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**International Etchells
2027 NSW State Championships**

NOTICE OF RACE

20TH – 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

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.

SUPPORTING SPONSOR(S)



Preamble

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club at Newport NSW on behalf of the International Etchells Pittwater Fleet Inc. invites entries to the 2026 International Etchells New South Wales Championship to be sailed on Pittwater & Broken Bay out of RPAYC from 20 to 22 November 2026.

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.
- 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 Race Committee.
- 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 request of the Race Committee 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.
- 1.11. The Vakaros RaceSense system shall be used for the regatta. The following rules and changes to RRS shall apply:
 - 1.11.1. A working Vakaros Atlas 2, mounted above any other instruments on the aft side of the mast while racing. This changes RRS 41(c).
 - 1.11.2. Each boat shall provide a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense. Hire units may be available for the regatta. The hirer shall sign a good order commitment for \$1,500, to be paid if the unit is damaged or lost.
 - 1.11.3. Vakaros time shall be the official time and shall be taken from the RaceSense system; the absence of visual or sound signals shall be disregarded. This changes RRS 26.

- 1.11.4. Visual identification of OCS under RRS 29 and 30 will be replaced by electronic identification through RaceSense. This changes RRS 29, 30 and 41.
- 1.11.5. Any failure or malfunction of a Vakaros device or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1)

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. Not required.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. This event is open to all boats of the International 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 in this regatta, subject to compliance with the International Etchells class rules and this Notice of Race.
- 4.2. The International Etchells Class Rules are changed as follows:
 - 4.2.1. This Notice of Race changes the following class rules, as permitted by RRS 87.
 - 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 5th November 2026. 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.
- 5.3. Payments received after the closing date; 1700hrs Thursday 5th November 2026 shall be subject to the additional late entry fee of \$100.

6. CANCELLATION POLICY

- 6.1. Cancellations prior to Tuesday 20th October 2026 shall be eligible for a full refund of the regatta entry fee.
- 6.2. Cancellations between Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 5th November shall be eligible for a refund of 50% of the regatta entry fee.
- 6.3. Cancellations after Thursday 5th November 2026 shall not be eligible for any refund of the regatta entry fee.

7. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. 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 5th November 2026.
- 7.2. Boats shall register at the RPAYC between 1200hrs and 1700hrs on Wednesday 18th November or between 0900hrs and 1900hrs on Thursday 19th November or between 0800hrs and 1000hrs on Friday 20th November.
- 7.3. Crew Lists shall be completed in full through the online entry system.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. 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.

- 7.6. 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 tagged with the IECA royalty tag shall have their codes recorded on a sail nomination form at registration.
- 7.7. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.8. Any boat may be subject to measurement or inspection by the OA at any time throughout the regatta.

8. CREW WEIGH IN

- 8.1. All skippers and crew shall be weighed prior to racing. Weigh-in shall only be available throughout the hours of registration at the RPAYC.
- 8.2. Crews shall be weighed wearing a minimum of outerwear shorts and t-shirt.
- 8.3. Total combined weight of each boats crew may be posted on the Official Noticeboard.
- 8.4. Requests for substitution of crew members after weigh-in shall be submitted in writing for the consideration of the Race Committee.
- 8.5. If permitted, the new crew member(s) shall weigh in before racing.

9. REGATTA SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Up to nine (9) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 9.2. Up to four (4) races may be sailed on any day.
- 9.3. There will be no Warning Signal after 1500hrs on Sunday 22nd November 2026.
- 9.4. The Pittwater Etchell fleet may run up to 3 'sprint' races on Pittwater, to be held on the Saturday prior to the regatta, 14th November 2026, from 1300hrs, depending on interest from visiting boats. To register your interest please email the Fleet Captain; David Taylor (details at 23. below) at latest 30 September 2026.
- 9.5. Summary of the full regatta schedule is shown hereunder:

Date (2026)	Time	Event	Location
Thu 19 th Nov	0900-1800hrs	Arrivals & launching	RPAYC Hardstands
	0900-1900hrs	Registration & Weigh In	RPAYC Reception
Fri 20 th Nov	0800-1000hrs	Registration & Weigh In	RPAYC Reception
	1030hrs	Competitor Briefing	Halyards Bar/Bistro
	1155hrs	Race Day 1; First Warning Signal	Pittwater/Broken Bay
	ASAP after Racing	Sausage Sizzle	BBQ Area/Lawn
Sat 21 st Nov	1155hrs	Race Day 2; First Warning Signal	Pittwater/Broken Bay
Sun 22 nd Nov	1055hrs	Race Day 3; First Warning Signal	Pittwater/Broken Bay
	ASAP after racing	Lift out for boats departing Sun pm	RPAYC Hardstands
		Sausage Sizzle & Presentation	Halyards Bar/Bistro
Mon 23 rd Nov	0900-1800hrs	Lift out for departing boats cont.	RPAYC Hardstands

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Sailing instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the website and SailSys one week prior to the regatta.

11. COURSES

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

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. 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.
12.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
12.3. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply, except that RRS Appendix T. 1(b) is deleted and replaced with "A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies".
12.4. A Protest Committee will be appointed by the Organising Authority.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
13.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores.
13.3. 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.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. All coaches and support boats must register their details with the Organising Authority at registration.
14.2. 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.
14.3. 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.
14.4. 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.

15. BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 15.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in the allocated berthing area for the duration of the Regatta.
15.2. Berthing and hard stand facilities for entries is available from Wednesday 18th November 2026 until Monday 23rd November 2026 (inclusive) at no additional fee.
15.3. Hardstand storage outside of this period will be subject to the casual hardstand rates.

- 15.4. There may be limited berthing available for support vessels. Support vessels shall be subject to the casual berthing/hardstand fees as applicable.
- 15.5. 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.
- 15.6. The Organising Authority will direct trailer parking.

16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. [DP] All boats shall be afloat and in their allocated berthing area before 1700hrs Thursday 19th November 2026 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 16.2. Plastic Pools or their equivalent must not be used.
- 16.3. Hull cleaning by use of breathing apparatus, after 1700hrs Thursday 19th November, is NOT allowed..

17. COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1. The official notice board is located online at the SailSys event page. and may be repeated on the Noticeboard adjacent to RPAYC Reception.
- 17.2. [DP] All boats must carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of communicating with the race committee. Regatta race channel shall be VHF Channel 72.
- 17.3. Boats shall report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.
- 17.4. 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 RRS 41.
- 17.5. From thirty minutes before the first scheduled or amended Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The regatta winner will be awarded the NSW Etchells State Championship Perpetual Trophy.
- 18.2. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the regatta.
- 18.3. The following trophies and prizes may be awarded:
- 18.4. Corinthian Trophy – first boat where the helm and all crew hold a valid World Sailing Sailor Classification Group 1.
- 18.5. Masters Perpetual Trophy – first boat with a helm aged over 60 years.
- 18.6. 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.
- 18.7. Age is that applicable at midnight on the 18th November 2026.
- 18.8. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. 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.

19.2. 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.

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

20. INSURANCE

20.1. 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.

20.2. 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.

20.3. Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

21.1. 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.

22. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

22.1. [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.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND CATERING

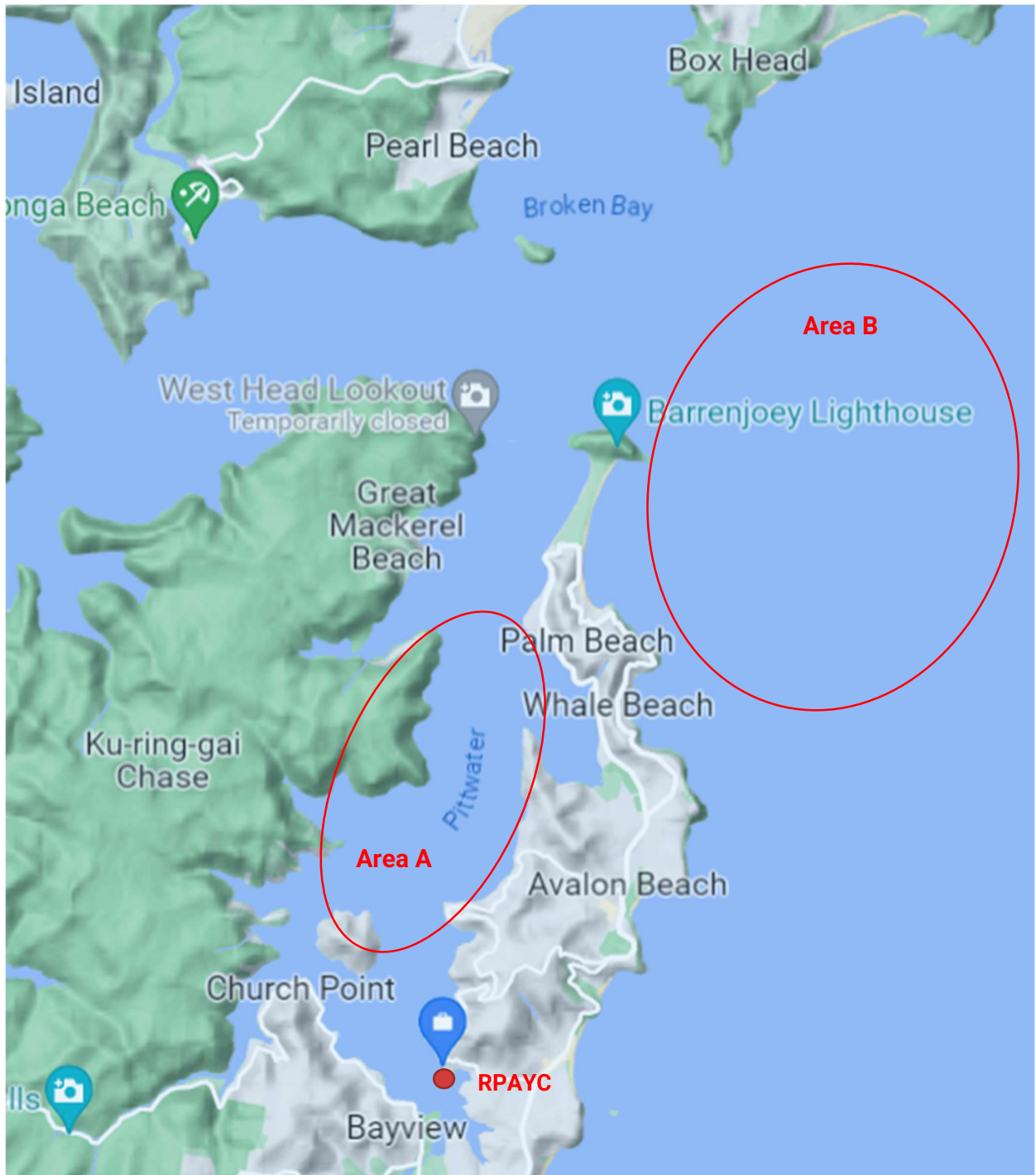
The Club's Halyards Bar & Bistro will be open for coffee and breakfast from 8:00am each morning.

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

After racing on Friday 20th November a sausage sizzle will be held on the lawn outside the bar area / Halyards Bistro.

The championship trophy and prize presentation will be held in Halyards as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 22nd November 2026.

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	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	Yes	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 2026-2027

INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES SCHEDULE OF RACING AT THE RPAYC (OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2026)

Date	Event	First Warning	Races
Sat 10 October 2026	Sprint Racing	1245hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 24 th October 2026	Sprint Racing	1245hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 7 th November 2026	Sprint Racing	1245hrs	Up to 3 Races
Sat 5 th December 2026	Sprint Racing	1245hrs	Up to 3 Races