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International Etchells Class Association

2015 World Championship
29 October to 7 November 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendment #1 - 30 June 2015

Amendment #2 - 17 September 2015

The International Etchells Class Association (IECA), in conjunction with the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC), invites entries to the 2015 World Championship (29 October to 7 November 2015), to be sailed in Hong Kong.

The official regatta website is 2015.etchellsworlds.org

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the HKSF. The regatta co-organizers are RHKYC and the Hong Kong Etchells Class Association (HKECA).

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS).
- 2.2 The national authority (HKSF) prescriptions set out in Attachment A to this Notice of Race shall apply.
- 2.3 The rules and regulations of the IECA will apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.4 The 2015 World Championship is an ISAF Recognized Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class A event.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20.3.2. The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the International Etchells Class and shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 4.2 All competitors are required to have a current ISAF Sailor Classification prior to registration. This can be obtained online at www.sailing.org.
- 4.3 For the 2015 World Championship, the entry allocation is 60+ % of each fleet's paid boats (rounded up). Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain prior to the entry being accepted. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the OA with the IECA Secretariat. Additionally, eligibility is extended to 5 top finishers in a National Championship (most recent) as verified by the country's Class President, and to any Etchells Class Life Member.



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- 4.4 For the purpose of complying with Class Rule C.2.2, except as specifically arranged with the OA, each skipper and crewmember of each boat shall be weighed together prior to racing on Sunday 1 November 2015 between the hours of 08:00 and 10:00 at the Clearwater Bay Marina (the Venue) Regatta Office.
- 4.5 The total combined weight of crewmembers for each boat will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 4.6 Each crewmember on each boat shall be reweighed together at the Clearwater Bay Marina (the Regatta Venue) Regatta Office on Wednesday 4 November 2015 between the hours of 16:30 and 18:30 or as adjusted by the OA, to ensure compliance with Class Rule C.2.2. Crews that fail to reweigh by the designated time or fail to make the weight limit by the designated time shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with Class Rule C.2.2. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests are to be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.
- 4.7 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and T-shirt.
- 4.8 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Online Entry System accompanied by the entry fee (which shall be paid in Hong Kong Dollars) and copies of the boat's Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate to be submitted to the OA no later than 17:00 hours on 12 September 2015.

- 5.2 Entry fees per boat are:

3 person crew	4 person crew
HKD 16,000	HKD 21,000

- 5.3 Entries received after the closure of online entry, will, if accepted, be subject to a surcharge of HKD 3,000.
- 5.4 Evidence of insurance, as described in NOR 19.1, as well as originals of the Measurement Certificate and the Sail Measurement Certificate, shall be presented at registration.
- 5.5 The entry fee includes the social events listed below for the competitors, as well as trailer storage, launching and dockage at RHKYC and Clearwater Bay Marina (the Regatta Venue) between 28 October and 9 November 2015.
- 5.6 Facility fees for additional days are the responsibility of each competitor and shall be arranged with RHKYC directly. RHKYC is offering a special long-term rate to competitors also participating in the 2015 Asia Pacific Championships. More information will be posted on the regatta website (<http://2015.etchellsworlds.org/>).
- 5.7 A limited number of tickets will be available for guests to purchase to attend the social events. Pricing will be posted on the regatta website.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1

Day	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	29 October	09:30 – 17:00	Measurement and Registration at RHKYC Kellett Island
Friday	30 October	09:30 – 17:00	Measurement and Registration at RHKYC Kellett Island
Saturday	31 October	09:30 – 17:00	Measurement and Registration at RHKYC Kellett Island
		18:30 – 19:00	Skippers' Meeting at RHKYC
		19:00	Opening Reception at RHKYC
Sunday	1 November	08:00 – 10:00	Crew Weigh-In at Clearwater Bay Marina (the Venue)
		13:00	Practice Race, Warning Signal
		18:30 – 19:00	Skippers' Meeting at RHKYC
		19:00	Opening Reception at RHKYC
Monday	2 November	11:00	Race Day 1 – First Warning Signal
Tuesday	3 November	11:00	Race Day 2 – First Warning Signal
Wednesday	4 November	07:00 – 09:00 16:30 - 18:30	Crew Reweigh at Clearwater Bay Marina (the Venue)
		11:00	Race Day 3 – First Warning Signal
Thursday	5 November	11:00	Race Day 4 – First Warning Signal
Friday	6 November	11:00	Race Day 5 – First Warning Signal
Saturday	7 November	10:00	Race Day 6 – First Warning Signal
			Prize giving at RHKYC Kellett Island

6.2 Nine races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.

6.3 The Class International Governing Committee members present may permit the Race Committee to deviate from the above schedule.

6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 hours on Saturday 7 November, unless posted by 20:00 hours on Friday 6 November. In the case of one or more general recall(s) when the initial Warning Signal was made prior to 15:00 hours, the Race Committee may display subsequent Warning Signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

7 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

7.1 Eligible boats shall register with the OA at the RHKYC Kellett Island Regatta Office on Thursday 29 October, Friday 30 October or Saturday 31 October between 09:30 and 17:00 hours. Boats that have entered the Asia Pacific Championships may register with the OA for both events at the same time, on Thursday 22 October or Friday 23 October 2015 between 09:30 and 17:00 hours.

7.2 All boats will be measured for compliance with ISAF measurement regulations and Class Rules and shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.

7.3 All boats must be available for measurement at RHKYC Kellett Island from 09:30 hours on Thursday 29 October 2015. Entrants will be notified if an assigned measurement time is scheduled. The event Chief Measurer may examine or measure any competing boat which is available in advance of the first official Registration and Measurement date.

7.4 A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing - a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.

- 7.5 All registration formalities, including payment of all class and event fees, boat and sail measurement, and presentation of original Hull and Sail Measurement Certificates, are required to be completed by 16:00 hours on Sunday 1 November.
- 7.6 Any boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time during the regatta.
- 7.7 After measurement until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall be removed from RHKYC or the Venue (save for the purpose of travelling between the two as specified in clause 9.2 below) without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the ONB. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 7.8 After measurement until completion of racing, no sail shall be recut or altered. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon written approval of the International Jury. All such sails may be subject to re-measurement on completion of repairs.
- 7.9 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendation of the Class IGC/ODT and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the IECA.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The SIs will be available at registration.

9 RACING AREA AND VENUE

- 9.1 The races will be sailed on the waters around The Ninepins, southeast of Clearwater Bay as shown in Attachment B.
- 9.2 All boats will be initially launched at RHKYC Kellett Island and then towed by the OA, or sailed, to Clearwater Bay Marina (the Venue) as shown in Attachment B. Throughout the regatta, all boats shall be berthed at Clearwater Bay Marina.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class "Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions" Appendix D as detailed on the International Etchells Class website.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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 Zone, as defined in the current RRS, 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.
- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Clearwater Bay Marina (the Venue) Regatta Office within the protest time limit.
- 11.3 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5. ~~As provided in RRS 67, the Jury may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.~~
- 11.4 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS an arbitration hearing may be available prior to a protest. If offered, the rules of the arbitration system, and the RRS, which are changed as a result, will be identified in the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA prior to acting as a coach or support boat. Coach and support boats shall register with the OA at the RHKYC Kellett Island Regatta Office on Thursday 29 October, Friday 30 October or Saturday 31 October between 09:30 and 17:00 hours unless already registered for both the Asia Pacific Championships and World Championships on Thursday 22 October or Friday 23 October 2015. Coach and support boats shall be clearly marked with the nationality of the boats they are supporting on the engine cowling, or in some other prominent position at all times.
- 13.2 All registered coach and support boats must carry on board and operate while on the water a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels, and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 13.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal of the day (or any other time the OA considers appropriate) until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the International Jury or the Race Committee.
- 13.4 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the SIs.

14 BERTHING & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall be kept at dockage as assigned by the OA. Detailed logistics for berthing and other arrangements will be posted on the official regatta website.
- 14.2 All boats shall be afloat before 13:00 hours on Sunday 1 November 2015 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury. The penalty may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

15 PLASTIC POOLS

- 15.1 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the close of registration and the end of the regatta.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats must carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving normal international channels. Boats must 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 each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may use the radio to advise competitors of race information.
- 16.3 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 after the first warning signal (or any other time considered appropriate by the OA) on each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in NOR 16.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the International Jury or the Race Committee.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 i) The World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- ii) Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the individual race winners of races one through nine, the Masters' Division winner, the Seniors' Division winner, the Grandmasters' Division winner, the Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy and the Corinthian Cup.
- iii) Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first ten finishers overall and to the other race winners. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 18.2 The OA (HKSF) is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Race Committee, the sponsors, the OA (HKSF), and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) and its employees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HKD 1million per event or the equivalent, as required by Hong Kong law.
- 19.2 Evidence of insurance, as described in NOR 19.1, shall be provided at registration.

20 LOANER BOATS

- 20.1 Loaner boats may be available for overseas entrants. The loaner boat owner and the overseas skipper or representative, will make all arrangements directly, including financial and logistics in having the boat delivered to and from RHKYC. A list of boats available will be posted on the official regatta website.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information, please contact the OA at:

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Attachment A

The HKSF prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing **set out in this Attachment** shall apply:

Rule 67 Damages:

- 1 No claim for damages arising from breaches of these rules or the sailing instructions shall be adjudicated upon by any race committee or appeal authority, but shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- 2 A boat which acknowledges infringing a rule by retiring or taking a penalty does not thereby admit liability for damage.
- 3 The findings of fact and decisions of protest committees shall be relevant only to the purposes of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and shall not be referred to in any proceedings for damages without the written consent of the protest committee.
- 4 Notwithstanding 3 above, any owner of a boat may be liable for damages arising from a breach of these rules and may be subject to limitations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance or related ordinances or regulations of the laws of Hong Kong.

Attachment B

Racing Area and Venue Location

