

Equipment Inspection Instructions 2015

Welcome to Howth Yacht Club for the 2015 National Squib Championships.

Equipment Inspection will commence at 10:00 on Friday, June 26th 2015. All boats must complete equipment inspection before they will be allowed to launch and compete. Equipment Inspection will conclude at 18:00 on Saturday, June 27th 2015. Any competitor's boat that requires Equipment Inspection after this time must request permission in writing from the Race Committee.

On arrival at Howth Yacht Club park in the carpark, do not bring your car/boat into the hardstanding. Your boat will be brought onto the hardstanding by forklift. Go to Registration where you will receive your Registration pack and can then sign-up for equipment inspection.

Regatta Equipment Inspection Form:

As part of Registration you will receive a Regatta Equipment Inspection Form. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the form is completed and signed by the measurers. When the boat and sails have passed all equipment inspection requirements and the form is completed and signed, the owner shall return the Regatta Equipment Inspection Form to Registration together with a copy of the boat's valid Measurement Cert and a signed Entry Form.

Boat preparation:

Boats will be inspected in the carpark or on the hardstanding prior to equipment inspection. Any team that has not properly prepared their boat for equipment inspection will be asked to rectify the issue before commencement of the equipment inspection.

The boat should be presented as follows:

- All material for transports removed eg. lightboards, straps, covers, padding etc.
- Any equipment on the trailer should be removed to allow access for keel measurement.
- All personal and optional equipment shall be removed.
- The boat shall be clean and dry, with inspection hatches open.
- The mast should not be stepped, but tied lightly to deck.
- The rudder shall be hung from the transom.
- There should be at least one crew with the boat during equipment inspection.

Common causes that will delay your boat's measurement are incorrect black-bands on mast and boom, and missing/ incorrect safety equipment. Please check these are correct before signing-up for equipment inspection.

Boat Weighing:

All boats will be weighed on completion of equipment inspection and launched. If the measurement certificate states that your boat has correctors, then please ensure they are fitted. The club lifting sling will be used for weighing. Please do not fit your own lifting sling.

Sail Measurement:

Sails will be inspected for measurement signature/ stamp. If you have any un-measured sails please arrange for these to be measured, before equipment inspection commences.

Equipment Inspection:

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

For infringements of On the Water Equipment Inspection a competitor may accept a discretionary penalty as outlined below. Where an infringement is serious or deliberate the Equipment Inspection Form will become a protest.

Discretionary Penalties:

- Missing Bucket or Bailer:	30%
- Missing or Non-compliant Paddle:	30%
- Missing or Non-compliant Anchor:	30%
- Using 2nd Spinnaker without damage to 1 st one	30%
- Missing additional 158 litres of buoyancy	30%
- Missing or Non-compliant correctors:	DSQ/DNE
- Weight of boat <680kg:	DSQ/DNE
- Prohibited equipment/ adjustments:	DSQ/DNE

Thank you for your cooperation, and Good luck!

The Measurement Team