registration: Friday 6th November at 1800 – RNZYS
- 5.2 Dates of Racing

Day	Date	# of Races	Warning Signal
1	Saturday, 7 th November	up to 5	1025
2	Sunday, 8 th November	up to 4	1025

- 5.3 A total of nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 5.4 No race shall start after 1600hrs on Sunday 8th November 2020.
- 5.5 Racing will be held with the MRX Masters National Championships on the same race course.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid [measurement] certificate if requested.
- 6.2 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the event.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) that will be posted on the Etchells Association website on Thursday 24th September 2020.

8 VENUE

The races will be held in the Hauraki Gulf and/or Waitemata Harbour. Preferred race area approx. 2 nm North of Rangitoto Lighthouse or any other area the Race Officer deems suitable. If another area is deemed more suitable, this will be communicated from the Race Committee to competitors via VHF Ch 17.

9 COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Five (5) races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Team support boats will be allowed.

13 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the dock in Westhaven Marina.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats must remain in the water during the regatta and be so at least 18 hours before the regatta starts, unless written permission is given by the Race Committee.

15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, but does not include any transmission over channel 17 on a VHF radio.

All boats must carry a VHF radio and monitor channel 17 at all times while racing.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizegiving will be held at the conclusion of racing at the RNZYS on Sunday 8th November.

- 17.2 The National Championship will be decided on Line, places will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd overall on Line.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the RNZYS Sailing Office on 09 360 6809 or via email: raceoffice@rnzys.org.nz.

Date: 15 June 2020