



**NOTICE OF RACE
2023**

**International Dragons VIC State Championships
International Etchells East Gippsland Championships**

26th to 29th January 2023

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The Metung Yacht Club (MYC), as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the Metung International Dragon and Etchells Fleets, will conduct the Regatta on the waters of Gippsland Lakes

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified in NOR Appendix A.
- 1.3 All crew shall wear a lifejacket complying with Type 1 or Type 2 standard at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing.
- 1.4 A boat's compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations may be checked at any time by the Organising Authority after registration including whilst on the water and before and after racing. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee. Discretionary penalties may apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising throughout the period of the championships in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 All Competitors shall comply with the International Dragon Class Rules, or International Etchells Class Rules, and the World Sailing Eligibility Code with the exception that there will be NO crew weight limit.
- 3.2 All helms shall be financial members of their respective Class Associations. All helms and crew shall comply with the requirements of RRS 46, including the AS Special Provisions. For the Dragon class, all crew shall be financial members, and boats registered with their Class Association.
- 3.3 Lodgement of required documentation and payment of the applicable Entry Fee must be made online via the link on the MYC Website: <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1645> AS Special Regulation Category 7 Safety Compliance Certificate and required insurance documentation must be uploaded during the online entry process. All helm and crew contact details must also be completed. There will be no provision for manual/paper entries.
- 3.4 Entries close at 1700hrs on Friday 20th January 2023. Late entries will be not accepted.
- 3.5 Entry fee includes launching, berthing and retrieval during the Regatta and participation in sanctioned social events.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Regatta entry fee is \$275 (Inc. GST) and is to be paid during the online registration process.

5 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 All boats shall present if requested a current Measurement Certificate, Sail Measurement Certificate, and Mast Measurement Certificate if applicable.
- 5.2 For the Dragon class, a maximum of 8 sails only may be used and all must have the IDA Label affixed with the Class Measurers name and Number signed across it. Spot checks may be carried out.
- 5.2 Crew Substitution
Requests for substitution of crew members must be made in writing and will be considered by the Race Committee. Requests must set out the reason, and detail the crew to be substituted and the days on which the substituted crew will be sailing.

6 SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
Thursday, 26 th January, 2023	Informal Drinks	From 1630hrs
Friday, 27 th January, 2023	Competitor Briefing	1030 Hrs
Friday, 27 th January, 2023	Racing	1 st Warning 1255 Hrs
Saturday, 28 th January, 2023	Racing	1 st Warning 1155 Hrs
Sunday, 29 th January, 2023	Racing	1 st Warning 1155 Hrs
Sunday, 29 th January, 2023	Presentation Ceremony	After Racing

- 6.1 2 races are scheduled for Friday and Sunday, with 3 on Saturday, however the Race Committee reserves the right to run more than those scheduled.
- 6.2 A maximum of seven (7) races will be conducted for the series.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1530hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website prior 1000hrs 27/1/23.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on Lake King in the vicinity of Tambo Bluff.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for Etchells, infringements within the Zone, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 9.2 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coaches and support boats shall register their details with the Organising Authority at registration. Boats will be supplied with a number to be displayed at all times throughout the Regatta. Note: Should coach or support vessels require berthing facilities throughout the Regatta, booking should be made with the MYC Regatta Office prior to registration.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 11.5 Specific coach and support boat instructions may be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12 BERTHING & TRAILER PARKING

- 12.1 Boats shall be allocated berthing prior to the event and shall remain in their allocated berths for the duration of the Regatta.
- 12.2 Trailer parking shall be as shown in this NOR.
- 12.3 There is rigging room at the rear of MYC however boats must be launched after rigging and trailers relocated to the above trailer parking area. Only trailers belonging to boats with a licenced MYC Carpark berth may remain in the carpark.

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat before 1000hrs on Friday, 27th January 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.
- 13.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used.

14 RADIO AND PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day
- 14.2 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.

- 14.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication 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.
- 14.4 In addition to the information published on the official website, the Race Committee may text courses, postponements and other information to a mobile telephone number using "What's App". Any interested party may join this Whatsapp chat via self-registering using this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/G6FTY0wzpD65XkxM8Tt0nA> This chat site is purely for regatta officials to share information, and other parties shall not send messages on this chat. Failure to observe this requirement will lead to removal of the offending party from the chat.

15 PRIZES for Dragons

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 15.2 The Rob Trenberth Trophy and the J.J.Savage Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 PRIZES for Etchells

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the series.
- 16.2 The East Gippsland Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 16.3 The Rex Billings Trophy for winner of Heat 1.
- 16.4 The Barry Ravell Trophy for winner of Heat 2.
- 16.5 The Dave Lawrence Trophy for winner of Heat 3.
- 16.6 The Wayne (RAT) Dixon Trophy for winner of Heat 4
- 16.7 The Alan Sandy Trophy for winner of Heat 5.
- 16.8 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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 INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat must be insured with current third party property insurance cover and a valid third party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.

- 18.2 All owners/competitors shall upload a copy of their Certificate of Currency during the online entry process.
- 18.3 Each Skipper and/or Co-Skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

19 MEDIA

- 19.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give 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.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A - Safety Equipment

Equipment Description	Class Rules	AS Cat 7	Required for Event
PFD for each crew member as per NOR 1.3	-	Yes	Yes
Manual bilge pump, at least 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anchor, chain and warp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckets with lanyards	2	Yes	Yes
Tow rope, 25-30m not less than 12mm	Yes	-	Yes
2 paddles 1200mm long	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flashlight or signalling device	Optional	Yes	Yes
Flares	Optional	-	Recommended
Heaving line, throwing device	Optional	-	Recommended
Sound signalling device	Optional	-	Recommended
Medical kit	Optional	Yes	Yes
VHF Radio (water resistant with lanyard)	Optional	-	Yes
Knife, sheaved and secured in or near cockpit	Optional	Yes	Yes
V Sheet	Optional	-	Recommended
Drinking Water (sufficient for all crew)	-	-	Yes

Note: For full descriptions of the equipment required, refer to the respective Class Rules and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1.

