



SQUIB IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Supported By: **Rodgers & Browne**

Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club

Friday August 4th – Sunday August 6th 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

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.

The Organizing Authority is Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, (RNIYC) Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB.

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*.

1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing, Part 1 of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*, the current National Squib Class Rules, and any amendment thereto.

1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signal AP, 32.2,35,44.3,62.1(a), A2, A4, A5. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.4 An additional spinnaker may be carried on board, this changes Class Rule C.10.2(a). The second spinnaker shall be used only if the first is lost or damaged beyond repair.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 In compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and Squib Class Rule C.4.1 advertising on the boat chosen by the owner or person in charge is prohibited.

2.2 Use of the AQL Spinnaker from the 2018 Squib Nationals is permitted although not mandatory.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to all boats of the National Squib Class. At least one owner, and the helm, must be fully paid up members of the NSOA.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at www.rniyc.org or through the office at RNIYC by 28th July 2023.

3.3 Late entries may be accepted on payment of an additional entry fee of £20.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration will take place in the Race Office at RNIYC between 0900 and 1530 (all times BST) on 4th August 2023.

4.2 Race briefing will take place at 1530 on 4th August 2023 at RNIYC.

4.3 Seven races are scheduled to be sailed over the three days 4/5/6 August 2023. Not more than three races will be sailed on any one day.

4.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1655 on 4th August.

4.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on 5th August is 1055.

4.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on 6th August is 1125.

4.6 On 6th August no warning signal will be made after approximately 1430 except in the case where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signaled.

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1 Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate which should be available for inspection by the organizing authority on request and at registration.

5.2 The organizing authority reserves the right to inspect equipment and/or measure boats, sails or equipment before or during the event.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available in advance on the RNIYC web site, www.rniyc.org

7. VENUE

Racing will take place on Belfast Lough. Racing may be located between the club moorings and Grey Point or alternatively, towards Carrickfergus, on the north side of the Channel, depending on the prevailing wind conditions and at the discretion of the race committee

8. COURSES

The course to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will not apply.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.

10.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A2.

(b) When more than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. BERTHING

Swinging moorings will be available for all visiting boats. Mooring is entirely at boat owner's risk. [DP]

12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission from the race committee. [DP]

12.2 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. [DP]

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Boats may be equipped with marine VHF, the primary purpose of which is for safety. The channel used will be noted in the Sailing Instructions. 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. [DP].

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given for first, second, third overall, first in silver fleet and first female helm, as well as the Irish National Championship trophy. This is open to all competitors including Ireland, NI, and GB.

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is 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.
- (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.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see the RNIYC website www.rniyc.org or contact the Secretary/Manager at Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB. Tel: +44 28 9042 8041 email: manager@rniyc.org.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

LAUNCHING, RECOVERY

The RNIYC slipway is available for launching and recovery using RNIYC launching trolleys and crane. This slipway is exposed and tidal. Subject to weather conditions, launching and recovery should be possible for approximately three hours either side of high water. Alternate arrangements will be provided by RNIYC if tide or weather conditions are not suitable. [DP]

Boats may launch on Thursday 3rd August up from **10:00 to 16:00** and Friday 4th August from **11:00 to 17:00**, although all boats should aim to be launched well in advance of the 15:30 briefing.

Specifics of recovery will be arranged by the club at the event. Tide allows recovery between **12:30 and 18:30**. Tractor facilities may be provided for visiting boats if necessary, on Sunday.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A separate Event Schedule is available to download on the event page of the www.rniyc.org website.

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club for the duration of the event, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event.

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