

NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

EASTER REGATTA

1ST TO 4TH APRIL 2010

To be conducted by the

NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules Of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 and the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules).
- 2.2 The regatta is classified as a class C event as described in the International Etchells Class Rules. Appendix A, Rule 3.
- 2.3 Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code) and the Etchells Class Rules, The organising authority shall require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.
- 2.4 The YA Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2, Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.5 The prescriptions of Yachting Australia shall apply.
- 2.6 All team members on competing boats shall wear whilst afloat an Australian Standard approved PFD 2 or 1.
- 2.7 All boats shall carry a 30 metre tow line made of 12 mm silver rope.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All competitors shall comply with the IECA and the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.2 There is no weight in requirement for this regatta.

4 ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form available on the Regatta website www.ncyc.net.au and completed on line. Alternatively the entry form can be printed and forwarded to:
The Regatta Secretary,
Etchells Easter Regatta,
NCYC,
9/91 Hannell St,
Wickham 2293
- 4.2 Entries shall be accompanied by
- 4.2.1 Entry Fee of \$190
- 4.2.2 A copy of the Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate.
- 4.2.3 A copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate.
- 4.2.4 A copy of a valid insurance Certificate as detailed in Clause 18.
- 4.3 Entries are to be received by 1700 hours EST Monday 29th March 2010.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Activity	Time
Thursday 1 st April	Launch boats	1200 to 1600
	Registration	1200 to 1730
	Welcome drink	1730
Friday 2 nd April	Briefing	0900
	Race 1 start	1100
	Race 2 start asap after race 1	
	After race sausage sizzle and presentation	
Saturday 3 rd April	Race 3 start	1100
	Race 4 start asap after race 3	
	After race sausage sizzle and presentation	
Sunday 4 th April	Race 5 start	1030

Race 6 start asap after race 5
Lift boats on trailers
End of Regatta presentation

The race committee reserves the right to change the schedule of racing

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club on Thursday 1st April between the hours of 1200 and 1730 or between the hours of 0800 and 0900 on Friday 2nd April, 2010.
- 6.2 Boats will not be measured for the Regatta; however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3 All sails competitors intend to present for use during the Regatta are to be measured and correctly recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with IECA Rules prior to registration. There will be no facility available to measure unmeasured sails at registration.
- 6.4 All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation required Certificates, are required to be completed by 0900 on Friday 2nd April 2010.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. RACING AREA

The races will be sailed on the waters off Nobby's & Newcastle beaches within 2 NM of the Hunter River entrance at Newcastle.

9. COURSES

The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class Appendix B in the International Etchells Class Year Book.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a one turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Three Length Zone, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 Four races are scheduled. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority.

13. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and may be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 1630 hours on Thursday 1st April 2010 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between launching and the end of the Regatta. Diving under boats to clean hull bottoms is prohibited for the duration of this event.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

All boats shall carry a portable VHF receiver for emergency purposes only. From the time a boat leaves its moorings until the conclusion of racing that day, no boat shall activate any device capable of transmitting radio wave communications, except in any emergency. This restriction includes mobile and cellular telephones. This rule has been varied to allow competitors to monitor the race frequency on VHF. As indicated above, no transmission is allowed except in an emergency.

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 17.1 It is each competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate racing is hers alone."
- 17.2 The Organising Authority, The Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in the respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

19. PRIZES

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20. SOCIAL

20.1 Any events additional to the Regatta presentation will be advised at registration.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:

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Accommodation Enquiries

Newcastle Hunter Tourism and Accommodation

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