



SQUIB IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Supported By: **Rodgers & Browne**

Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club
Friday August 4th – Sunday August 6th 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing **Instructions** 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 event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*, 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.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signal AP, 32.2,33,35,40,44.3,62.1(a), A2, A4, A5. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.3 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than two hours before the scheduled start time of the first race of 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	Date	Race	Warning Signal	High Water BST	Low Water BST
	4 th Aug	1	1655	1400	2001
		2	as soon as possible after race 1		
	5 th Aug	3	1055	1447	2048
		4	as soon as possible after race 3		
		5	as soon as possible after race 4		
	6 th Aug	6	1125	1536	0926
		7	as soon as possible after race 6		

5.2 There shall be no more than three races sailed on any day.

5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed. This will be known as the attention signal.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after approximately 1430 except in the case where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be Naval Numeral 9.

7 RACING AREAS

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 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be windward/leeward as shown in the diagram in Addendum A.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the No.2 or the No. 3 on a board on the committee vessel indicating the number of laps of the course to be completed. If nothing is displayed, 2 rounds should be assumed.

8.3 If 2 laps are to be sailed the marks shall be rounded in the following order:
Start 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish.

8.4 If 3 laps are to be sailed marks shall be rounded in the following order:
Start 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish.

8.5 Boats must round mark 1 and mark 2 to port. Marks 3S and 3P form a gate and mark 3S is to be left to starboard or mark 3P to port. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

8.6 Except at the start and finish the committee boat and start/finish marks are not marks of the course.

8.7 If it is necessary to shorten the number of laps indicated for a race, a race committee boat will display Flag 'S' over Flag 'F' in the vicinity of the leeward gate while making repetitive sound signals. Boats shall pass through the leeward gate as normal and proceed to the finish line. This is an additional instruction and changes rule RRS 32.2.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S and 3P will be large spherical yellow buoys.

9.2 The start mark will be a small spherical red buoy.

9.3 The finish mark will be a small spherical red buoy.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between an orange staff on the committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a spherical red buoy at the port end of the line.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark to a new position.
- 11.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff/pole displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a spherical red port-end finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 World Sailing Appendix T will apply.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 If a boat intends to protest, it must inform the race committee as soon as possible after the finish of the relevant race. This communication must be acknowledged by the race committee.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race should, where possible, notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]
- 18.2 No boat shall use any sail(s) other than her own measured ones except with the prior written permission of the race committee. No boat shall use the sail number of another boat that is competing in the event. [DP]

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 20.1 If supplied, boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority as follows: Sponsor's logo stickers to be applied to the topsides, just below the rubbing strake on both sides of the bow. [DP]

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

22 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

22.2 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]

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Boats may be equipped with marine VHF, the primary purpose of which is for safety. Channel M1 / 37 will be used to communicate during the event. The content of any communication by the Race Committee or their failure to make a transmission will not be considered as valid grounds for a protest or redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

24 PRIZES

24.1 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.

24.2 ISA medals will be awarded to the top 3 Irish Squib Forum/Irish Sailing boats, with the gold medal winner invited to the Irish Helmsmans' Championship.

24.3 There will also be a number of race prizes

25 RISK STATEMENT

Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

26 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.

ADDENDUM A

Windward/Leeward Course:

