



SQUIB EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS 6th & 7th September 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of Irish Sailing shall apply. See link below.
<https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/adam/Library/AgAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAaA/LinkOrDocument/IS-Prescriptions-to-Racing-Rules-2025-28-ISApusWS%20Approved-FINAL.pdf>
- 1.3. Under RRS 87, the rules of the National Squib Class are changed as follows:
Class Rule C10.2(b). On days when more than one race is scheduled, a second spinnaker may be carried on board. The second spinnaker shall be used only if the first is lost or damaged beyond repair.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> before 4th September 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.
- 3.2. [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, 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.

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4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the National Squib Class.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> .
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is €115.00
- 5.2. The entry fee for entries received after 29th August 2025 is €135.00

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The owner and competing helmsman of the boat shall be current members of the NSOA and, for boats based on the island of Ireland, members of the Irish Squib Class.
- 6.2. The names of the helm and crew shall be declared at the time of registration.
- 6.3. After registration, substitution of declared crews shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 6.4. In an emergency, or on a downwind leg of the course, the designated helm may hand over to a crew member who is not a member of NSOA.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

9.1

Date	Event	Time
Fri. 5 th September	Launching	09:00 – 20:00
Sat. 6 th September	Launching Briefing Race Warning Signal Subsequent races	08:00 – 09:30 09:00 10:55 Immediately after preceding races
Sun. 7 th September	Race Warning Signal Subsequent races Craning out	10:25 Immediately after preceding races 14:00 – 19:00

9.2. Launching outside the specified times should be requested through the OA.

9.3. Six races are scheduled.

9.4. No race will be started after 14:00 on Sunday 7th September, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 14:00.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

10.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.3. A boat shall carry the specified corrector weights noted on her measurement certificate. Any boat that complies with its certificate as to the number and weight of its correctors but is under-weight when weighed will be required to fit additional correctors to bring it up to weight before racing.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

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

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SI and will be Windward-Leeward.

14. NOT USED

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15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. NOT USED

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18. BERTHING

- 18.1. Berthing will be available, free of charge, on the Howth Yacht Club Marina or swinging moorings for the duration of the Event. Details will be provided on arrival. Support boats will be accommodated if space permits, free of charge. Those requiring berths for support boats should contact Howth Yacht Club Marina Please contact Howth Yacht Club Marina marina@hyc.ie or +353-1-8392777 before the regatta, to confirm space is available.
- 18.2. Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders suitable for stacked marina berthing.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. [DP][NP]Boats shall be afloat by 09:30 on Saturday 6th September 2025 and shall not be hauled out during the Event, except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the OA.
- 19.2. Launching by crane at Howth Yacht Club will be at the time indicated in NoR 9 "Schedule". Launching slots will be made available. Please contact Howth Yacht Club Marina marina@hyc.ie or +353-1-8392777 to schedule a launching slot. Only certified lifting strops shall be used.
- 19.3. During the launching time indicated in NoR 9, maintenance of boats when hanging from the crane is not permitted.

20. HULL CLEANING

- 20.1. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means after 09:30 on Saturday 6th September 2025

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Event. The OA reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. 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.'

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 and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third placed boat overall. If twenty boats, enter, prizes will be awarded to the fourth placed boat overall.

24.2. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second placed boats in the Silver Fleet

24.3. Prizes will be awarded to the first placed boat with a helm who is under 18 years on Saturday 6th September 2025

24.4. There may also be race prizes.

24.5. Perpetual prizes, which remain the property of the Irish Squib Class, will be awarded.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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