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**INTERNATIONAL ETHELLS CLASS
MUSTO 2009 AUSTRALIAN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

4th to 7th June 2009

to be conducted by the

International Etchells Class Association Mooloolaba Fleet Inc

**Capture the Spirit - Musto Etchells
Australian Winter Championship 2009**

**It's all about Mooloolaba -
the people, the place, the competition.**



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the International Etchells Class Association Mooloolaba Fleet Inc.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the current “rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012 and the International Etchells Class Association Rules (IECA Rules).
- 2.2. The Championship is run as Class C event as described in the International Etchells Class Rules, Appendix A , Rule 3.
- 2.3. 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 20.4.1.1 (a), (b) & (c).
- 2.4. The YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 2.5. The prescriptions of Yachting Australia do not apply.
- 2.6 All team members on competing yachts shall wear whilst afloat an Australian Standard approved PFD 3, 2 or 1.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All competitors shall comply with the IECA Rules and the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.
- 3.2. Each crew member of each boat will be weighed on Thursday 4th June between the hours of 0900 and 1700 to ensure compliance with One Design Rule (OD Rule) 7.1.
- 3.3. Crews that fail to make the weight limit will be ineligible to compete in races scheduled that day and will remain ineligible to compete in the regatta until compliant with OD rule 7.1.
- 3.4. Crew substitutions will not be permitted for the purpose of making the weight limit.
- 3.5. Weighing scales will be available on each race day in the Regatta Office located at The Wharf complex (adjacent to Underwater World).

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries shall be made using the Official Entry Form available on the regatta website – www.moetchells.yachting.org.au and completed on line. Alternatively, the entry form may be downloaded and forwarded to The Regatta Secretary, Etchells Mooloolaba Fleet, PO Box 458, Mooloolaba QLD 4577.

4.2. Entries shall be accompanied by:

4.2.1. The entry Fee of \$395 for a three person crew or \$445 for a four person crew;

4.2.2. A copy of the Hull and Spar Measurement Certificate; and

4.2.3. A copy of the Sail Measurement Certificate.

4.2.4. A copy of a valid insurance certificate as detailed in Clause 18.

4.3. Entries are to be received by 1700 hours EST Monday 1st June 2008.

4.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority if accompanied by a late fee of A\$150.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Activity	Time
Thursday 4th June	Registration	0900-1700
	Crew Weigh-in	0900-1700
	Welcome Drinks	1800-1930
Friday 5th June	Regatta Briefing	0900
	Queensland Events Race 1.	Warning 1100
	Sunshine Coast Regional Council Race 2	After Race 1
	Post-race BBQ & Prizegiving	
Saturday 7th June	The Wharf Race 3	Warning 1100
	The Wharf Tavern Race 4	After Race 3
	Post-race BBQ & Prizegiving	
Sunday 8th June	Musto Race 5	Warning 1100
	Musto Race 6	After race 5
	Prize Giving Party	Approx 1700

The race committee at its discretion may elect to sail more than the scheduled number of races on any day and as a result may amend the time of the warning signal for the first race of that particular day. If the race committee decides to sail another race after completion of the day's scheduled race(s) this will be signaled by flying Code Flag "L" from the finish boat.

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the Regatta Office located at Mooloolaba Wharf on Thursday 4th June 2009 between 0900 hours and 1700 hours.
- 6.2. Boats will not be measured for the Winter Championships however entrants shall present a current original Hull and Spars Measurement Certificate and Sail Measurement Certificate during registration.
- 6.3. All sails competitors intend to present for use during the regatta are to be measured and correctly recorded on the boat's Sail Measurement Certificate in accordance with IECA Rules prior to registration. There will be no facility available to measure unmeasured sails at registration.
- 6.4. All registration formalities, including payment of all Class and event fees, crew weigh in and presentation required Certificates, are required to be completed by 1000 hours on Friday 5th June 2009.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. RACING AREA

The races will be sailed on the waters off Mooloolaba within 2 NM of the Mooloolah River entrance at Pt. Cartwright.

9. COURSES

The courses will be as set out in the current International Etchells Class Appendix B in the International Etchells Class Yearbook.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. Six races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. If four races are completed then all results will count. This amends A2.

11.4. If five or six races are completed then a boat's worst result will be dropped from the total score.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The regatta will have a Protest Committee appointed by the Organising Authority and will be chaired by a National Juror.

13. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal 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.

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

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by 0900 hours on Friday 5th June 2009 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee. No boat that is already afloat at 1200 hours on Thursday 4th June may be hauled out and re-launched prior to the 0900 deadline except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Protest Committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing yachts between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

From the time a boat leaves its moorings until the conclusion of racing that day, no boat shall activate any device capable of transmitting radio wave communications, except in an emergency. This restriction includes mobile and cellular telephones. This rule has been varied to allow competitors to monitor the race frequency on VHF. As indicated above no transmission is allowed except in an emergency.

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

17.1. It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitor's 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."

17.2. The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in the respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum AUD 10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.
- 18.2. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.
- 18.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. The Musto Australian Winter Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 19.2. The Musto Masters Division Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Masters' division winner.
- 19.3. The top Mooloolaba Fleet boat may be awarded a perpetual trophy and keeper trophy.
- 19.4. The Fleet that is scored the most successful may be awarded a perpetual trophy.
- 19.5. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 19.7. Perpetual trophies must remain with the Mooloolaba Etchells Fleet.
- 19.8. A Classic Boats prize for the top finishing boat whose hull number is 879 or less, may be awarded.
- 19.9. Age is that applicable at midnight on Thursday 4th June 2009.

20. SOCIAL

An event ID card will be issued to all Competitors.

An event ID card will also be available for family members and supporters travelling with competitors. Registration for these cards will be available through the event website and at the time of event registration.

Included in the regatta entry fee is the competitors post-race BBQ, entry to the Welcome function to be held at The Wharf Tavern on Thursday 4th June and the Prizegiving Party to be held at the Wharf Tavern on Sunday 7th June. A cash bar will be available at all functions.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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<http://www.newportapartments.com.au/>

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