



INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES CLASS ASSOCIATION
2025 Annual General Meeting
(held virtually)
Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 22:00:00 UTC (GMT)

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

With 22 members present, IGC Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 1403 Pacific Standard Time.

2. WELCOME AND CLASS UPDATE

Cunningham summarized the key actions taken by the class since the 2024 Annual General Meeting. These included:

- Rules updates:
 - The rule amendments, approved in the 2024 member vote took effect on 1 January 2025, including the allowance of spreader adjusters and several minor clarifications and errata corrections to improve clarity and consistency across the rulebook.
 - The 2025 vote approved targeted updates to the Class Rules and Constitution, including:
 - Including fitted pumps and spinnaker boxes within the *Complete Boat Weight*;
 - Allowing the use of electronic devices (such as RaceSense) when permitted;
 - Explicitly prohibiting self-tacking jibs;
 - Adding defined mast-section dimensions (91 mm +7/-0 mm at the midpoint of the taper);
 - Updating the IECA Constitution to align with California nonprofit requirements.
 - The Etchells Class Association is working with World Sailing to determine the necessary arrangements for including the M11s in Australian events. The Class is engaged with World Sailing to ensure any solution aligns fully with the intent of the member vote.
- Fleets across all regions reported solid participation and well-run national and continental championships throughout 2025. Interest remains strong from both long-time class members and new sailors, reflecting the continued appeal of high-quality one-design racing.
- The class has continued to work on coordination between builders, measurers, the One Design Technical Committee, and World Sailing. This includes work that continues to ensure a stable measurement and certification framework, ensuring uniformity in hulls, spars, sails, and equipment across regions. Ongoing technical work focuses on maintaining documentation,



responding to measurement questions, and supporting fleets to uphold one-design integrity.

- RisingT Communications continues to provide support to the class in the form of quarterly newsletters and social media.
- In 2026, the IGC will continue to focus on stability and consistency, member engagement, and running high-quality events.
- We are looking forward to 2026 – including the World Championship in San Diego. Measurement starts May 7, racing in May 10-15. Leading up to this, there is a Spring Series with four events in San Diego.

Cunningham then thanked the IGC, National Association officers, fleet captains, measurers, race officials, builders, and volunteers whose work sustains the class. He also thanked members worldwide—your commitment is what keeps the Etchells strong, competitive, and truly international.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION

IECA Treasurer Peter Duncan presented the class financial position. He noted that membership dues continue to make up the bulk of class revenues along with sail royalties. Expenses have been high the past couple of years, due largely to the building of Mould 12. The class generally operates at break-even, although the IGC is giving some thought into a longer-term strategy that would allow the class to have a larger financial reserve.

4. ODTC Report

One Design Technical Committee (ODTC) Chair Hugh Greville provided an update on the activities of the ODTC. Much of the focus of the committee over the past couple of years has been on proposed rule changes. The mast taper issue, electronics, and analysis of M11 data and performance have all been part of the committee's work. One of the areas that the ODTC will be focusing on in the near term is deepening the pool of Etchells Class measurers to help ensure consistency and succession planning.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was reported.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 1418 PST

