

COAST NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS CLASS AND FLYING DUTCHMAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10th to 12th April, 2026

The Organising Authority is the Takapuna Boating Club,
The Strand, Takapuna, Auckland 0622

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

NP denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat under RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 For the Etchells class, the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply, except as per the international class rules, PFD's must be carried on board but are only required to be worn if code flag Y is displayed.
Refer - <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>
- 1.3 For the Etchells class the International Etchells Class Association Rules will apply.
For the Flying Dutchman class the International Flying Dutchman Class Rules apply.
- 1.4 Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 18:00 on Wednesday 8th April, 2026.
Paper copies will NOT be issued to competitors.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://www.etchells.org.nz/coast-nz-champs-2026.html>
- 3.2 Notices will also be posted to the event WhatsApp group "Coast Nationals 2026."
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSI's. Failure to receive a radio message from the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.4 [DP] All Etchells class boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF radio at all times while racing.
- 3.5 [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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Etchells and Flying Dutchman classes.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by;
- (a) Etchells:
complete the on-line entry form on the Etchells Assn website, www.etchells.org.nz
 - (b) Flying Dutchman:
complete the attached entry form and send to the FD Assn, matthew.bismark@gmail.com.
 - (c) Paying the non-refundable entry fee to the appropriate class association.
- 4.3 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 19:00 on Friday 10th April 2026.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority.
- 4.6 To be eligible to compete in this event each Etchells and Flying Dutchman competitor shall be a current member of the International Etchells Class Association or NZ Flying Dutchman Association, respectively.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry and social activity fees are:

Event entry fee (per boat)	\$230
Social activities fee - Etchells (per person)	\$30

Entry fees, and any class association fees are payable to the class association prior to the event. Refer to NOR 22 for class assn contact details.

The OA will invoice each class association for the total entry fee payable by each class.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 As per the International Etchells Class Rules, the maximum crew weight, wearing a minimum of shorts and tee shirt is 285 kilograms. Crews may weigh in at the Takapuna Boating Club between 09:00 and 19:00 on Friday 10th April 2026.
- 6.2 All Etchells skippers are required to sign a weight declaration form.
- 6.3 All registered crew shall sail 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 [DP] ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance WS advertising code.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 *Briefing*:
A competitors briefing will be held at 19:00 on Friday 10th April, 2026 at the Takapuna Boating Club clubrooms.

8.2 *Dates of racing:*

The event shall consist of a series of up to 8 races – (refer schedule below).

Day	Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Number of Races	Maximum races per day
Day 1	Sat, 11 th April 2026	10:25	4	5
Day 2	Sun, 12 th April 2026	10:25	4	5

8.3 The Target Time for each race is 40 minutes.

8.4 On Sunday 12th April 2026 no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested.

9.2 Spot measurement and safety checks may be conducted at any time during the event.

10 VENUE

10.1 The event will be based out of the Takapuna Boating Club.

10.2 The intended racing area is off the Auckland East Coast Bays but may be changed at the discretion of the race committee to suit the conditions.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses using laid inflatable marks, with beat lengths of approximately 0.5nm - 1.5nm adjusted to suit the conditions and target race time. An offset separator mark will be used at the top mark and a gate for the bottom mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13 SCORING

13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 (a) When from 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores,

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.3 RRS 90.3 (e) applies.

14 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 All support and coach vessels must have VHF communications and be available to assist the race committee if required.

14.2 Any support and coach vessels shall be registered with the race committee and clearly marked to identify with their team.

14.3 All support and coach vessels 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 race committee.

15 [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 All Etchells must be in the water before 20:00 on Friday 10th April, and remain in the water during the event, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 15.2 All Flying Dutchman shall launch from either the Takapuna public launching ramp, or the beach immediately in front of the Takapuna Boating Club clubrooms.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats from 20:00 on Friday 10th April until the end of the event.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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.**

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. All those taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the NBYC 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 NBYC 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 NBYC reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse entry.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Yachting New Zealand recommends that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 20.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsor(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue for the event, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 20.2 Drones / RPAS (Remote Piloted Aircraft System) under the control of the organising authority may be used during the event. Participation in the event will be taken as agreement and consent to be overflown by and have RPAS operate within close proximity to competing boats.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 National Champions will be recognised in accordance with Yachting New Zealand regulation 4.5.4.
- 21.2 The NZ Etchells Championship will be decided on line.
Prizes will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall on line.
- 21.2 The NZ Flying Dutchman Championship will be decided on line.
Prizes will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall on line.
- 21.3 The NZ Flying Dutchman Class Assn will also award a handicap prize.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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