



## **INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS 2010 World Championship NOTICE OF RACE**

**Howth Etchells Fleet in conjunction with Howth Yacht Club Events Limited invites entries to the 2010 Etchells World Championship to be sailed from August 19<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority is the Howth Etchells Fleet in conjunction with HYC Events Ltd.

### **2 RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS.)
- 2.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall not apply.
- 2.3 The rules and regulations of the International Etchells Class Association shall apply except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 The Championship is an ISAF Recognised Event and is sanctioned by the International Etchells Class as a Class A Event.
- 2.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between a rule or regulation, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 2.7 The IGC has agreed to a trial to assess the effectiveness of a proposed One-Design rule change that would place a maximum weight of 30kgs per boat on all uncontrolled items carried on board while racing. Boats will be requested to volunteer during the regatta to have their uncontrolled items weighed before and after racing and, in addition, two boats in the first five finishers in any race may be asked to participate in the trial. This is not a class rule and it will not be grounds for protest.

### **3 ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 This is a Category A Event pursuant to the ISAF Advertising Code and Etchells Class Rules. The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3 (d)(i).
- 3.2 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display bow identification numbers. If this is the case, the numbers will be supplied at registration, but it will be the responsibility of each boat to ensure that they are affixed to the hull in the correct position.

### **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 Entry allocation is 50% of each fleet's paid boats (rounded up). Qualification to enter shall be verified by the entrant's Fleet Captain. No entry can be considered as final until the entry's eligibility has been verified by the Organising Authority with the International Etchells Class Association Secretariat.
- 4.3 To ensure compliance with One-Design Rule 7.1, each crew member of each boat shall be weighed between the hours of 0900 and 1100 on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 4.4 Each crew member on each boat shall be re-weighed between the hours of 0800 and 1000 on Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> to ensure compliance with One-Design Rule 7.1. Crews that fail to re-weigh by the designated time or fail to



make the weight limit shall be scored DNS for all races sailed that day and for all subsequent races until such time as they comply with One-Design Rule 7.1. The Race Committee may approve an extension of time in extenuating circumstances, and such requests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee.

- 4.5 The total combined weight of crew members of each boat will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.6 Crews shall be weighed wearing light clothing, the minimum being outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 4.7 Crew substitutions shall not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 4.8 Weighing scales will be available on each race day from 0900 to 1200.

## **5 ENTRIES**

- 5.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form and accompanied by the entry fee of €900 for boats sailing with three crew. For boats sailing with four crew, the fee shall be €1,000.
- 5.2 Copies of Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate shall be included with the entry form to be received by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010
- 5.3 Entries received after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by an additional late fee of €200 and received prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
- 5.4 The Official Entry Form will be available at [www.etchellsworlds2010.org](http://www.etchellsworlds2010.org) or as per the attached Entry Form.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- | Date                 |                              | Time       |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Thursday, August 19  | Measurement and Registration | 1000- 1900 |
| Friday, August 20    | Measurement and Registration | 1000- 1900 |
| Saturday, August 21  | Measurement and Registration | 1000- 1600 |
| Sunday, August 22    | Skippers Briefing            | 1100       |
| Sunday, August 22    | Practice Race                |            |
| Monday, August 23    | Race Day 1                   |            |
| Tuesday, August 24   | Race Day 2                   |            |
| Wednesday, August 25 | Race Day 3                   |            |
| Thursday, August 26  | Race Day 4                   |            |
| Friday, August 27    | Race Day 5                   |            |
| Saturday, August 28  | Race Day 6                   |            |
- 6.1 Nine races are scheduled and more than one race may be sailed on any Race Day.
  - 6.2 The Class International Governing Committee may permit the Race Committee to deviate from the above schedule.
  - 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 (the last day of racing)

## **7 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT**

- 7.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at Howth Yacht Club, Howth, Co. Dublin on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> between 1000 hours and 1900 hours or August 21<sup>st</sup> between 1000 hours and 1600 hours.
- 7.2 All boats will be measured for compliance with ISAF measurement regulations and class rules. Each skipper or co-skipper shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 7.3 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 1600 hours on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.

- 7.4 A boat may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time during the competition.
- 7.5 After measurement and until completion of racing, no boat, sail or any item of measured equipment shall leave the venue without being posted on the Official Equipment Sign-out Sheet on the Official Notice Board. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to ensure proper recording.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the International Jury upon the recommendations of the Class IGC/ODT and/or Chief Measurer appointed by the International Etchells Class Association.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

## **9 RACING AREA**

The Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth, Co. Dublin. Starts may be up to three miles north of Howth Harbour.

## **10 COURSES**

The Courses will be as described in the current International Etchells Class "Standard World Championship Sailing Instructions" Appendix B 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 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.
- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Nine races are scheduled. Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **13 INTERNATIONAL JURY**

- 13.1 The Championship will have an International Jury constituted in accordance with RRS 90 (b) and Appendix N. Substitutions may be made. Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.

## **14 TEAM SUPPORT BOATS**

- 14.1 Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as coach or support boats and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.
- 14.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay no less than 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.3 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a



medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

## **15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 15.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1400 hours on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.
- 15.2 Boats entering the regatta site may be directed at the discretion of the Organising Authority to be wet stored prior to Regatta.
- 15.3 No boat shall be lifted out of the water after 0900 hours on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 through to the conclusion of the championship without prior written permission of the International Jury. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be DSQ for any subsequent races.

## **16 PLASTIC POOLS**

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between 1700 hours on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 and the end of the regatta.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio (Channel 77) to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day. The Race Committee may use VHF Channel 77 to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.

## **18 LOANER BOATS**

- 18.1 Loaner boats may be available for overseas entrants and will be allocated in accordance with the Class Rules on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Howth Yacht Club. The Loaner boat fee of €1,000 includes all insurance premiums. A Damage Deposit of €1,000 includes insurance deductibles.
- 18.2 Application for a loaner boat is to be made on the Official Entry Form and forwarded to the Organising Authority with the applicable fee.

## **19 INSURANCE**

All boats competing shall carry current Third Party Liability Insurance that is valid in Ireland. Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property or personal injury claims. The minimum third party personal liability cover shall be Euro 3 million. Proof of insurance shall be sent with the entry and presented at registration.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Championship 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." The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Organising Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **21 PRIZES**

The World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.  
Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the individual race winners of races one through nine, the Masters' Division winner, the Seniors' Division winner,



the Grand Masters' Division winner, the Bill Munster Sportsmanship Trophy and the Corinthian Trophy.

Keeper trophies will be awarded to the first three placegetters overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the event coordinator:

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