



NATIONAL SQUIB EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST TO SUNDAY 24th AUGUST
HOWTH YACHT CLUB, HOWTH, CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND
ORGANISED BY HYC EVENTS LTD.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the following documents:
- (i) The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 to 2008;
 - (ii) The Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association;
 - (iii) The Rules of the National Squib Class;
 - (iv) The Notice of Race and any amendments thereto; and
 - (v) These Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto, shall prevail.
- 1.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 to 2008 are modified as follows:
- (i) Rule 28.1 is modified by Section 11.2 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (ii) Rule 35 is modified by Section 14.1 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (iii) The Preamble to Part 4 of the Rules is modified by Section 4.3 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (iv) Rule 60.1(a) is modified by Section 15.7 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (v) Rule 61.1(a)(2) is modified by Section 15.1 of these Sailing Instructions;
 - (vi) Rule 66 is modified by Section 15.8 of these Sailing Instructions; and
 - (vii) Rule A4.1 is modified by Sections 10.2 and 14.1 of these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located under the archway beside the Marina Office

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take place, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until Flag AP is lowered.
- 4.3. When Flag Y is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Preamble to Part 4 of the Rules.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. Racing is scheduled as per the following table:

Date	Races	Warning Signal
Saturday, 23 rd August	Race No. 1	10:30
	Race No. 2	as soon as possible after Race No. 1
	Race No. 3	as soon as possible after Race No. 2
Sunday, 24 th August	Race No. 4	10:30
	Race No. 5	as soon as possible after Race No. 4

- 5.2. Races will be numbered in the order in which they are completed, thus if a race is abandoned, the next race sailed is defined as a resail of the abandoned race.
- 5.3. The racing schedule may be changed at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.4. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To remind boats that another race is scheduled, the Answering Pennant will be displayed at the finishing line, and for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5. There shall be no Warning Signal fired after 13:00 on Sunday, 24th August 2008.

6. Racing Area

6.1. Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth. Starts may be up to four miles north of Howth Harbour. Please refer to the adjacent chart.

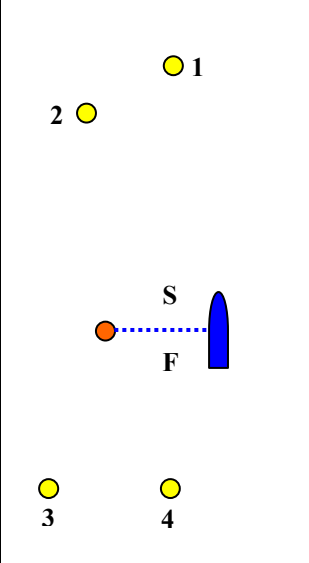
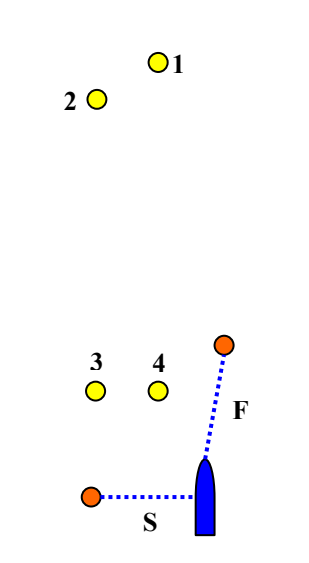
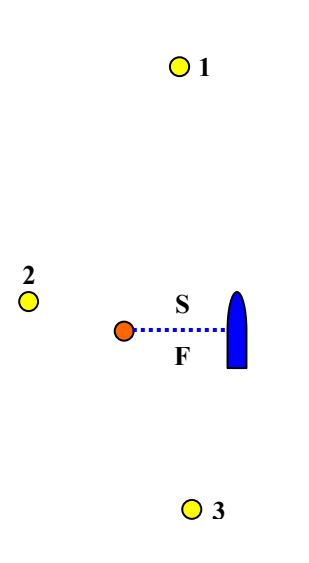
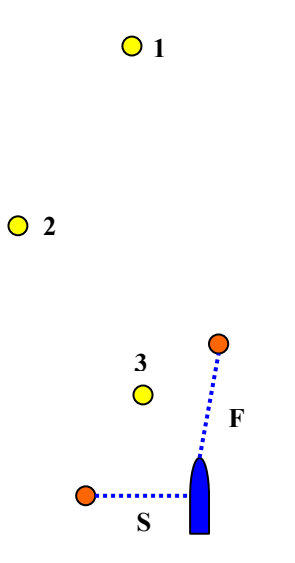


7. Class Flags

7.1. The Class Flag will be Naval Numeral 9.

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The diagrams below show the courses, and indicate the course number and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2. The number of the course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
- 8.3. The passing side for the start, finish and gate marks are defined, either in the Rules or elsewhere in these Sailing Instructions. All other marks are to be left on the port side.
- 8.4. Courses 1 and 2 include a gate, formed by marks 3 and 4. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

<u>Course No. 1</u>	<u>Course No. 2</u>	<u>Course No. 3</u>	<u>Course No. 4</u>
			
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9. Marks

- 9.1. The Start mark will be a large orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.2. All course marks (1, 2, 3 and 4) will be large yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.3. The Finish mark will be a small round orange inflatable buoy.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line shall be between the start mark, to be passed to port, and a red/white pole, or main mast, on the Committee Boat.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 10.3. Boats disqualified under rule 30.3 will be notified by displaying their sail numbers on the finishing vessel. In addition, these sail numbers may be displayed by a Race Committee Vessel stationed near Mark 1 and displaying a Black Flag.
- 10.4. If a race, started under Rule 30.3, has been recalled or abandoned, the sail numbers will be displayed on the Committee Boat for at least 3 minutes before the warning signal of the restart or resail of the race. Any boat so notified shall immediately retire and leave the course area.

11. Changes to the Course

- 11.1. In order to maintain the integrity of the course, the Race Committee may move a mark or marks. Minor changes to the course will not be signalled. However, a significant change to the course will be signalled in accordance with the RRS. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark(s) may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the re-positioned mark may be relocated without further signalling.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finishing line shall be between an orange mark and a red/white pole, or main mast, on the Committee Boat.

13. Penalty System

- 13.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

14. Time Limits and Target Times

- 14.1. The time limit, in each race, for the first boat to sail the course and finish the race will be 1.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1. The exemption for protesting boats under 6 m from displaying a red flag does not apply. This changes Rule 61.1(a)(2) of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 15.2. Boats intending to lodge a protest as a result of an incident while racing shall notify the Committee Boat when finishing.
- 15.3. Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.4. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.5. Notices posted within the protest limit will be regarded as informing a boat of an intention to protest her, as required under Rule 61.1(b)
- 15.6. Notices will be posted 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ascertain if they are parties or witnesses to a protest. Parties involved shall attend with their witnesses at the time and place indicated on the notice. These notices will constitute the notification to parties, as required under Rule 63.2.
- 15.7. Breaches of instructions 13.1 and 20.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.8. On the last day of the event a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision the previous day; or
 - (ii) no later than one hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes Rule 66.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. 5 races are scheduled, of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When 4 or more 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. Entrants are reminded of the legislative requirement that all persons aboard open boats of less than 6 m are required to wear suitable personal flotation devices at all times.
- 17.2. Entrants are strongly recommended to carry a VHF radio while afloat for safety purposes. The operating channel for the Howth Yacht Club marina is 37. Alternatively the marina may also be contacted on Channel 80.
- 17.3. All boats are required to carry a suitable compass.

18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 18.1. There shall be no change to the Helm or Crew nominated at registration without the written permission of the Race Committee. Permission for such a change will only be granted in cases of injury, illness or serious unforeseen personal circumstances.
- 18.2. Results achieved by different Helms sailing the same boat cannot be counted together towards the overall Championship Result. The results for different helms shall be calculated separately as though there were multiple entries.
- 18.3. The helm may change positions with the crew on a downwind leg of the course or in an emergency.
- 18.4. Boats shall nominate at registration the sail number that they will be using during the event. The nominated sail number shall be clearly displayed on each side of the mainsail and spinnaker. Any boat wishing to use a sail number other than its registered sail number shall inform the Race Committee, in writing, in advance of racing.
- 18.5. In no circumstances shall a boat be permitted to use the registered sail number of another boat already competing.

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1. Boats may be scrutinised or measured at any time during the advertised Event Dates at the discretion of the Organising Committee or the individual measurers.

20. Trash Disposal

- 20.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash disposal facilities are provided ashore.

21. Haul-Out Restrictions

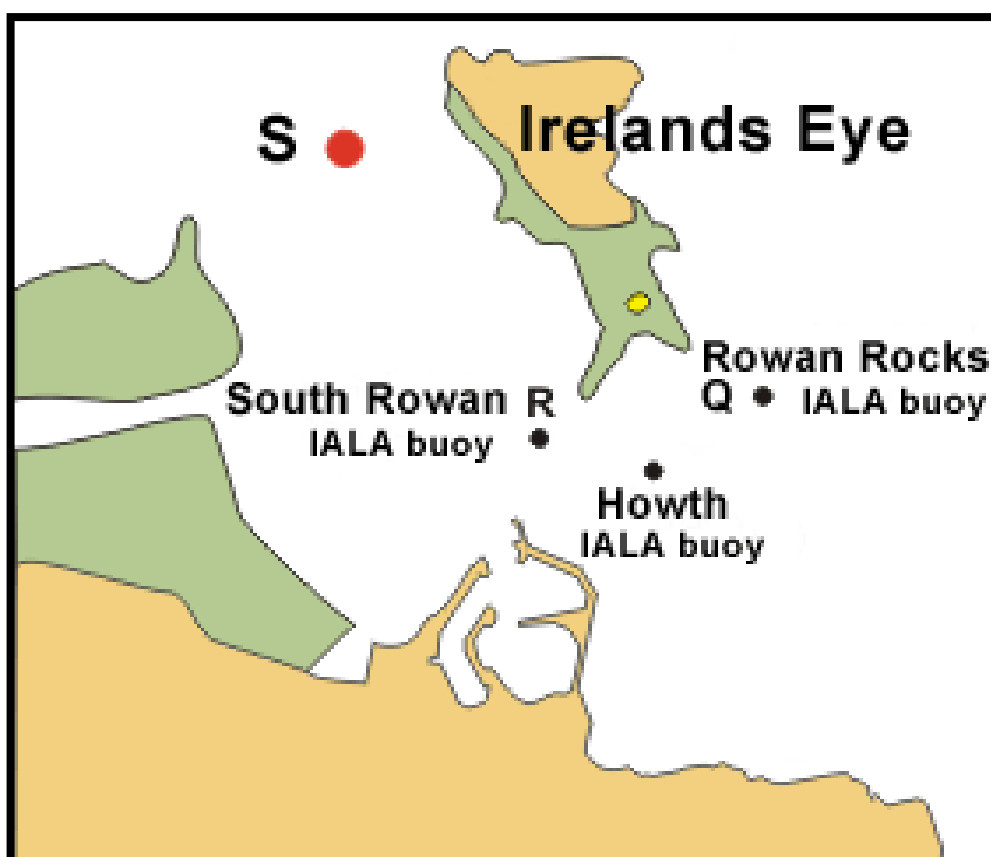
- 21.1. Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

22. Radio Communication

- 22.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 22.2. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, broadcast to the fleet on VHF radio, using Channel 72. Any such broadcasts will be additional to the standard racing signals and will be relevant but not essential information for the competitors. Any such broadcasts can be expected to relate to additional information regarding any matter relevant to the racing and the starting procedure in particular, e.g. weather conditions, status of tide, reason for postponement, comment on general recall, countdown to start, change of mark, shortening of course, second race to be sailed, abandonment of race, etc.
- 22.3. All radio broadcasts by the Race Officer are defined as information freely available to all boats, in accordance with Rule 41(d).

23. Navigation

- 23.1. Howth Harbour and the sound between the Harbour and Ireland's Eye are restricted areas with limited space for manoeuvring by trawlers and other larger boats. All competitors are reminded of their obligation to keep clear of such vessels, in accordance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- 23.2. The Spit sandbank is located to the west of Ireland's Eye and the entrance to Howth Harbour. The bank is marked by a black conical mark, labelled with an "S" and located on the western side of Ireland's Eye. All competitors are advised to pass this mark and the associated hazard to the east and north. Please refer to the chart below.
- 23.3. There are a number of underwater hazards in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye. Competitors are advised to stay outside all of the navigation marks in the vicinity of the island. Please refer to the chart below.



24. Tides

- 24.1. The tides during the event are as follows.

Date	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)
Saturday, 23 rd August	04:18	3.77	10:18	0.92
	16:48	3.59	22:47	1.08
Sunday, 24 th August	05:16	3.49	11:19	1.17
	17:52	3.46		

25. Prizes

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the championship.
- 25.2. Prizes for individual races may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 25.3. A Silver Fleet may be formed and prizes awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 25.4. Prizes will be presented after racing on Sunday, 24th August 2008, protests permitting.

26. Disclaimer of Liability

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

27. Insurance

- 27.1. Each entry shall have adequate valid third party liability insurance.
- 27.2. Visitors from overseas are particularly reminded to check that their Insurance Policy covers sailing in Irish waters.

28. Acknowledgements

- 28.1. The Organising Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Sutton Cross Pharmacy, who have sponsored this event.

