



Squib Eastern Championship 2021

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th September 2021

Sailing Instructions

This event is subject to the Covid-19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government and in the host club's Covid-19 event protocol document. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions may change as the event approaches and may influence the running/organisation/cancellation of the event.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Squib Class.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

2.3 The rules of the National Squib class will apply.

See also SI 22.3 regarding the use of spare spinnakers.

2.4 In addition to complying with relevant regulations and Government advice, Skippers and crews will be required to comply with obligations and restrictions adopted by Howth Yacht Club, with the intention of mitigating transmission risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. These will include contact tracing measures and other requirements for those entering Howth YC and other measures. The specific requirements of HYC will be posted on the Open Events section of the HYC website <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>

3.2 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).

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Competitor's Briefing will take place at 1000 on Saturday 4th September at Howth Yacht Club.

- 7.2 Schedule of Races: 6 Races are scheduled as follows:

Saturday 4th September **Warning Signal 1125** Up to 4 races may be sailed.

Sunday 5th September **Warning Signal 1025** Remaining races to complete series.

- 7.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

- 7.4 On Sunday 5th September, the first warning signal of a race will not be made after 1430.

8. CLASS FLAG

- 8.1 The class flag will be code flag K

- 9. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be North of Howth Yacht Club, up to 45 mins sailing distance from the harbour mouth.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the course, and the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks shall be left to port

- 10.2 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.

- 10.3 The RC may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

11. MARKS:

- 11.1 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large Black inflatable buoys.

- 11.2 The Start Mark will be an inflatable Orange buoy.

- 11.3 The Finish Mark, will be a small spherical cherry buoy.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.

- 12.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the RC Vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the Start Mark, Orange cylindrical, at the port end.

- 12.3 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 77.

- 12.4 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.

- 12.5 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).

- 12.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF 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.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a red and white pole on the RC Vessel flying a Blue flag, and the Finish Mark., small Red Cherry 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 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15. SHORTENING COURSE

- 15.1 In addition to Rule 32, when a RC 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. This changes Rules 32.2 and 33.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by Rule 28 and finish is 75 minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, ARBITRATION

- 17.1 17.1 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Inquiries must be submitted online, within the protest time limit, at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/2369/event_links?name=squib-eastern-championships
Paper submissions will not be accepted
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3 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. Parties are asked to wear suitable face covering when attending the hearing.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted online to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 Arbitration will be available, in accordance with Appendix T.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Points Series of rule Appendix A, will be used.
- 18.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 One discard will be allowed if four (4) or more races are completed.

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. A boat that retires from a race must notify the RC as soon as possible. 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 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 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 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 Boats may be required to undergo safety/measurement checks on random boats assigned at registration.

22. SUPPORT VESSELS

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

23. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 23.1 Boats shall not be removed from the water between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the Protest Committee may waive this SI.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 A boat while racing shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, which shall be switched off while racing. The RC may broadcast information on Ch77.

26. INSURANCE

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

27. PRIZES

- 27.1 Prizes will be given for first, second, third overall in both Gold and Silver Fleets. There may also be race prizes.
- 27.2 Perpetual prizes, which remain the property of the Irish Squib Forum, may be awarded.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 28.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see Rule 3 – Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Howth Yacht Club, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

Appendix 1

Course Diagram

Sequence of mark rounding

1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

