



# Etchells Queensland 2025 World Championships Qualification Series

14, 21, 28, and 29 September 2024

## **NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

**ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD**  
578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179

In conjunction with the  
International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.



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

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd in conjunction with the International Etchells Class Association Brisbane Fleet Inc.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 1600 hrs on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at <https://www.rqys.com.au/etchells-queensland-2025-world-championships-qualification-series/>

## 3. RULES

- 3.1. The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2021-2024. and the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules).  
<https://sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>
- 3.2. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event Sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 3.3. Bow numbers may be provided and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 3.4. The Brisbane Fleet Championship will be an Open Event as per IECA Appendix A, Rule 3 except that all skippers and crew will still required to be members of the IECAA.
- 3.5. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) apply.
- 3.6. The AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 3.7. Appendix T (Arbitration will apply).

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/etchells-queensland-2025-world-championships-qualification-series/>
- 3.2 Secondary to the Official noticeboard "instant messaging" system WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, confirmation of days course, Protest Time limit etc. if in use a link to join the group can be found on the Office Noticeboard.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 72 & 77.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be confirmed at the skippers briefing.
- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class. 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.
- 4.2. Rules:
  - 4.2.1. This Notice of Race changes the following **class rules**, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown highlighted in red. Written permission of the IECA for the change has been posted on the official notice board.
    - 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

- 4.3. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules as modified by this NOR and the WS Eligibility Code.
- 4.4. Each crew member of each boat may be weighed at the direction of the Brisbane Fleet Captain prior to each day racing to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) C.2.
- 4.5. Crews that fail to make the weight limit two hours before the starting signal will be ineligible to compete in the event.
- 4.6. Crew substitutions will not be allowed for the purpose of complying with the weight limit.
- 4.7. Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 4.8. All helmsmen and crew shall be financial members of the International Etchells Class Association and shall conform to RRS 46 and RRS 75 **PLEASE NOTE: There is an On-Line payment system for Etchells Class Membership. Memberships must be paid for on-line prior to registration. Please go to the Member's area at [www.etchells.org.au](http://www.etchells.org.au) to pay your subscriptions.**

## 5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Eligible boats may enter by lodging their Entry via the Online Entry Portal: <https://www.rqys.com.au/etchells-queensland-2025-world-championships-qualification-series/>
- 5.2. The originals of the following documents may be requested by the Brisbane Fleet Captain:
- 5.2.1. A valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 17.
- 5.3. Entries are to be received by 1200 hours on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- 5.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 6.1.

Date	Event	Time / First Warning Signal
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Race 1 Race 2	1300 hrs After Race 1
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2024	Race 2 Race 3	1300 hrs After Race 2
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	As Per QLD Etchells States Championship 2024 Sailing Instructions Schedule of Events. <a href="https://www.rqys.com.au/qld-etchells-state-championships-2024/">https://www.rqys.com.au/qld-etchells-state-championships-2024/</a>	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024		

- 5.1 A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 5.3 The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day.
- 5.4 If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signaled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

## 7. VENUE

- 7.1. NoR Attachment A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 7.2. NoR Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 9.3. Eight (8) races are scheduled.
  - 9.3.1. If three (3) races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.
  - 9.3.2. If four (4) or more races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score. This amends A2.

## 10. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 10.1. The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 10.2. For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

## 11. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying numeral stickers issued by the Organising Authority.

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1. This supplements but does not change RRS2 and RRS41 for the IECA. All boats **SHALL** carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting on Australian marine channels. Boats may use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during the racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 12.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress.
- 12.3. 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 from the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except as provided in clause 15.1 or in an emergency threatening safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

## 13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 13.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armor, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 16 of the Notice of Race.

## 14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum AUD\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 14.2. Such insurance policy should also carry a "racing risk" extension.
- 14.3. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 14.4. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 16. BOAT STORAGE

- 16.1. Free boat/trailer storage is available for duration of the QLD State Championships regatta. Anyone wanting to store boats for longer should contact the Marina Manager, Glen Scott, by email at [marinamanager@rqys.com.au](mailto:marinamanager@rqys.com.au) before arriving at RQYS.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Helen Wood – Secretary	0427 740 075	<a href="mailto:hwood41@gmail.com">hwood41@gmail.com</a>
David Smith – Treasurer	0438 623 783	<a href="mailto:davidmarshallsmith@gmail.com">davidmarshallsmith@gmail.com</a>

Website: [www.etchells.org.au/brisbane/](http://www.etchells.org.au/brisbane/)

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## LOCATION INFORMATION

- [Regatta Notice Board](#) View the Regatta Notice Board to access Sailing Instructions, Entry, Amendments and more
- Accommodation: Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended.
- The Manly Marina Cove Motel is located on the grounds of RQYS – [www.manlymarinacove.com](http://www.manlymarinacove.com)
- Limited [camping](#) facilities **may** be available in the grounds of RQYS.
- Other Local Accommodation Includes:  
[The Manly Hotel](#), [Waterloo Bay Hotel](#), [Pelican's Nestle Inn](#), [Wynnum Anchor Motel](#)
- Access to RQYS: RQYS Reception (located on the left as you enter the club) is available to assist with access between the hours of 7am and 7pm.
- Manly Amenities: [North Sails](#) (Sailmaker) – Club Sponsor North Sails is located just down the road from the club at 1/264 Tingal Road, an 8 minute drive away.
- [Muir Marine QLD](#) (Chandlery) - Muir Marine have been serving the Marine Industry for over 100 years and supply everything in boating equipment. Located at 453 Esplanade a 3 minute drive from the club.
- [IGA Manly Village](#) – IGA is the closest grocery store to RQYS located just 3 minute drive away, at the corner of Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade.
- [Manly Village Medical](#) – Is the closest medical centre to RQYS, located at 25 Cambridge Parade a 2 minute drive away.
- Local Weather: The RQYS Weather Station can be found at:  
<https://www.rqys.com.au/weather-station/>  
The Weather Station records from above the club Bay Lookout.
- BOM: Radar: <http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDR663.loop.shtml>  
Marine Forecast:  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/moreton-bay.shtml>
- Other Popular forecasts:
- Predict Wind: <https://forecast.predictwind.com/table/>  
Seabreeze: <https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane>  
WillyWeather: <https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html>



# NoR Attachment A

## RQYS DIRECTORY



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|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> RQYS CLUBHOUSE<br>Reception, Bar, Cafe, Restaurant, Auditorium,<br>Commodore's Lounge, Girls Room, Flags Room | <b>20</b> DAVID GLENN BOAT BUILDERS | <b>32</b> MAIN RIGGING LAWN    | <b>41</b> SLIPWAY RAMP     |
| <b>2</b> MARINA & SAILING OFFICE   | <b>21</b> ANDREW WOODFORTH MARINE   | <b>33</b> RIGGING LAWN 2       | <b>42</b> RAMP 4           |
| <b>3</b> YACHTING QUEENSLAND   | <b>22</b> SEADOG MARINE             | <b>34</b> RIGGING LAWN 3       | <b>43</b> PUBLIC CAR PARK  |
| <b>4</b> MANLY MARINA COVE MOTEL   | <b>23</b> JSA MARINE                | <b>35</b> RIGGING LAWN 4       | <b>44</b> MOTEL CAR PARK   |
| <b>5</b> WINDSURFING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE  | <b>24</b> PROFESSIONAL BOAT CARE    | <b>36</b> RIGGING LAWN 5       | <b>45</b> MEMBERS CAR PARK |
| <b>6</b> MARINE RADIO MORETON BAY  | <b>25</b> ELECTECH INDUSTRIES       | <b>37</b> CAMPING AREA         |                            |
| <b>7</b> THE BAY LOOKOUT   | <b>26</b> UNOCCUPIED TRADES SPACE   | <b>38</b> PUBLIC ACCESS RAMP   |                            |
| <b>8</b> EASTERN BEACH   | <b>27</b> DAVID'S CUSTOM TRIMMERS   | <b>39</b> SAILING ACADEMY RAMP |                            |
| <b>9</b> DAVENPORT DRIVE LOOKOUT   | <b>28</b> MULTIHULL CENTRAL         | <b>40</b> MAIN LAUNCHING RAMP  |                            |
| <b>10</b> BILL KIRBY JETTY   | <b>29</b> GREEN MARINE              |                                |                            |
| <b>11</b> FUEL WHARF & LAND FUEL   | <b>30</b> SUPERIOR YACHT SOLUTIONS  |                                |                            |
| <b>12</b> GYM  | <b>31</b> ACADEMY RIGGING LAWN      |                                |                            |
| <b>13</b> TRAVELIFT & SLEWING CRANE  |                                     |                                |                            |
| <b>14</b> SLIPWAY 1  |                                     |                                |                            |
| <b>15</b> SLIPWAY 2  |                                     |                                |                            |
| <b>16</b> STORAGE SHEDS  |                                     |                                |                            |
| <b>17</b> QUEENSLAND MARINE TRAINING SERVICES  |                                     |                                |                            |
| <b>18</b> QUEENSLAND MARINE TRAINING SERVICES  |                                     |                                |                            |
| <b>19</b> UNOCCUPIED TRADES SPACE  |                                     |                                |                            |





# NoR Attachment B

