

An important message from the President of the Australian Association

The Executive of the Australian Association was shocked and extremely disappointed by IECA Chair, Andrew Cumming's letter to the members of 22 January 2021. We understand some members did not receive it. The message is also posted on the home page of the International website www.etchells.org.

Insofar as it concerns mould 11, it not only presents a distorted, misleading and biased view of the facts, but is in many material respects grossly wrong. We have since come to learn that the content was not sanctioned by the Governing Council of the IECA and merely represented the personal views of the Chairman.

Since the very first boat was built from this mould in 2011, every Etchells has correctly measured. The Executive of the Australian Association stands firmly behind the boat owners from mould 11. We are looking at this objectively and are trying to rise above the unconstructive conspiracy theories that are polluting the issue. We are committed a strong Etchells class and ensuring that there is both a licenced builder and a certified mould in Australia. We will be working with Australian Sailing and World Sailing to ensure this.

If you have specific concerns on this matter, I encourage you to contact either me or another member of the Australian executive, or one of the Australian Governors.

As always, I will keep you advised of developments as they arise.

Mark Roberts
President

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