



SQUIB IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP

19th June – 21st June 2015



Howth Yacht Club
Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is Howth Yacht Club in association with the Irish Squib Forum (ISF)

2. Rules

2.1. The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current National Squib Class Rules, except as any of the foregoing are altered by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules. In case of conflict between any of the above rules the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this alters RRS 63.7).

2.2. The Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall apply. See link below.

<http://www.sailing.ie/en-gb/racing/rules.aspx>

2.3. Under RRS 87, the rules of the National Squib Class are changed as follows:
Class Rule C10.2. 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. A damaged spinnaker shall not be replaced during a race.

2.4. RRS Appendix G3, as changed by NOR 10.2, will apply.

3. Advertising

3.1. Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under ISAF Regulation 20.4.1. These will be affixed by the OA during scrutineering.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the National Squib Class.

4.2. The owner and competing helmsman of the boat shall be current members of the NSOA.

4.3. Limitation of Entry

There are no restrictions on the number of entries.

4.4. Entry Procedures

4.4.1. Competitors may enter online at <http://hyc.ie/> or by completing the attached entry form and sending it with the appropriate fee to:

Howth Yacht Club
Harbour Road
Howth
Co. Dublin
Ireland

4.4.2. Cheques, Bank Drafts to be in Euro and made payable to Howth Yacht Club

4.4.3. Advance entry cheques shall be postmarked no later than 30th April 2015.

4.5. Late entries may be made by post or at the Regatta Office during the times for registration indicated in NoR 5.

4.6. Entry Fees

4.6.1. Before 7th June 2015 €120.00

4.6.2. On or after 7th June 2015 €135.00

5. Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time/Warning Signal</i>
<i>Thursday 18th June</i>	<i>Registration</i>	<i>1800 – 2100</i>
	<i>Launching</i>	<i>0900 – 2000</i>
<i>Friday 19th June</i>	<i>Registration</i>	<i>1100 - 1600</i>
	<i>Launching</i>	<i>0900 - 1600</i>
	<i>Competitors' Briefing</i>	<i>1600</i>
	<i>Race 1 Warning Signal</i>	<i>1800</i>
<i>Saturday 20th June</i>	<i>Race Warning Signal</i>	<i>1055</i>
	<i>Subsequent races</i>	<i>Immediately after preceding races</i>
<i>Sunday 21st June</i>	<i>Race Warning Signal</i>	<i>1055</i>
	<i>Subsequent races</i>	<i>Immediately after preceding races</i>
	<i>Craning-out</i>	<i>1400 - 1900</i>

6. **Conditions of Entry**

6.1. Entry Disclaimer:

- 6.1.1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 6.1.2. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 6.1.3. No action of the OA shall reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the OA responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The OA encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes but is not limited to the Race Officer, Race Committee, Mark and Safety Boat Crews, Beach Masters and staff or agents of Howth Yacht Club.
- 6.1.4. The provision of Safety Boats shall not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 6.1.5. The priority of any Safety Boats which may be provided is the safety of competitors and the Race Committee shall not accept any responsibility for damage to boats or equipment caused during a period where a Safety Boat is offering assistance.
- 6.1.6. The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this Notice of Race.

6.2. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000.00 (Two million Euro, or the equivalent Pound Sterling Pound) per event,

6.3. Certificates

Before a boat is eligible to race, her current, valid measurement certificate must be presented at the Race Office. Only under exceptional circumstances will RRS 78.2 (Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates) be applied.

7. **Registration**

Registration will take place at in the Race Office at Howth Yacht Club during the times indicated in NoR 5 "Schedule".

8. **Scrutineering & Measurement**

- 8.1. The OA reserves the right to inspect equipment and/or measure boats, sails or equipment and/or weigh boats before or during the event. This includes on-the-water inspections.
- 8.2. 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.

9. Crew

- 9.1 The number of crew, their names and the single designated helmsman shall be declared at the time of registration.
- 9.2 After registration, substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Permission to substitute crew will only be granted in cases of injury or illness or serious unforeseen personal circumstances.
- 9.3 In an emergency, or on a downwind leg of the course, the designated helmsman may hand over to a crew-member who is not a member of the NSOA.

10 Identification

- 10.1 All boats shall sail under their registered class number. Only sails that have been scrutineered for the event shall be used. Substitution of other sails shall not be permitted except in cases of extreme hardship and then only with the written permission of the Race Committee. In no circumstances shall a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat already competing
- 10.2 As allowed for in RRS Appendix G3, subject to the written permission of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number to be displayed on all sails used in the regatta which may be different from the number of the boat as stated on the measurement certificate provided that this declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.

11 Sailing Instructions, Competitors Briefing

- 11.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from 18th June 2015 at www.hyc.ie and at registration.
- 11.2A briefing for competitors will be held at Howth Yacht Club at the time indicated in NoR 5 "Schedule"

12 Launching

- 12.1 Launching by crane at Howth Yacht Club will be at the time indicated in NoR 5 "Schedule". Launching prior to the event may be arranged by contacting Howth Yacht Club Marina marina@hyc.ie or +353-1-8392777 but boats may be required to be lifted for scrutineering / weighing. Only Howth Yacht Club lifting strops shall be use. Competitors may not use their own strops.
- 12.2 During the launching time indicated in NoR 5, maintenance of boats when hanging from the crane is not permitted.
- 12.3 All boats shall be afloat by the warning signal for the first points race of the event and shall not thereafter be removed from the water before the end of the event except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13 Moorings or Berthing

- 13.1 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 and will be charged at the standard visitor rates. See <http://hyc.ie/rates>
- 13.2 Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders suitable for stacked marina berthing.

14 Craning-out

Craning-out will take place at Howth Yacht Club at the time indicated in NoR 5 'Schedule of Events'.

15 Hauling Out Restrictions and Hull Cleaning

- 15.1 Boats shall not be hauled out before the end of the regatta except with the prior permission and according to the terms of the Race Committee.
- 15.2 Any boat permitted by the Race Committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the water line other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Boats shall not be cleaned below the water line between the warning signal of the first race and the conclusion of the event. Rudders may be removed during the event

16 Safety Equipment

- 16.1 In addition to the safety items required by class rules each competing boat shall carry a suitable compass. This instruction adds to Class Rule C5.1(a).
- 16.2 It is strongly recommended that each boat carry on board a VHF radio. The Race Officer will broadcast general information regarding racing to the fleet by VHF radio. The content of any transmission by the race committee or their failure to make a transmission will not be considered as valid grounds for protest or redress.

17 Race Area and Courses

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



17.2 The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SI and will be either a combination of triangular and windward leeward legs or a straight windward / leeward course.

18 Scoring

18.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3 When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.4 When more than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18.5 7 races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

19 Prizes

19.1 Prizes will be given for first, second, third, fourth and fifth overall. There will also be a number of race prizes.

19.2 Perpetual prizes, which remain the property of the Irish Squib Forum, shall be awarded.

19.3 ISA medals shall be awarded to the leading three Irish boats overall.

20 Contact Information

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

Howth Yacht Club
Harbour Road
Howth
Co. Dublin
Ireland
Telephone: +353-1-832 2141
Email: office@hyc.ie
Website: <http://hyc.ie/>

20.2 The National Authority may be contacted at:

Irish Sailing Association
3 Park Road
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin
Ireland
Telephone: +353-1-280 0239
Email: info@sailing.ie
Website: www.sailing.ie

20.3 The Irish Squib Forum may be contacted at:

Hazel Ruane (Chairman)
Tel: +353-87-416 9956
Email: hazel.ruane@gmail.com