

Squib National Championship

17th – 23rd June 2017

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation “[DP]” in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The World Sailing Discretionary Penalty Policy will be used to determine the penalty for such breaches. This policy may be viewed at [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/JuryPoliciesFebruary2017-\[22447\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/JuryPoliciesFebruary2017-[22447].pdf).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Squib Class Rules 2017 v1 shown on the RYA website.
- 1.2 The Holyhead Port Authority Bye-Laws and Harbour Regulations, and Guidelines for Leisure Users will apply. A summary of Bye-Laws and Harbour Regulations may be viewed at http://www.holyheadport.com/images/PDF/LNTM_06_11.pdf. 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 Rules C.10.2(b) and J.10.2(b)
C.10.2 and J.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.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the HSC clubhouse.
- 2.2 A briefing for competitors will be held in the clubhouse bar at 19:30 on Saturday 17 June.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect. Such changes may include bringing forward a race.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole above the HSC clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag D with one sound signal means “The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the marina berth or mooring until this signal is made. Boats shall then proceed to the end of the breakwater wall and await confirmation from a safety vessel that it is safe to proceed to the course area. [DP]”
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

| Date | Race No | Warning Signal | HW Time (BST) |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sun 18 th June | Practice | 11:25 | |
| | Race 1 | Not before 12:55 | 05:10 17:55 |
| Mon 19 th June | Race 2 | 12:25 | 06:15 19:05 |
| Tues 20 th June | Race 3 | 12:25 | 07:25 20:05 |
| Wed 21 st June | Race 4 | 12:25 | 08:25 21:00 |
| Thur 22 nd June | Race 5 | 12:25 | 09:25 21:55 |
| Fri 23rd June | Race 6 | 11:25 | 10:15 22:45 |
| | Craning out | 14:00 | |

- 5.1 For the purposes of scoring and awarding prizes, races will be numbered in the order in which they are completed.
- 5.2 A maximum of one extra race per day may be sailed, providing the event becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made in accordance with SI 3.
- 5.3 There will be a maximum of two races per day.
- 5.4 When two races are scheduled on a day, the warning signal for the second race will be made as soon as possible after completing the first race. Flag F will be displayed on the finish vessel to indicate that boats should return to the start area for a second race.

- 5.5 If the practice race is abandoned it shall not be re-sailed and the next warning signal shall be for race 1. This changes race signals abandonment for the practice race only.
- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on the last scheduled day of racing.

6 Class Flag

The class flag will be Naval Numeral 9

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 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.



8 The Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses to be sailed and the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed on the race committee vessel.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the approximate compass bearing of the first leg may be displayed on the race committee vessel,

9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2, 2P, 2S and 3 will be yellow buoys.
- 9.2 New marks as provided in SI 12.1 will be red with a black stripe.
- 9.3 The starting mark, if used, will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 9.4 A mid-line mark, if used, will be a yellow pillar buoy.
- 9.5 The finishing mark will be a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

When sailing to and from launch area and the harbour to the race area, boats shall be aware of the following obstructions:

- 10.1 the Anglesey Aluminium Jetty at the new harbour entrance and along its entire length,
- 10.2 the fuel unloading jetty adjacent to the three large cylindrical fuel storage tanks,
- 10.3 the areas underneath these Jetties are exclusion zones and boats shall not enter them.
- 10.4 the Breakwater wall and associated underwater and exposed rock armour along its entire length. The area between the Spit mark (also known as Breakwater mark) and the Breakwater wall is an exclusion zone. Boats shall leave the Spit mark to port when leaving the harbour and to starboard when entering the harbour.

- 10.5 Ferries and other large vessels often pass in the Fairway between the harbour entrance and the course area. Competitors are reminded that navigation of these large vessels is exacting and difficult. Boats shall keep well clear and in good time of any large vessel to allow it unimpeded passage.
- 10.6 Boats shall follow an instruction from a safety vessel to WAIT at the harbour entrance or in the course area until a GO signal is given. The WAIT signal is a RED flag. The GO signal is a D flag. These signals may also be given by VHF radio channel 72. Failure to follow this instruction will result in a protest by the race committee.
- 10.7 After finishing the last race of the day, boats shall proceed to a holding area near the boundary separating the course area and the Fairway and await a RED or D flag signal or VHF radio instructions from a safety vessel positioned near Clipera buoy.
- 10.8 Boats which have already entered the Fairway when a RED flag is raised shall take the quickest route to clear the Fairway either by proceeding across or reversing direction.
- 10.9 Individual boats retiring from a race shall cross the Fairway only if the approaches are clear. If there is doubt, boats shall contact Holyhead Port Control on VHF channel 14 and obtain permission to cross the Fairway before proceeding.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and either a staff on a pin end vessel at the port end of the starting line, or a mark displaying an orange flag.
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race will soon begin, an orange flag will be displayed at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 11.4 A mid line mark may be laid approximately mid-way along the start line. It shall not rank as a starting mark and failure for it to be on the starting line shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 The race committee pin end vessel may repeat visual signals of the committee boat, including boats deemed to be OCS under rule 30.3. The signals of the committee boats shall govern.
- 11.6 If a black flag start is followed by a general recall the sail numbers of boats disqualified under rule 30.4 will be displayed on the race committee vessel at least five minutes before the flag first substitute is removed prior to the warning signal for the same race. This changes rule 30.4.
- 11.7 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.2.

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 12.2 When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
- 12.4 Minor adjustments to the course will not be signalled.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark.
- 13.2 The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag W at her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished and the boat will be scored points equivalent to its position in the race at that time. This changes RRS 28.1, A3, A4 & A5.
- 13.3 After flag W has been displayed to a boat any boat that has progressed further down the course will be scored points fewer than a boat to which flag W has been displayed.
- 13.4 Should the race committee be unable to determine the actual position of boats, they will be awarded the average of possible points available to them.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit. The race office is located in the HSC clubhouse. [DP]
- 14.2 The penalty for a breach of the Squib class rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. [DP]

15 Time Limits and Target Times

- 15.1 When only one race is scheduled, the time limit for races will be three hours.
- 15.2 When two races are scheduled, the time limit for races will be two hours.
- 15.3 If no boat has passed mark 1 within one hour of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.4 When only one race is scheduled, the target time will be 2 hours.
- 15.5 When two races are scheduled, the target time will be 1.5 hours.
- 15.6 Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Details of these procedures can be found at <http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes>.
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available at the race office in the HSC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 120 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located on the Quarter Deck in the HSC clubhouse.

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 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 In addition to the safety items required by class rules it is strongly recommended that boat's carry on board a suitable compass and a VHF radio. This adds to class rule C 5.1.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall, where possible, notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area and shall immediately on returning ashore comply with Sis 14 and 18.3. [DP]
- 18.3 A tally number will be allocated at registration. Competitors shall collect and wear tally bands before going afloat and return tally bands to the board as soon as possible after returning ashore. The tally board will be located outside the HSC clubhouse adjacent to the club slipway. [DP]
- 18.4 Competitors' clothing shall not weigh more than 10 Kg, excluding any clothing worn only below the knee and footwear. Weights shall be determined as required by RRS Appendix H. This changes RRS 43.1(b).

19 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1 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. [DP]
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be permitted unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]
- 19.3 All boats shall sail under their registered class number. Only sails that have been inspected 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. [DP]
- 19.4 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. [DP]
- 19.5 In an emergency, or on a downwind leg of the course, the helmsman may hand over to a crew member who is not a member of the NSOA.

20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1 A technical committee will be appointed for the event
- 20.2 Boats or equipment may be checked for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions at any time at the discretion of the technical committee.
- 20.3 On the water, a boat may be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.4 Before a boat is eligible to race, her current, valid measurement certificate shall be presented at the Race Office. Only under exceptional circumstances will Rule 78.2 (Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates) be applied.
- 20.5 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for inspection as stated in the Notice of Race (NoR 8).

21 Advertising

In accordance with class rules C.4.1 and J.4.1. Advertising on the boat chosen by the owner or person in charge is prohibited. [DP]

22 Official Boats

- 22.1 Race committee vessels will display an orange flag when racing will soon begin.
- 22.2 Mark laying vessels will display a blue flag with numeral.
- 22.3 Safety patrol vessels will display a yellow flag with numeral.

23 Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of a preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

24 Haul-Out Restrictions

- 24.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]
- 24.2 Other restrictions are described in the Notice of Race (NoR 13). [DP]

25 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

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. [DP]

26 Radio Communication

- 26.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 26.2 This instruction does not apply to any transmissions made for safety reasons or to advise the race committee of a boat's retirement. VHF channel 72 will be used for such transmissions.
- 26.3 This channel may also be used by the race committee to inform boats of general matters relating to the racing.

27 Prizes

Prizes are as specified in the Notice of Race (NoR 20).

28 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.

29 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident of the equivalent.

Appendix A

| L | COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish |
|----------|---|
| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| L2 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish |
| L3 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish |
| L4 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish |

| W | COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and windward finish |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| W3 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish |
| W4 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish |
| W5 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish |

| TL | COURSE: TRIANGLE / WINDWARD - LEEWARD with reaching finish |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| TL2 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - Finish |
| TL3 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - Finish |
| TL4 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - Finish |

| TW | COURSE: TRIANGLE / WINDWARD - LEEWARD with windward finish |
|-----------|--|
| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| TW3 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - Finish |
| TW4 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - Finish |
| TW5 | Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - Finish |

L = windward - leeward with leeward finish
 T = Triangle
 Marks 1, 1A, 2P, 2S, 3 = yellow buoys

W = windward - leeward with windward finish
 Number = number of windward legs

