

NOTICE OF RACE

Etchells

International Etchells 2024 NSW State Championships

16TH – 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Organising Authority:

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC)

16 Mitala Street, Newport, NSW, 2106

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on behalf of the International Etchells - Pittwater Fleet Inc.

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Preamble

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club at Newport NSW on behalf of the International Etchells Pittwater Fleet Inc. invites entries to the 2024 International Etchells New South Wales Championship to be sailed on Pittwater & Broken Bay out of RPAYC from 16 to 19 November 2023.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. Changes RRS60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than Disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing Prescriptions (AS).
- 1.2. The International Etchells Class Rules shall apply. The regatta is a Class C event as sanctioned by the Class Association.
- 1.3. *This event will be conducted in accordance with the Etchells Class Code of Conduct which is available on the IECA website (https://etchells.org/assets/documents/Code_of_Conduct_Approved_2023.07.25.pdf). Competitors will be required to sign the Code of Conduct at or prior to registration for the event. Failure by a competitor to sign the Code of Conduct may result in the competitor being ineligible to participate in the event.*
- 1.4. The AS Special Regulations Equipment requirements of Category 7 shall apply including compliance with AS Variation Approval regarding use of Anchors (Class rules shall apply), and boats shall carry all additional Safety Equipment specified in NOR Appendix B.
- 1.5. A Skipper shall use only those sails presented in accordance with Class Rule C10, and they shall not be recut or altered during the championship.
- 1.6. Repairs to sails pursuant to all applicable rules are permissible only upon prior approval of the Jury.
- 1.7. All sails being used must exhibit the same sail number. Where a boat intends to use sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the OA before commencement of racing.
- 1.8. If, through no fault of its personnel, a boat's hull or spar or sail is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Jury for permission to substitute a replacement hull or spar or sail for the remainder of the series.
- 1.9. [DP] A boat shall not carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water that is stored in containers or bottles which is permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the days racing, to this end a maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.
- 1.10. Clothing; see Class Rule C3.2.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. [NP] Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championship in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing boats.
- 2.2. All boats shall comply with Class Rule C.4.

3. BOW NUMBERS

- 3.1. [NP] Bow Numbers will be allocated by the Organising Authority (OA) and supplied and fixed by the owner to each participating boat prior to racing. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA and shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the championship.
- 3.2. Boats with existing Bow Numbers (advised at time of entry) will be allocated that number. Should there be 2 boats entered with the same Bow Numbers a new number shall be allocated to the second boat registered.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. This event is open to all boats of the Etchells Class. For clarity: boats originally built from Mould 11 that have completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications as approved by the IECA and World Sailing are eligible to race as Etchells, subject to compliance with the Etchells class rules as modified by this Notice of Race.
- 4.2. Class Rules changes
This Notice of Race changes the following class rules, as permitted by RRS 87. The changes are shown **highlighted in red**. Written permission of the IECA for the change has been posted on the official notice board.
 - A.11.1 (m) **A certificate for a boat originally built from Mould 11 that has completed the M11 Protocol of Modifications shall have a signed copy of the M11 Protocol of Modifications attached.**
 - C.7.1. (a) Modification of the external shape of the hull is not permitted in any way except as permitted in C.7.1.(b) to C.7.1.(i), **or as permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
 - D.2.1 (a) The hull shall be built in compliance with the class rules in force at the time of initial certification, **or in compliance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
 - (b) Modifications (Section C) shall comply with the current class rules. **Modifications permitted by the M11 Protocol of Modifications are permitted.**
 - D.2.6 (a) The boat shall be constructed according to the International Etchells Plans and Building Specifications, **or according to the M11 Protocol of Modifications.**
 - BS.B.1 (a) Moulds requiring approval, and their respective approval authority, are shown in Table 1. Approval shall be obtained before use for production.
 - (c) Moulds and keel chills (moulds):
 - (1) shall be constructed by builders approved for that purpose by WS and IECA
 - (2) if required to be approved, shall be approved in accordance with World Sailing/IECA Mould Approval Procedures**Boats built from Mould 11 and subsequently modified in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications are deemed to have complied with BS.B.1.**
 - BS.C.3 Modification of the external shape of the hull and hull appendages is not permitted except for:
 - (a) fairing of local imperfections inadvertently created in the moulding process, including trimming and fairing of the skeg and rudder mouldings
 - (b) fairing of the keel/hull join, no more than 150 mm above and 100 mm below the join, following application of the glass tape layup for the join
 - (c) fairing of the skeg/hull join
 - (d) sanding

(e) modifications in accordance with the M11 Protocol of Modifications

- 4.3. All helms and crew shall be current financial members of the Class Association. The skipper shall be an Owner member.
- 4.4. In addition to NOR 4.1 Guest Skippers may enter the event. A Guest Skipper is a Skipper, but for the purposes of these guidelines being a Non-Owner, the Guest Skipper must:
 - a. be age 29 or under as of 1 January of the year of the event; and
 - b. borrow or charter a boat from an Owner or entity in good standing in the Fleet; and
 - c. be at least a Non-Owner Class Member
- 4.5. Entry and payment shall be made through the online entry system:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/13/entry?tab=entry>
- 4.6. Entry closes 1700hrs Thursday 2nd November 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$100.
- 4.7. Entry includes launching, berthing and retrieval during the regatta.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$595 (including GST) per boat.
- 5.2. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

6. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. All boats shall submit their completed Category 7 Audit, Insurance document, Class Certificate, crew list and bow number, if already fixed to the bow through the online entry system by 1700hrs on Thursday 16th November 2023.
- 6.2. Boats shall register at the RPAYC between 1200hrs and 1700hrs on Wednesday 15th November or between 0900hrs and 1900hrs on Thursday 16th November or between 0800hrs and 1000hrs on Friday 17th November.
- 6.3. Crew Lists shall be completed in full through the online entry system.
- 6.4. Crew details shall include sailor classification and date of birth where boats are wishing to be included for the following trophies and prizes: Best Corinthian Boat, Masters Trophy, Grand Masters Trophy. See NoR 17 PRIZES for details.
- 6.5. All sails must have a valid measurement stamp affixed and signed by a class measurer. There will be no sail measurement available at the regatta.
- 6.6. Sails to be nominated for use in the regatta shall either be marked on a copy of the Sail Measurement Card presented at registration or alternatively sails may be tagged with the IECA royalty tag.
- 6.7. Five (5) stickers will be issued to each entrant for affixing to the sails to be used for the regatta. The sticker shall be placed within 15cm of the tack on the starboard side of a mainsail and jibs, and of either clew of a spinnaker.
- 6.8. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.9. Any boat may be subject to measurement or inspection by the OA at any time throughout the regatta.

7. CREW WEIGH IN

- 7.1. All skippers and crew shall be weighed prior to racing. Weigh in shall only be available throughout the hours of registration at the RPAYC.
- 7.2. Crews shall be weighed wearing a minimum of outerwear shorts and t-shirt.



- 7.3. Total combined weight of each boats crew may be posted on the Official Noticeboard.
- 7.4. Requests for substitution of crew members after 1700hrs on Thursday 16th November 2023 shall be submitted in writing for the consideration of the Race Committee.
- 7.5. If permitted, the new crew member(s) shall weigh in before racing.

8. REGATTA SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Up to nine (9) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 8.2. Up to four (4) races may be sailed on any day.
- 8.3. There will be no Warning Signal after 1500hrs on Sunday 18th November 2023.
- 8.4. Boats entered in the regatta are invited to join the RPAYC fleet for up to 3 'sprint' races on Pittwater, to be held on the Saturday prior to the regatta, 11th November 2023, from 1300hrs. For more information or entry into these races, please email or call the RPAYC sailing office (details at 22. below). Entries for these practice races close Thursday 9th November.
- 8.5. Summary of the full regatta schedule is shown hereunder:

Date (2023)	Time	Event	Location
Wed 15 th Nov	0900-1700hrs 1200-1700 hrs	Arrivals & rigging Early Registration & Weigh In available	RPAYC Hardstands RPAYC Reception
Thu 16 th Nov	0900-1800hrs 0900-1900hrs	Arrivals & launching Registration & Weigh In	RPAYC Hardstands RPAYC Reception
Fri 17 th Nov	0800-1000hrs 1030hrs 1155hrs 1830hrs	Registration & Weigh In Competitor Briefing Race Day 1; First Warning Signal Gourmet BBQ for competitors & guests	RPAYC Reception Halyards Bar/Bistro Pittwater/Broken Bay Halyards Bar/Bistro
Sat 18 th Nov	1155hrs 1830hrs	Race Day 2; First Warning Signal Curry Bazaar for competitors & guests	Pittwater/Broken Bay Halyards Bar/Bistro
Sun 19 th Nov	1055hrs ASAP after racing ASAP after racing	Race Day 3; First Warning Signal Presentation Ceremony Lift out for boats departing Sun pm	Pittwater/Broken Bay Halyards Bar/Bistro RPAYC Hardstands
Mon 20 th Nov	0900-1700hrs	Lift out still available	RPAYC Hardstands

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the website prior to the regatta.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Courses shall be windward/leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2. Racing will be within the areas of Pittwater and Broken Bay, as indicated in Appendix A.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except for infringements within the Zone, as defined by RRS 18, which shall be a Two Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 & 44.2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. All coaches and support boats must register their details with the Organising Authority at registration.
- 13.2. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 13.3. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 13.4. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats or other competing yachts unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.

14. BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 14.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in the allocated berthing area for the duration of the Regatta.
- 14.2. Berthing and hard stand facilities for entries is available from Wednesday 15th November 2023 until Monday 20th November 2023 (inclusive) no additional fee.
- 14.3. Hardstand storage outside of this period will be subject to the casual hardstand rates.
- 14.4. Boats wishing to take part in the Sprint Racing on Saturday 11th November 2023 at RPAYC may arrive on that day or the day prior. Provided the boat is entered and participates in the racing it will not be charged for storage between the Friday 10th November and Wednesday 15th November 2023.
- 14.5. There may be limited berthing available for support vessels. Support vessels shall be subject to the casual berthing/hardstand fees as applicable.
- 14.6. Facilities MUST be pre-booked and arrival date (and approximate time if possible) advised by phoning Waterfront on 02 9998 3741 or emailing waterfront@rpayc.com.au no later than the close of entries for each regatta.
- 14.7. The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking.

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. [DP] All boats shall be afloat and in their allocated berthing area before 1700hrs Thursday 16th November 2023 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 15.2. Plastic Pools or their equivalent must not be used.

15.3. Hull cleaning by use of breathing apparatus is allowed, and an optional hull cleaning service by professional divers at entrant's cost may be available before racing each day.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

16.1. The official notice board is located at RPAYC Reception.

16.2. [DP] All boats must carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of communicating with the race committee.

16.3. Boats shall report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.

16.4. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing. Any failure of, or defect in such a broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. Boats may request a repeat of any announcement by the Race Committee or whether an announcement has been made without infringing RRS41.

16.5. The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communications and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

17. PRIZES

17.1. The regatta winner will be awarded the NSW Etchells State Championship Perpetual Trophy.

17.2. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the regatta.

17.3. The following trophies and prizes may be awarded:

17.4. Corinthian Trophy – first boat where the helm and all crew hold a valid World Sailing Sailor Classification Group 1.

17.5. Masters Perpetual Trophy – first boat with a helm aged over 60 years.

17.6. Grand Masters Perpetual Trophy – first boat with a combined age not less than 165 years for a 3 person crew or 220 years for a 4 person crew. A boat that is eligible for the Grand Masters Trophy shall not be eligible for the Masters Trophy.

17.7. Age is that applicable at midnight on the 15th November 2023.

17.8. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

18.2. The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

18.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.



19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each participating boat must be insured for the duration of the regatta with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AU\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.
- 19.2. All owners/competitors who lodge an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 19.3. Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 20.1. By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

21. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 21.1. [DP] In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND CATERING

The Club's Halyards Bar & Bistro will be open for coffee and breakfast from 8:00am each morning.

Lunch rolls for the regatta can be ordered through the online entry system or at registration by latest 1200hrs on the Thursday.

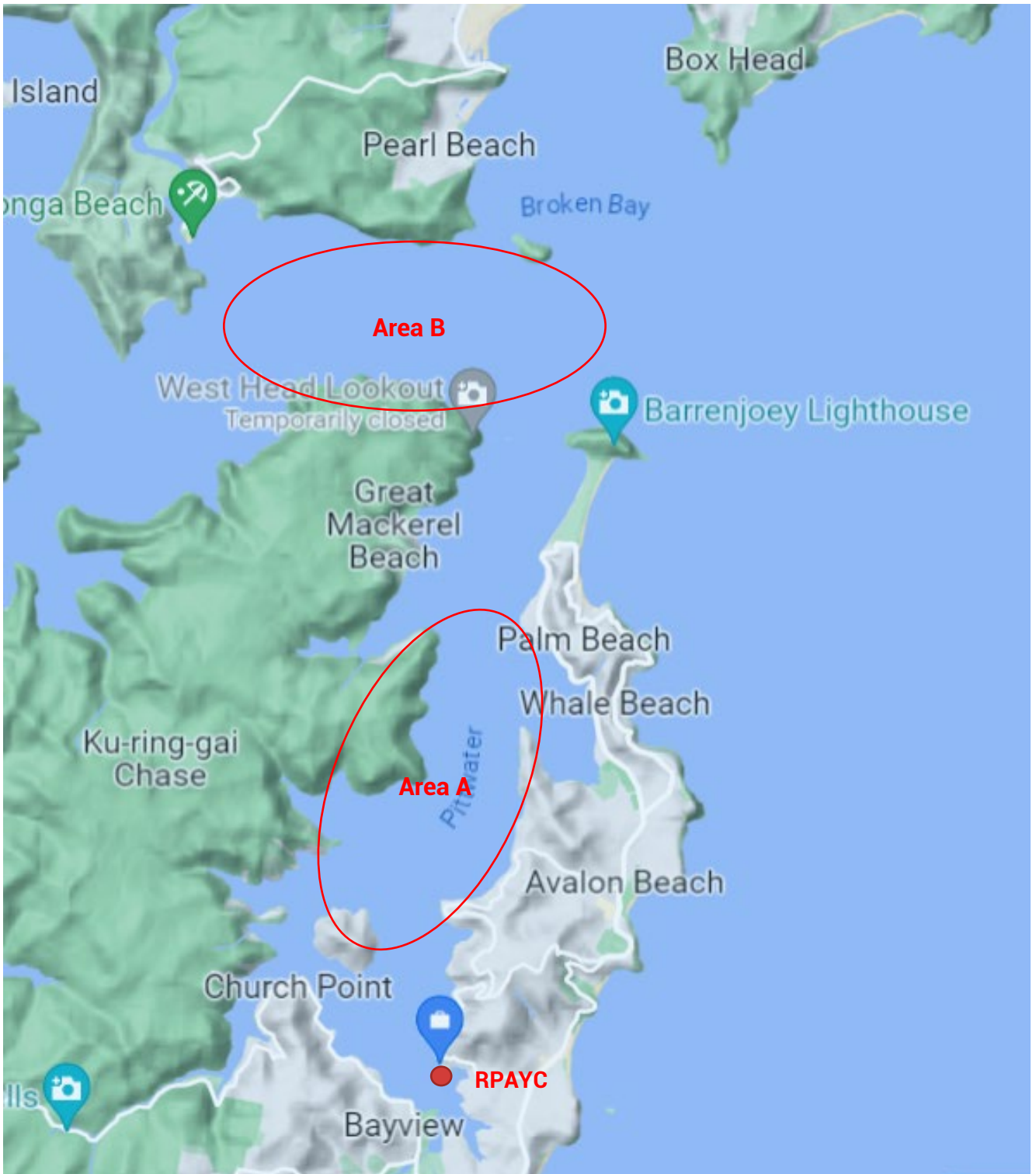
After racing on Friday 17th November a Gourmet BBQ Buffet will be held. Bookings via the online entry system.

The Regatta Gala Mixer incorporating a Curry Bazaar Buffet and live music will be held in Halyards on the evening of Saturday 18th November Bookings via the online entry system.

The championship trophy and prize presentation will be held in Halyards as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 19th.



NOR APPENDIX A – COURSE AREAS



**NOR APPENDIX B – EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Equipment Description	Class Rules	AS Cat 7	Required for Event
PFD for each crew	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	No	Yes
2 Buckets with lanyards	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	-	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
VHF Radio	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheathed and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
Drinking water (sufficient for crew)	-	-	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Optional
Heaving line	Optional	-	Optional
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Optional
V Sheet	Optional	-	Optional

Pittwater Etchells Calendar 2023 - 2024**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES SCHEDULE OF RACING AT THE RPAYC**

Date	Event	First Warning	Races
Sat 23 rd September 2023	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 14 th October 2023	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 28 th October 2023	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 11 th November 2023	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 20 th January 2024	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 17 th February 2024	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 16 th March 2024	Sprint Racing	1425hrs	Up to 3 Races