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| **2023 COAST NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** |
| 31st March – 2nd April 2023 |
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| The Organising Authority is the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron181 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven, Auckland 1011Tel: 09 360 6800 | VHF: CH 17 |
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| **NOTICE OF RACE ( NoR ) – v2** |
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|  A1 | 1.5, 20 - Deletion of covid policy clauses. (*5th Dec 2022*) |
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|  **1** | **RULES** |
|  1.1 | The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. |
|  1.2 | The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 will apply, except (as per class rules) a PFD for each crew member must be carried on board but is only required to be worn when the Y flag is displayed. |
|  1.3 | The International Etchells Class Association Rules will apply. |
|  1.4 | Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply. |
|  ~~1.5~~ | ~~The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Covid Policy will apply. The policy can be found at~~ [~~https://www.rnzys.org.nz/racedoc-course-info/~~](https://www.rnzys.org.nz/racedoc-course-info/) |
|  **2** | **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** |
|  2.1 | The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the official notice board on the RNZYS website at [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz).  |
|  2.2 | The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RNZYS website on or before Monday 27th March 2023. |
|  **3** | **COMMUNICATION** |
|  3.1 | The online official notice board is located at [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz) |
|  3.2 | The race committee will also communicate with competitors via the skippers WhatsApp group. |
|  3.3 | [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch at all times. Any emergency communication shall be made on channel 16. |
|  3.4 | On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI’s.  |
|  3.5 | Failure to receive a radio or WhatsApp message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). |
|  3.6 | [DP] While racing, 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. |

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|  **4** | **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** |
|  4.1 | The event is open to all boats of the Etchells class. |
|  4.2 | Eligible boats may enter by;1. Completing the online entry form at [www.etchells.org.nz](http://www.etchells.org.nz) and
2. Paying the non-refundable entry fee,

before 1st March 2023 |
|  4.3 | To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor’s national authority. |
|  4.4 | All skippers and crew must be a current member of the International Etchells Class Association. |
|  **5** | **ENTRY FEES** |
|  5.1 | The entry fee and social activity fee, including GST, are:

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|  | **Fee** |
| Series Entry Fee per boat | $230 |
| Social fee per person | $30 |

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|  **6** | **CREW AND CREW WEIGHT** |
|  6.1 | As per the International Etchells Class Rules the maximum crew weight, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt is 285 kilograms.  |
|  6.2 | All skippers and crew must weigh in after the 27th March and before the completion of registration on Friday 31st March. Skippers can arrange a weigh-in time with the RNZYS Sailing Office by emailing raceoffice@rnzys.org.nz.  |
|  6.3 | All registered crew shall race all races. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. |
|  **7** | **ADVERTISING** |
|  7.1 | [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. |
|  **8** | **SCHEDULE** |
|  8.1 | Registration and weigh in:

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| Day |  Date | From | To |
| Friday |  31st March | 0930 | 1800 |

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|  | Sailors may weigh in at another time after 27th March if approved by the OA. |
|  8.2 | Dates of racing:

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|  Day |  Date |  |
|  Saturday |  1st April | Racing |
|  Sunday |  2nd April | Racing |

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|  8.3 | A briefing for competitors will be held at the RNZYS at 1800 on Friday 31st March 2023. |
|  8.4 | Number of races:

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| Total Number Scheduled | Races per day - scheduled | Races per day - maximum | Target Time - Minutes |
| 8 | 4 | 5 | 50 |

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|  8.5 | The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955. |
|  8.6 | On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1700. |
|  **9** | **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION** |
|  9.1 | Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested. |
|  9.2 | A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at all times during the event. |
| **10** | **VENUE** |
| 10.1 | The event will be based out of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, 181 Westhaven drive. |
| 10.2 | The intended racing area is to the east of Northern Leading marker on the Waitemata Harbour but may be changed at the discretion of the RC to suit the conditions. |
| **11** | **THE COURSES** |
| 11.1 | The course will be windward /leeward courses with a downwind finish. A separator mark will be used at the top mark and a gate for the bottom mark. |
| **12** | **PENALTY SYSTEM** |
| 12.1 | RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. |
| **13** | **SCORING** |
| 13.1 | Five (5) race are required to be completed to constitute a series. |
| 13.2 | * + - * 1. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores,
				2. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
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| **14** | **SUPPORT BOATS** |
| 14.1 | [DP] All support and coach boats should be registered with the Race Committee, and clearly marked to identify with their team. |
| 14.2 | [DP] All support and coach boats must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required. |
| 14.3 | [DP] All support and coach boats shall have an engine safety cut out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority. |
| **15** | **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS** |
| 15.1 | [DP] All boats must be either launched by the OA or be in the water before 2000 hours on 31st March 2023. All boats must remain in the water during the event, unless given prior written permission from the race committee. |

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| **16** | **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS** |
| 16.1 | [DP] 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 event. |
| **17** | **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS** |
| 17.1 | By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation. |
| 17.2 | All those who take part in this event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats). |
| **18** | **RISK STATEMENT** |
| 18.1 | 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.** |
| **19** | **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** |
| 19.1 | 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 seaworthiness 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 entry |
| **~~20~~** | **~~COVID-19~~** |
| ~~20.1~~ | ~~Decision making on the event in relation to Covid restrictions will be made according to the local Auckland status and the RNZYS Covid policy.~~~~If an event or race is postponed or cancelled because of government or local body restrictions, the organising authority will use reasonable endeavours to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, although the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.~~ |
| **21** | **INSURANCE** |
| 21.1 | Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. A copy of the insurance certificate must be provided if requested to do so by the OA. |
| **22** | **PRIZES** |
| 22.1 | The National Championship shall be decided on Line. Places will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd on Line. |
| **22** | **FURTHER INFORMATION** |
|  | For further information please contact;Megan Thomson mthomson@rnzys.org.nzWebsite www.rnzys.org.nzAddress 181 Westhaven Drive Westhaven Auckland 1011Phone 027 645 7788 |

**Date:** 6 December 2022