

ETCHELLS FLEET ADDENDUM

Preamble

The spirit of the Gosford Etchells fleet is to promote, develop and expand the enjoyment of sailing and the class by the exercise of due tolerance and latitude in the application of the sailing instructions. Gosford Sailing Club is a multi class club and all Etchells shall give full courtesy and respect to other racing boats paying particular attention to the safety of junior classes.

Eligibility

Etchells Class rules shall apply for all Etchells one-design races held by Gosford Sailing Club. The appropriate fees as determined by the Etchells Class Executive shall be paid prior to the commencement of each sailing season. Yachts shall not be entitled to points until such fees are paid. At the commencement of each season each yacht shall present copies of:-

- 1) Current measurement certificate & sail card.
- 2) Current Category 7 Safety Certificate. The crew shall ensure continuing compliance throughout the season.
- 3) Maritime NSW registration
- 4) Racing insurance including \$10M public liability cover.

Should a yacht be replaced during the season, all points shall be transferred to the replacement yacht, providing the owner and crew of the replacement yacht are the same as on the first.

Crew

All regular crew members shall be sailing members of Gosford Sailing Club. A non-member or non-sailing member will be permitted to crew for no more than 3 races in any season.

In any championship race, a change of helmsperson shall be permitted, provided the new helmsperson is a regular member of the crew. (*The regular crew should be determined prior to the commencement of the season, with alterations restricted to say a week prior to the start of each series.*)

In any non-championship race, a change of helmsperson shall be permitted provided the new helmsperson is a sailing member of Gosford Sailing Club.

A crew may elect to sail either 3 or 4 up. This crew configuration must then be maintained until the end of the series. A change in the crew configuration will be permitted during the season from series to series.

Club Championship

80% of the total races sailed (rounded up) for each series shall be counted to determine the Club Championship. A minimum of 5 races shall be required to be sailed. In the event of a Championship heat not being sailed on the scheduled day it will be held on the first reserve day shown on the programme. Should that race also not be sailed it will be held on the next reserve day and so on.

Point Score

Series Point Score: There shall be three series, SPRING; SUMMER & AUTUMN. A minimum of 4 races shall be sailed in each series. 80% of the total races sailed (rounded up) for each series shall be counted to determine series results. The winner of each series shall be the yacht that aggregates the least number of points.

Seasons Point Score: The sum of the three series results shall then determine the Season's Point Score placings

Most Fastest Times. All races, points score and championship, will count to determine the "Most Fastest Times" result. The winning yacht on the day shall be the fastest yacht helmed by a regular member of the crew and shall be awarded one point.

Average Points.

A yacht that represents Gosford Sailing Club in an Etchells Sanctioned event shall be entitled to average points based on her average score, after applying the same number of drops as the rest of the fleet, for the series that they would otherwise be competing in. For distant regattas, a reasonable time (*but no greater than 6 days either side of the programmed scheduled races*) should be allowed for travel.

Scoring

Low point scoring system shall apply.

(1 for first, 2 points for second, 3 points for third and so on.)

Alternative Penalties

360 degree turns shall apply in lieu of 720 degree turns.

Prohibited Area

The area from the southern tip of Point Frederick itself to the South Cardinal Marker immediately to the South of the Point, is prohibited to the Etchells class whilst racing. This area ranks as an obstruction.

Courses

Courses shall be:

a) Single race day Start-W-L-W-L-W-L-Finish.

b) Two Race day Start-W-L-W-L-Finish

All buoys shall be rounded to port.

The course may be shortened as either rounding mark in order to achieve a result. A race must consist of two legs.

If there is a significant wind shift while sailing the first leg the race may be abandoned. (*>45 deg. say SE to NE but not E to NE.*)

A minimum of two yachts must start to constitute a valid race. A single boat will be awarded points on proper completion of the course.

Courses shall be set to achieve a target race time of 90 minutes. A 150 minute time limit shall apply for all yachts in each race.

All courses shall be competed before sunset.

The procedure for the conduct of sprint and other races other than championship and point score races shall be confirmed on the day of racing.

