



SQUIB IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP

26th – 28th July 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the National Squib class will apply.
- 1.4 See also SI 21.3 regarding the use of spare spinnakers.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 2.2 The Race Office is located beside the Marina Office
- 2.3 The Race Committee (RC) may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Race Committee Vessel and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The RC will transmit on Channel 77 or other such channel as may be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 2.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

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- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the top of the marina walkway.
 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is per the table below

Date	Event	Time
Fri. 26 th July	Equipment Inspection	09:00 – 15:00
	Launching	09:00 – 15:00
	Briefing	16:00
	Race Warning Signal	17:25
	Subsequent race	Immediately after preceding race
Sat. 27 th July	Race Warning Signal	10:55
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races
Sun. 28 th July	Race Warning Signal	10:25
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races
	Craning out	14:00 – 19:00

- 6.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
 6.3 Seven races are scheduled.
 6.4 No race will be started after 14:00 on Sunday 28th July, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 14:00.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag K

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All marks shall be left to port unless a gate has been laid at Mark position 3, where boats must pass between the marks.
 9.2 No later than four minutes before the warning signal, the RC will signal the number of rounds to be sailed. Numeral Pennant 2 signifies 2 rounds and Numeral Pennant 3 signifies 3 rounds.
 9.3 The RC may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b will be large Orange inflatable buoys.
 10.2 The Start Mark will be an inflatable Orange pillar.
 10.3 The Finish Mark will be a small spherical cherry buoy.

11. Not used

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the RC Vessel, at the starboard end and the Start Mark, at the port end.
- 12.2 The RC may attempt to broadcast Individual Recall OCS sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on the designated VHF channel.
- 12.3 When Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the RC may, in addition to the requirements of Rule 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel.
- 12.4 When the RC determines that a boat has not complied with Rule 29.1, 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4, or with sailing instruction 12.5, the RC may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, no earlier than one minute after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the RC.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC Vessel to starboard, except at a leeward gate where the RC vessel will be to leeward of the gate when boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change and the gate mark of their choice

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a red and white pole displaying a Blue flag, on the RC Vessel, and the Finish Mark.
- 14.2 When the Blue Flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI shall be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes Rules A4.1 and A5.
- 14.3 In addition to Rule 32, when a Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag F, making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. SI 12.2 will apply. This changes Rules 32.2 and 33.

15. Not used

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
75 minutes	15 minutes

- 16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Inquiries must be submitted online, within the protest time limit, at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7333/event_links?name=squib-irish-championships
The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7333/event_links?name=squib-irish-championships
- 17.2 Notices will be posted online, within 15 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Centenary Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 17.3 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted online to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)
- 17.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: -
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.
- 17.5 Arbitration will be available, in accordance with Appendix T.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40.
- 19.2 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. The boat must ensure this communication is acknowledged.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of crew or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 [NP] [DP] Boats shall sail with their correct sail numbers. Provision to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the RC before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Breaches of this sailing instruction may result in protest by the RC.
- 20.3 [NP] [DP] A spare spinnaker may be carried subject to declaration of its colour(s) on the entry form. In the event that the primary spinnaker is damaged beyond repair afloat, the spare may be used in subsequent races. Use of the spare spinnaker must be declared and acknowledged by hailing the RC Vessel.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 Equipment inspection will take place during the period noted in SI 6.1
- 21.2 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.3 Boats may carry a spare spinnaker which may only be used in the event of the primary spinnaker being damaged.

22. Not used

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23. Not used

24. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

24.1 Support vessels shall register with the race office and display such marking as may be required by the RC.

25. Not used

26. BERTHING

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina or harbour.

27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28. BOAT CLEANING

28.1 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

29. PRIZES

29.1 Per Notice of Race

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race."

31. INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

ADDENDUM 1

Course Diagram

Sequence of mark rounding

2 rounds	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – Finish
3 rounds	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – Finish

