

Royal Mersey Yacht Club & Holyhead Sailing Club

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

NOTICE OF RACE

NORTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 16th May & Sunday 17th May 2009

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1** The Organising Authority is the Royal Mersey Yacht Club ("RMYC") and the Hosts are Holyhead Sailing Club ("HSC").

2. RULES

- 2.1** The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.
- 2.2** The Event is sanctioned by The International Etchells Class Association and is a Class C event.
- 2.3** The Organising Authority may require all participating yachts to display event sponsors' advertising in accordance ISAF Category A and Regulation 20.3 (d) (i) including bow numbers.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code Regulation 19.
- 3.2** The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper will be determined prior to the Event to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1 and may be checked prior to the start of each day's racing. There shall be three or four persons on board each yacht and their total combined weight shall not exceed 285 kg. The crew shall remain unchanged throughout the Event. Substitutions may be made only with the advance written permission of the Principal Race Officer and only if an absolute necessity and if no unfair advantage is thereby gained.
- 3.3** All yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability Insurance. Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any and all third party personal injury claims. It is strongly recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate and adequate Third Party Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than Two Million Pounds.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1** Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form and shall be sent to the Racing Administrator, Royal Mersey Yacht Club, Club House, Bedford Road East, Rock Ferry, Wirral, CH42 1LS by 1800 hrs on Friday 10th April 2009 accompanied by the entry fee of £125 and copies of the owners qualifying Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate.
- 4.2** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and accompanied by a late fee of £50 and received by 1200 hrs on Friday 14th May 2009.
- 4.3** Originals of the Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and the Sail Measurements Certificate are to be presented at Registration.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

May 2009	Item	Time
Fri 15 th	Measurement	0900 – 1800
	Launching	1200 - 1800
	Registration HSC and crew weigh in	1200 – 1900
	All yachts to be afloat	1800
	Skipper's Briefing followed by Welcome Drinks at HSC	1900
Sat 16 th	Race 1	Warning Signal 1030
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Sun 17 th	Race 4	Warning Signal 0930
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 3

- 5.1** The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the schedule of races as appropriate in order to achieve the maximum number of races for the series.
- 5.2** No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs on Sunday 17th May.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1** Eligible yachts shall register with the Organising Authority at HSC on Friday 15th May 2009 from 1200 – 1900 hrs
- 6.2** All yachts may 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.
- 6.2.1** All yachts should be made available for measurement on arrival and in any event prior to Registration at HSC.

6.3 All Registration formalities, including boat measurements, payment of all Class and event fees, sail registration and presentation of original hull and sail measurement certificates, are required to be completed by 1900 hrs on Friday 15th May 2009

6.3.1 All sails shall be nominated and presented at Registration at HSC as defined in 6.1.

6.4 All yachts must be available for measurement on Friday 15th May from 0900 – 1800 hrs. 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.

6.5 During competition any yacht may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time.

6.6 After measurement, no yacht, sail or equipment may leave the venue without the written approval of the Principal Race Officer.

6.7 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the Event Chief Measurer.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration and will also be mailed in advance.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The races will be sailed on the waters of Holyhead Bay. (Admiralty chart 5609.11)

9. COURSES

9.1 The Courses will be windward leeward.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point scoring system of the Rules Appendix A will apply amended as follows:-

Five races are scheduled. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series and all will count. If five races are completed one discard will be allowed.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

11.1 The Protest Committee shall meet as indicated in the Sailing instructions.

12.0 TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signals until all yachts have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12.2 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 All yachts shall be afloat before 1800 hrs on Friday 15th May and shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Principal Race Officer.

14. BERTHING

14.1 All yachts shall remain berthed at Holyhead Marina or moored at HSC for the duration of the Event from 1800 hrs Friday 15 May 2009 until the end of the final race of the Championship.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts from 2000 hrs on the day before each event until the end of each event.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. After the preparatory signal and outside Holyhead Harbour no yacht shall activate any device capable of receiving or transmitting radio wave communications (except in an emergency) until the end of each race. Flag signals in respect of Ferry traffic in the vicinity of Holyhead Harbour will be included in the Sailing instructions.

17. PRIZES

The Victoria Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

The Reliance Trophy will be awarded to the first RMYC yacht.

Details of other trophies and prizes will be included in the Sailing Instructions and Information Pack.

18. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- Friday 15th: Welcome Drinks at HSC 1930-2030 after briefing
- Saturday 16th: Daily Prizegiving and Dinner at HSC Restaurant
- Sunday 17th: Event Prizegiving at HSC after racing

All participants in the Regatta and their families and supporters are invited by the Flag Officers to be Temporary Members of the Holyhead Sailing Club for the duration of the Championships.

19. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for is £125 including lifting in and out and pontoon berthing at Holyhead Marina.

Information and an application form for dinner tickets will be included with the Sailing Instructions and Information Pack.

20. ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

Details of accommodation are included in this pack.

For those breaking their journey by road overnight yacht parking near the M6 in Cheshire will be provided.

There are regular rail services between Euston and Holyhead. (www.virginrail.com) the timetable changes on 16th May.

Charter flights between Farnborough or Northolt and Valley by Highland Airways (who operate the Cardiff-Valley service) may be arranged. For information when available e-mail paulwflower@hotmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS
NORTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY 16th & SUNDAY 17th MAY 2009

ENTRY FORM & WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

Name of Boat Sail Number Hull Number

Name of Owner/Skipper Tel Home

Address Tel Bus

..... Tel Mob

..... E-Mail

Owner/Skipper's Yacht Club Support Boat Yes/No

Name of Crew 1

Address

Name of Crew 2

Address

Name of Crew 3

Address

I wish to enter the **Northern Area Championship** **£125**

Late Entry Fee **£50**

I enclose my cheque for the total of £..... Cheques payable to "Etechells 2009"

Overseas entrants may make bank transfers to Account Name: Etechells 2009, Sort Code: 40-29-17, Account Number: 61421913.

Waiver of Liability Declaration by the Owner/Skipper submitting this Entry Form

I have read and understand the Notices of Races of the International Etchells Class Championships 2009 and agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules which govern these events. I understand and accept that, to the extent permitted by law, the Royal Mersey Yacht Club, Holyhead Sailing Club and the Etchells British Association and their representatives bear no responsibility, jointly or severally, for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to boats or persons howsoever arising directly or indirectly from their rules, policy or rulings during the race or related activities.

I accept as Skipper the sole and inescapable responsibility for the safety of my yacht and her crew at all times and I acknowledge that this includes responsibility for her seaworthiness and safe navigation and I will rely on my own judgement whether to start, continue or retire from the race at all times and in all circumstances.

Before racing I shall ensure that I have adequate insurance for racing risks including Third Party Indemnity of at least £2,000,000 sterling and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force and effect throughout the duration of this Regatta.

I shall ensure that my crew is made aware of the undertakings in this Declaration.

Signature of Owner..... Date

Signature(s) of Skipper(s) (if different).....
.....Date.....

Royal Mersey Yacht Club & Holyhead Sailing Club

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS

NOTICE OF RACE

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 23rd May – Monday 25th May 2009

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1** The Organising Authority is the Royal Mersey Yacht Club ("RMYC") and the Hosts are Holyhead Sailing Club ("HSC").

2. RULES

- 2.1** The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.
- 2.2** The Event is an ISAF Recognised Event and is sanctioned by The International Etchells Class Association and is a Class B event.
- 2.3** The Organising Authority may require all participating yachts to display event sponsors' advertising in accordance with ISAF Category A and Regulation 20.3 (d) (i) including bow numbers.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** All competitors shall comply with the International Etchells Class Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code Regulation 19.
- 3.2** The weights and total combined crew weight of each crew including skipper will be determined prior to the Event to ensure compliance with One Design Rule 7.1 and may be checked during the Event. There shall be three or four persons on board each yacht and the total combined crew weight shall not exceed 285 kg. The crew shall remain unchanged throughout the Event. Substitutions shall be made only with the advance written permission of the Principal Race Officer and only if an absolute necessity and if no unfair advantage is thereby gained.

3.3 All yachts competing are required to carry current Third Party Property Liability Insurance. Each skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any and all third party personal injury claims. It is strongly recommended that each yacht be covered by appropriate and adequate Third Party Personal Injury Liability Insurance of not less than Two Million Pounds.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form and shall be sent to the Racing Administrator, Royal Mersey Yacht Club, Club House, Bedford Road East, Rock Ferry, Wirral, CH42 1LS by 1800 hrs on Friday 10th April 2009 accompanied by the entry fee of £325 or £275 (see 18 below) and copies of the owners qualifying Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate.

4.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and accompanied by a late fee of £50 for each event and received 1200 hrs on Friday 22nd May 2009. There is no discounted entry fee for late entries.

4.3 Originals of the Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and the Sail Measurements Certificate are to be presented at Registration.

5.0 EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Item	Time
Friday 22 nd May	Measurement Registration at HSC & crew weigh in All boats to be afloat Skipper's Briefing followed by Welcome Drinks at HSC	0900 – 1800 1200 – 1900 1800 1900
Sat 23 rd May	Race 1 Race 2	Warning Signal 1200 ASAP after Race 1
Sun 24 th May	Race 3 Race 4	Warning Signal 1030 ASAP after Race 3
Mon 25 th May	Race 5 Race 6	Warning Signal 0930 ASAP after Race 5

5.1 The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the schedule of races as they see fit in order to achieve the maximum number of races for the series.

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs on Monday 25th May.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the HSC on Friday 22nd May 2009 from 1200 – 1900 hrs but alternatively may register at the prescribed time for the Northerns.

6.2 All yachts may 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.

6.2.1 All yachts should be made available for measurement on arrival and in any event prior to Registration at HSC.

6.3 All Registration formalities, including boat measurements, payment of all Class and event fees, sail registration and presentation of original hull and sail measurement certificates, are required to be completed by 1900 hrs on Friday 22nd May 2009.

6.3.1 All sails shall be nominated and presented at Registration at HSC as defined in 6.1.

6.4 All yachts must be available for measurement from 0900 - 1800 on Friday 22nd May. Entrants will be notified if an assigned measurement time is scheduled. The Event Chief Measurer may examine or measure any competing yacht which is available in advance of the official Registration and Measurement date.

6.5 During competition any yacht may be subject to re-measurement or examination at any time.

6.6 After measurement, no yacht, sail or equipment may leave the venue without the written approval of the Principal Race Officer.

6.7 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by the Event Chief Measurer.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration and will also be mailed in advance.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The races will be sailed on the waters of Holyhead Bay. (Admiralty chart 5609.11)

9. COURSES

9.1 The Courses will be windward leeward.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point scoring system of the Rules Appendix A will apply amended as follows:-

Six races are scheduled. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series and all will count. If five or more races are completed one discard will be allowed.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

11.1 There will be an Protest Committee of International standing.

12. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signals until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12.2 Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 All yachts shall be afloat before 1800 hrs on Friday 22nd May and shall not be hauled out during each respective event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Principal Race Officer.

14. BERTHING

14.1 All yachts shall remain berthed at Holyhead Marina or moored at HSC for the duration of the Event from 1800 hrs Friday 22nd May 2009 until the end of the final race of the Championship.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts from 2000 hrs on the day before each event until the end of each event.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 This supplements but does not change RRS 2 and 41 for the IECA. After the preparatory signal and when outside Holyhead Harbour no yacht shall activate any device capable of receiving or transmitting radio wave communications (except in an emergency) until the end of each race. Flag signals in respect of Ferry traffic in the vicinity of Holyhead Harbour will be included in the Sailing instructions.

17. PRIZES

The Etchells Class European Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Details of other trophies and prizes will be included in the Sailing Instructions and Information Pack.

18. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- Friday 22nd: Welcome Drinks at HSC
- Saturday 23rd: Daily Prizegiving, Barbeque at HSC and Disco
- Sunday 24th: Daily Prizegiving and Dinner at Trearddur Bay Hotel
- Monday 25th: Event Prizegiving at HSC after racing

All participants in the Regatta and their families and supporters are invited by the Flag Officers to be Temporary members of the Holyhead Sailing Club for the duration of the Championships.

19. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee £325. This includes lifting in and out and pontoon berthing at Holyhead Marina and, in the case of entrants to the Northerns, storage ashore during the intervening period.

For yachts requiring only swinging moorings at HSC and entering both the Northerns and this Event prior to the closing date there is a discounted entry fee of £275 for this Event including the use of the moorings between the events.

Both levels of entry fee include dinner for three crew on Sunday evening. Information and an application form for additional dinner tickets will be included with the Sailing Instructions and Information Pack. Barbeque tickets can be purchased on the night.

20. ACCOMMODATION, TRAVEL & MISCELLANEOUS

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There are regular train services between Euston and Holyhead (www.virginrail.com). The timetable changes on 16th May.

Charter flights by Highland Airways (who operate the Cardiff-Valley service) may be arranged between Farnborough or Northolt and Valley. For information when available e-mail paulwflower@hotmail.com.

Details and order forms for Championship Polo Shirts will be included with the Sailing Instructions and Information Pack. To assist with production please include your size information on the entry form without commitment.

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

SATURDAY 23rd MAY – MONDAY 25th MAY 2009

ENTRY FORM & WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

Name of Boat Sail Number Hull Number

Name of Owner/Skipper Tel Home

Address Tel Bus

..... Tel Mob

..... E-Mail

Owner/Skipper's Yacht Club Support Boat Yes/No

Name of Crew 1

Address

Name of Crew 2

Address

Name of Crew 3.....

Address.....

Shirt Sizes (S, M, L or XL).....

I wish to enter the **European Championship** £325

I wish to enter the **European Championship**, have also entered the **Northerns** but require only a Mooring for both events £275

Late Entry Fee £50

I enclose my cheque for the total of £.....
Cheques payable to "Etchells 2009"

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I accept as Skipper the sole and inescapable responsibility for the safety of my yacht and her crew at all times and I acknowledge that this includes responsibility for her seaworthiness and safe navigation and I will rely on my own judgement whether to start, continue or retire from the race at all times and in all circumstances.

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I shall ensure that my crew is made aware of the undertakings in this Declaration.

Signature of Owner..... Date

Signature(s) of Skipper(s) (if different).....
.....Date.....