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SQUIB EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th & 7th September 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 See also SI 21.3 regarding the use of spare spinnakers.
- 1.4 Rule 31 is changed as follows: While *racing*, a boat shall not touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*, except that, if the *mark* has a flag, she may touch the flag but not its staff.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 2.2 The Race Office is located beside the Marina Office
- 2.3 The Race Committee (RC) may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Race Committee Vessel and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The RC will transmit on Channel 77 or other such channel as may be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 2.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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 effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

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4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the top of the marina walkway.
5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is per the table below

Date	Event	Time
Fri. 5 th Sept.	Launching	10:00 – 18:00
Sat. 6 th Sept.	Launching Briefing Race Warning Signal Subsequent races	<u>By prior arrangement with HYC Marina only.</u> 09:30 10:55 Immediately after preceding races
Sun. 7 th Sept.	Race Warning Signal Subsequent races Craning out	10:25 Immediately after preceding races 14:00 – 19:00 in pre-arranged sequence

- 6.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
6.3 Six races are scheduled.
6.4 No race will be started after 14:00 on Sunday 7th September, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 14:00.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag K

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All marks shall be left to port unless a gate has been laid at Mark position 3, where boats must pass between the marks.
9.2 No later than four minutes before the warning signal, the RC will display number 2 or number 3 to signify the number of rounds to be sailed.
9.3 The RC may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b will be large black inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The Start Mark will be a dan buoy with an orange flag on a staff.
- 10.3 The Finish Mark will be a small spherical cherry buoy.

11. Not used

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the RC Vessel, at the starboard end and the Start Mark, at the port end.
- 12.2 The RC may attempt to broadcast Individual Recall OCS sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on the designated VHF channel.
- 12.3 When Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the RC may, in addition to the requirements of Rule 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel.
- 12.4 When the RC determines that a boat has not complied with Rule 29.1, 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4, or with sailing instruction 12.5, the RC may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, no earlier than one minute after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes Rule 61.1(a).
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5 and NoR 15.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the RC.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC Vessel to starboard, except at a leeward gate where the RC vessel will be to leeward of the gate when boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change and the gate mark of their choice

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 Unless a race is shortened to finish at a mark of the course, the Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole displaying a blue flag on a Committee Vessel and the finish mark - note that the start line ODM may remain in position while boats are finishing. Where a race is shortened in accordance with Rule 32.2, the Finishing Line shall be between the relevant mark of the course and the pole displaying Flag "S" on the Committee Vessel
- 14.2 In addition to Rule 32, when a Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag F, making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. This changes Rules 32.2 and 33.
- 14.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion), Flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 61.1 and 61.4(b).

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
75 minutes	15 minutes

- 15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Inquiries must be submitted online, within the protest time limit, at
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/11039/event_links?name=Squib%2520Eastern%2520Championships
The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/11039/event_links?name=Squib%2520Eastern%2520Championships
- 16.2 Notices will be posted online, within 15 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Centenary Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 16.3 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted online to inform boats under Rule 60.2(d)
- 16.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: -
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 16.5 Arbitration will be available, in accordance with Appendix T.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Per NoR 15

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40.
- 18.2 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. The boat must ensure this communication is acknowledged.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of crew or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 [NP] [DP] Boats shall sail with their correct sail numbers. Provision to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the RC before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Breaches of this sailing instruction may result in protest by the RC.

- 19.3 [NP] [DP] A spare spinnaker may be carried subject to declaration of its colour(s) on the entry form. In the event that the primary spinnaker is damaged beyond repair afloat, the spare may be used in subsequent races. Use of the spare spinnaker must be declared and acknowledged by hailing the RC Vessel.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 Boats may carry a spare spinnaker which may only be used in the event of the primary spinnaker being damaged.

21. Not used

22. Not used

23. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 23.1 Support vessels shall register with the race office and display such marking as may be required by the RC.

24. Not used

25. BERTHING

- 25.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina or harbour.

26. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 26.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

27. BOAT CLEANING

- 27.1 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

28. PRIZES

- 28.1 Per Notice of Race

29. RISK STATEMENT

- 29.1 Rule 3 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."
- 29.2 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 to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race."

30. INSURANCE

- 30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

ADDENDUM 1

Course Diagram

Sequence of mark rounding

2 rounds	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – Finish
3 rounds	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – Finish

