



Squib National Championship

17th – 23rd June 2017

Organising authority: Holyhead Sailing Club (HSC)
in conjunction with the National Squib Owners Association (NSOA)



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation "(DP)" in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Holyhead Port Authority Bye-Laws and Harbour Regulations, and Guidelines for Leisure Users will apply. Copies will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 Squib Class Rule C.10.2(a) is changed as follows in accordance with RRS 87 and Class Rule C.10.2(b).
C.10.2 LIMITATIONS
(a) Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 jib and 1 spinnaker shall be carried aboard.
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, and shall not be used during a race in which the first spinnaker has been in use.
- 1.4 RRS 78.2 is changed by NoR 7.3.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix G3 will apply as changed by NoR 9.
- 1.6 Sailing instructions (SI) may change other rules in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).

2 Advertising

Competitors may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3 (d)(i). These graphics will be affixed by the OA during equipment inspection (DP).

3 Eligibility

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the National Squib Class.
- 3.2 The owner and the registered helmsman of the boat shall be members of the NSOA.

4 Conditions of Entry

- 4.1 Each boat shall hold adequate insurance cover which shall include third party indemnity of not less than £2,000,000 for the duration of the regatta.
- 4.2 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.3 Any competitor under 18 years of age on 17th June 2017 shall submit a Parent / Guardian authorisation. See Attachment 1 of the entry form.
- 4.4 Attention is drawn to NoR 18 'Risk Statement' and the liability conditions on the entry form. These and other conditions of entry shall be accepted by completion and signature on the entry form.

5 Entry

- 5.1 Fees
 - 5.1.1 The entry fee will be £230.
- 5.2 Entry Procedure
 - 5.2.1 Competitors may enter from 1st December 2016 until 31 May 2016 using the online entry system at www.squibnationals.com or by completing an entry form and sending it with the appropriate fee to the Squib Nationals Entries Secretary at the address prescribed in NoR 22.1.
This web-page prescribes the entry procedure and method of payment. Entrants encountering any difficulties should contact the organising authority at the address shown in NoR 22.1.
 - 5.2.2 Late entries may enter at registration.

6 Schedule and location of events, time of last warning signal

6.1 Programme

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thur 15th June	10:00h – 18:00h	Registration, HSC boats' equipment inspection	HSC
Fri 16th June	09:00h - 18:00h	Registration	Inner Harbour
	09:00h - 17:00h	Equipment inspection	
	10:00h - 17:00h	Launching	

Sat 17th June	09:00h - 18:00h	Registration	Inner Harbour
	09:00h - 17:00h	Equipment inspection	
	09:00h - 17:00h	Launching	HSC
	19:30h	Competitor's briefing	
Sun 18th June	11:25h	Warning signal - practice race	Holyhead Bay
	12:55h	Warning signal - one series race scheduled	
Mon 19th – Thu 22nd June	12:25h	Warning signal - one series race scheduled	Holyhead Bay
Fri 23rd June	11:25h	Warning signal - one series race scheduled	Holyhead Bay Inner Harbour
	ASAP after racing	Craning-out	

- 6.2 If a race is postponed or abandoned and cannot be completed on the scheduled day it will be rescheduled for the following day when two races may be held.
- 6.3 On Friday 23rd June no warning signal will be made after 14:00h.

7 Registration, certificates

- 7.1 All entrants shall register at the registration office located at HSC at the times stated in NoR 6.1. To complete registration entrants shall:
- 7.1.1 Present a valid certificate.
 - 7.1.2 Present a completed pre-event equipment inspection check list endorsed by the event measurer.
 - 7.1.3 Complete all relevant documentation required by the organising authority.
 - 7.1.4 Sign a completed entry form including a declaration that the boat is covered by appropriate third party insurance as required by NoR 4.1.
 - 7.1.5 Pay any outstanding entry fees.
- 7.2 Prior to registration the organising authority will:
- 7.2.1 Request that NSOA verifies the validity of entrants' certificates including any corrector weights required to be fitted to the hull.
 - 7.2.2 Request that NSOA verifies that the owner and registered helmsman comply with the eligibility requirements prescribed in NoR 3.2.
- 7.3 When RRS 78.2 applies, the certificate shall be produced or verified before 11:00h on Friday 23rd June. [This changes RRS 78.2]

8 Equipment inspection, measuring authority

- 8.1 Pre- event equipment inspection of boats will take place at the times and locations prescribed in NoR 6.1. Checks will include:
- Sailing weight
 - Number and weight of correctors prescribed on the boat's measurement certificate
 - Spars, including location of black bands
 - Sails
 - Anchor and warp
 - Forestay to be non-adjustable whilst racing
 - Mast fore and aft movement to be non-adjustable whilst racing.
- Other items may be checked for compliance with class rules.
- 8.2 Boats shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry condition with only the equipment prescribed in class rule C.6.1(b). A sailing weight check carried out during equipment inspection will not constitute an official re-weighing procedure and therefore the number and weight of correctors stated on her certificate may not be adjusted as a result of this check.
- 8.3 Only measured sails may be presented for equipment inspection. Only sails that have passed equipment inspection may be used while racing.
- 8.4 Boats, equipment and sails may be subject to class rule compliance checks at any time during the event at the discretion of the race or protest committee.
- 8.5 The measuring authority for this event referred to in RRS 64.3(b) will be the RYA.

9 Identification on sails

- 9.1 Rule Appendix G3 will apply. A boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number in contravention of her class rules. This number shall be displayed on all sails used in the event by that boat. In no circumstances will a boat be permitted to display the sail number of another boat that is racing. [This changes RRS Appendix G3]
- 9.2 Except when Appendix G3 applies boats shall display their registered sail numbers as required by class rules. No changes of sail number will be permitted (DP).

10 Crew, crew substitution

- 10.1 The number of crew, their names and the single registered helmsman shall be declared at the time of registration.

- 10.2 After registration, substitution of crew shall not be permitted without prior approval of the race committee. Permission to substitute crew will only be granted in cases of injury, illness, serious unforeseen personal circumstances or pre-arranged crew substitutions approved by the organising authority at or before registration. Only one substitution per boat will be permitted during the event.
- 10.3 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.

11 Sailing instructions

Sailing instructions will be available at registration. Additionally, a draft version may be available beforehand at www.squibnationals.com.

12 Launching, craning-out, berthing

- 12.1 Launching and craning-out of visiting boats will take place at Holyhead Inner Harbour at the times indicated in NoR 6.1.
- 12.2 After completing registration and equipment inspection, boats shall launch and proceed to their designated berth or mooring as directed at registration (DP).
- 12.3 Berthing will be available in Holyhead Marina from 12:00h on Friday 16th June until 12:00h on Friday 23rd June. Boats will be moored alongside pontoons or other vessels. Competitors shall provide adequate warps and fenders to enable boats to be moored and rafted four abreast.
- 12.4 Mooring will be available on HSC moorings at the same times as in NoR 12.3.

13 Launching deadline, haul out restrictions, cleaning of hulls

- 13.1 All boats shall be launched before 12:55h on Sunday 18th June and shall not be hauled out before the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior permission of the race committee. Any boat so authorised shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the water line other than is necessary to effect repairs and shall be re-launched as soon as is possible (DP).
- 13.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline, or plastic pools or their equivalent used, after 12:25h on Sunday 18th June until the end of the regatta. Rudders may be removed (DP).

14 Safety equipment

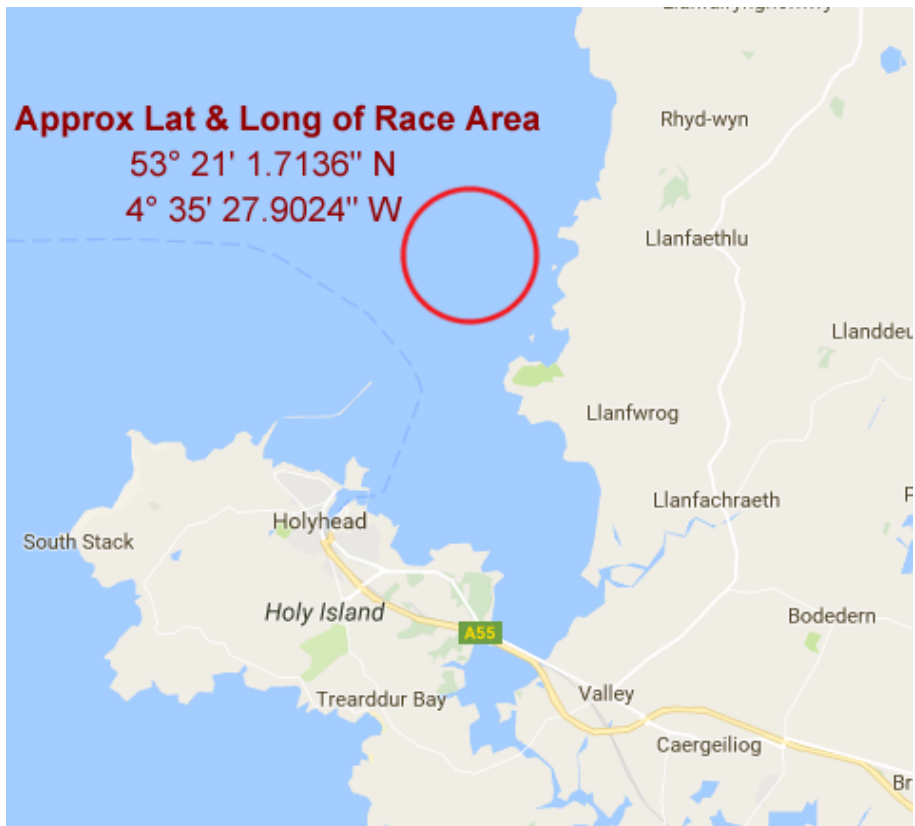
In addition to the safety items required by class rules it is strongly recommended that each boat carry on board: a suitable compass and a VHF radio.

15 Radio, telephone and electronic communication

- 15.1 The race committee may use VHF radio channel 72 to broadcast information to competitors.
- 15.2 Whilst racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio, telephone or any electronic communications not available to all boats (DP).
- 15.3 When not racing boats may contact the HSC Club Launch or Holyhead Marina on VHF radio channel 37.

16 Course location, configuration

- 16.1 Courses will be set in Holyhead Bay with the centre of the course area and approximate coordinates as shown in the diagram below. In strong winds the course may be set further south closer to the outer harbour.



Approx Lat & Long of Race Area

53° 21' 1.7136" N
4° 35' 27.9024" W

16.2 The sailing instructions will contain alternative course configurations:

- Triangle - windward/leeward repeated.
- Windward/leeward repeated.

17 Scoring

17.1 Six races are scheduled of which three shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.

17.3 When fewer than four races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 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.

18 Risk Statement

Rule 4 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 organiser 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.

19 Inspections

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

20 Prizes

20.1 Overall Squib National Championship perpetual trophies

Overall Championship Winner John Player Trophy

Overall Championship runner-up Weymouth & Portland Borough Council Trophy

Overall Championship 3rd place The Gull Trophy

- First boat with crew related by blood or marriage Melody Trophy
 Visiting club with the most entries Finlandia Vodka Trophy
 Leading boat from the host club Mail on Sunday Trophy
 Lowest aggregate score of 3 boats from the same club International Paints Team Trophy
 Leading boat helmed by a lady Holyhead Trophy
 Leading boat carrying lady crew Leading Lady Bowl
 Leading boat with a crew of average age over 50. Leicester Building Society Veterans Trophy
 Leading helm under 21 years of age Frank Davis Youth Trophy
 Leading boat with a combined crew age of 125 years or more .. Con Brio Trophy
 Leading boat carrying a disabled crew or helm NSOA Decanter
 Leading boat with a combined crew age of 70 years or under ... The Shackle Trophy
 Leading boat excluding any major trophy winner City of Plymouth Trophy
 Leading helm who is new to the event Parker Sailboats Trophy
 Leading boat in the Silver Fleet The NSOA Silver Trophy
 Leading boat in the Bronze Fleet Adrian Long Trophy
 Leading boat with helm over 65 Felixstowe Trophy
 Leading boat built by Hunter Boats (boat numbers 158 to 724) . Royal Dart Hunter Trophy
- 20.2 Individual race perpetual trophies
- Practice Race RNIYC Plaque
 Race No. 1 Royal Tay Quaich
 Race No. 2 Founder's Trophy
 Race No. 3 Abersoch Trophy
 Race No. 4 Royal Corinthian Challenge Plate
 Race No. 5 Seahorse Trophy
 Race No. 6 Waldringfield Challenge Trophy

20.3 Additional overall and daily prizes will be awarded.

20.4 International Paints Team Trophy

Entries are invited for the International Paints Team Trophy. Teams of three boats can be nominated by the club's fleet captain or their nominated representative at the race office no later than 11:55h on Sunday 26th June 2016. A club can enter more than one team.

21 Additional information

Additional information to competitors, which does not constitute part of the Notice of Race, may be found under the appropriate sections at www.squibnationals.com.

These items will be updated prior to the event and will include information on social program, arrivals, preparation for equipment inspection, berthing, accommodation, etc.

22 Contact Information

22.1 The event organising committee and organising authority may be contacted at:

Squib Nationals Entry Secretary, Holyhead Sailing Club, Newry Beach, Holyhead, Anglesey LL65 1YD
 01407 762526 (office), management@squibnationals.com.

The HSC office opening hours are:

Thursday & Friday 9am – 4pm

Outside these hours contact Dawn Russell 07711 091450

22.2 The National Squib Owners Association may be contacted at:

Marian Gibson (Secretary), 93 Main Road, St. Lawrence, Southminster, Essex, CM0 7NA
secretary@squibs.co.uk / 01621 778102 / 07973 752 473.

22.3 The national authority may be contacted at:

Royal Yachting Association, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 4YA.
enquiries@rya.org.uk / certification@rya.org.uk / 023 8060 4100.