

ETCHELLS BRITISH OPEN AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 22 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

NOTICE OF RACE

“Amended 18/09/2023 with changes highlighted in yellow”

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).
- 1.3 The RYA national prescriptions that apply are detailed in Addendum B.
- 1.4 [DP] International Etchells Association Class Rule.
- 1.5 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the YachtScoring website by 1 September 2023. (www.yachtscoring.com).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at (www.yachtscoring.com). and the Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS).
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water the Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race information and course information by VHF. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 In addition to VHF communication, the RC intend to use a Telegram group to communicate with competitors and a “QR code & Link” will be included in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] 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 during racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class.
- 4.2 It is necessary for all crew to be Associate Members of the Etchells Class for the National Championship, European Championship, World Championship and all World Qualifier events. All helms must be paid up Owners or Co-owners of the Etchells Class.
- 4.3 Please refer to Etchells Class Rules for category definitions of membership.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the Etchells Nationals a boat shall complete all registration requirements above and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Entries shall not be open to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality or a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £280 per boat.
- 5.2 The closing date for entries will be 2359 hrs on 20 September 2023.
- 5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority (OA).

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration, available on www.yachtscoring.com, shall be submitted for crew under 18 years of age.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 This event is a qualifier for the Australian Worlds in 2024.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The times shown in the table below are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time - BST). Indicative Tide Times are for High Water (HW) Portsmouth.
- 9.2 A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on a day in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons, provided that the programme does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 9.3 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

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DAY HWP (BST)	TIME	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Thu 21 Sep	1600 - 1800		Weigh in and Sail Nomination at the Etchells container in CYH.
Day 1 Fri 22 Sep <i>HW 0440 – 4.1M HW 1710 – 4.0m</i>	0900	0730 - 0900 1025	Weigh in and Sail Nomination at the Etchells container in CYH. Briefing by Telegram Race 1 Race 2 Race 3
Day 2 Sat 23 Sep <i>HW 0540 – 3.9m HW 1820 – 3.8m</i>	0900	1025	Briefing by Telegram Race 4 Race 5 Race 6
Day 3 Sun 24 Sep <i>HW 0700 – 3.8m HW 1940 – 3.8m</i>	0900 ASAP	1025	Briefing by Telegram Race 7 Race 8 Race 9 Prizegiving in RYS

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.2 After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without prior written permission given by the Organising Authority and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 See Class Rules.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
- 12.2 To indicate the general race area a local racing chartlet can be found in Addendum A.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg. This change is added to RRS 44.2.
- 14.3 Hearings will be in the RYS as soon as possible after racing.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and their coach and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.2 All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Not used.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee.

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 [DP] Boats shall not be launched, re-launched or hauled out after 1900 on Thursday 21 September until the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race.
- 20.2 [DP] No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission General Direction 4.4 & 4.5.
- 20.3 [DP] Competitors may at any time and within the existing marina regulations; scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices as long as no person enters the water.

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Events (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the

event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising 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 provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

21.3 The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of RYS.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 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 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 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 familiarize 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 competitor or safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1 The event prize giving will be at the RYS on Sunday 24 Sep as soon as possible after racing and any protest(s).

24.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third boats in the series.

24.3 The Etchells Nationals Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the event.

24.4 There will be a trophy for the highest placed "Youth" boat. A youth boat is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on the 01 January 2023.

24.5 In addition, a Corinthian Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all World Sailing Sailor Categorization Group 1.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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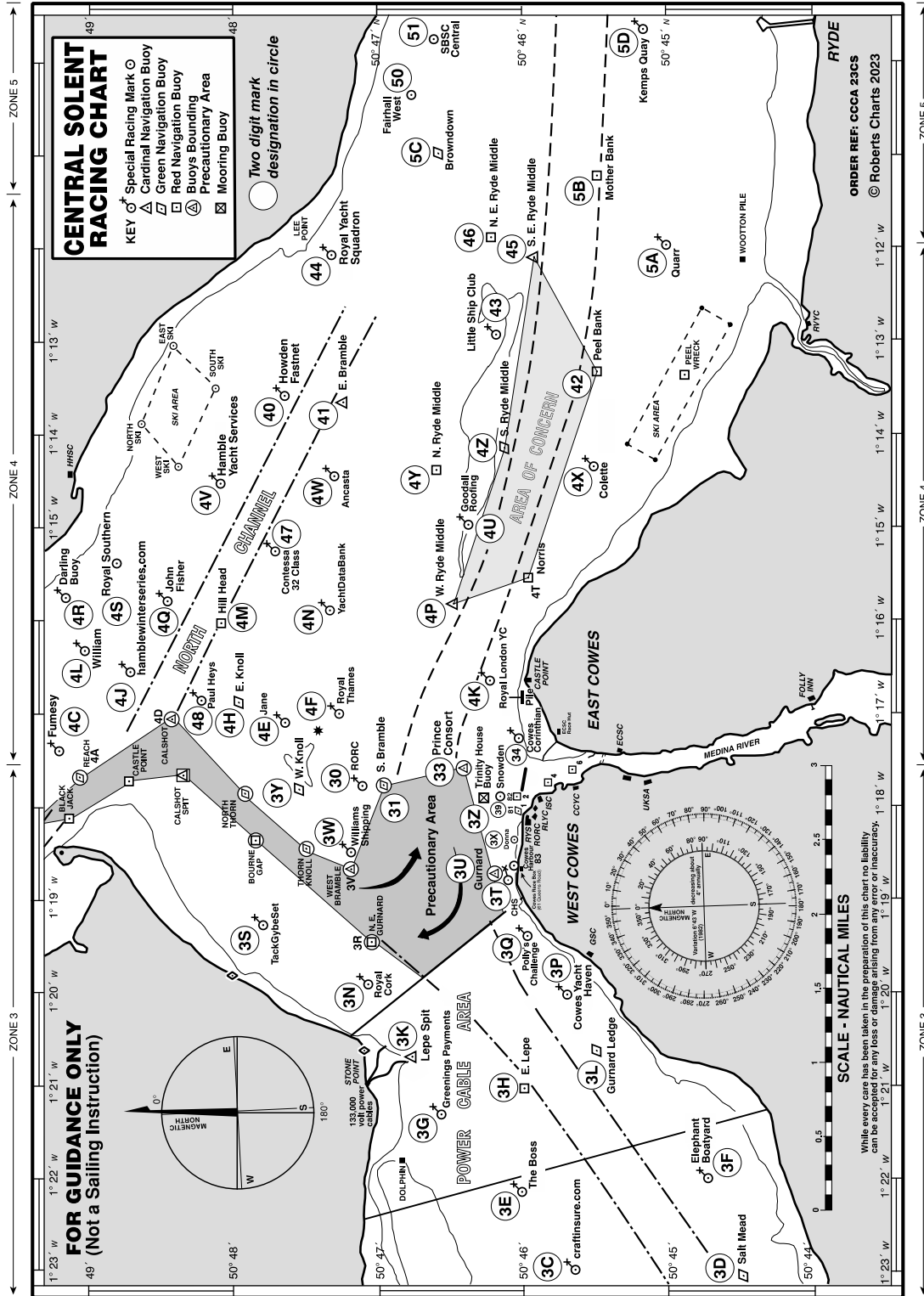
NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- There will be drinks in the Pavilion at 1900 on Saturday 23 September followed by supper at 1930 at a cost of £35 per person.
- Booking via Yacht Scoring.

ADDENDUM A.

See below a chartlet of the Racing Area showing the Solent Two Character Codes.



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ADDENDUM B.

RYA prescriptions that apply

Rule 4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

Rule 6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

Rule 67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

86.3 Rule Changes

An Organising Authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The Organising Authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

Additional RYA prescriptions that apply if no international jury has been appointed.

Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
 1. (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
 2. (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 3. (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.

A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.

3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

Rule 78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

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