



International Etchells Class Association



To: All International Etchells Owners, Fleet Captains and Licensed Etchells Boat Builders

From: Chris Clark ODT Chairman

Re: Bow Bulkheads

Date: 11 Oct 2007

It is my pleasure to announce that as of this date the ODT along with the IGC and licensed boat builders have completed the process adding an additional bulkhead to the bow tank of the International Etchells thereby correcting an existing weakness in the design resulting in cracking along the hull deck joint.

Guidelines are:

1. The installation of a bulkhead is recommended but is optional in existing boats.
2. The bulkhead is required in all boats built after 1 Jan 2008. At the builders discretion bulkheads may be installed in new boats immediately.
3. Bulkheads installed in existing boats do not need to be installed by a licensed builder. However a bulkhead kit consisting of a pre fabricated bulkhead and all required tabbing must be purchased from a licensed builder.
4. Permission or inspection by the IECA or national authorities is not required prior to or after bulkhead installation.
5. Expect that all bulkhead installations will be inspected at future world and national championships. Non conforming installations will be protested.
6. Please see the following documents for details.
 - a. Bow_Bulkhed_Installation_2007.pdf
 - b. Bow_Bulkhead_Specifications.pdf
 - c. Bow_Bulkhead_2007.pdf

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