



NATIONAL SQUIB IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011
SATURDAY 30th JULY TO MONDAY 1st AUGUST
HOWTH YACHT CLUB, HOWTH, CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

1.1. The organising authority for the National Squib Irish Championships 2011 is Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

2. Rules

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the following documents:

- (i) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012
- (ii) The Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association to the Rules;
- (iii) The Rules of the National Squib Class;
- (iv) This Notice of Race and any changes thereto; and
- (v) The Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.

In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the wording of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 Rule 61.1(a)(2) of the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 to 2012 will not apply.

3. Advertising

3.1. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

4. Entry

4.1. Entries shall be received before Friday 29th July 2011 and shall be made using one of the following methods:

- (i) Entries may be made online using the Howth Yacht Club website (www.hyc.ie);
or
- (ii) Entries may be made by downloading the entry form available on the Howth Yacht Club website and sending it with the required fee to the address indicated on the form

4.2. Entries must be received, together with the correct fee, before the Race Office closes on the evening of Friday, 29th July 2011. The Race Office is scheduled to be open from 1400 to 2130 on the Friday evening.

4.3. The fee for entries received before 1700 Monday, 25th July 2011 is €110.00

4.4. A late entry fee, for entries received after, 1700 Wednesday, 27th July 2011 is €130.00

5. Registration

- 5.1 Registration will take place in the Race Office, In Howth Yacht Club, from 1400 to 2130 on Friday 29th July 2011 and from 0800 to 0930 on Saturday 30th July 2010.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. The championship schedule is as follows:

It is proposed to sail seven races

Proposed Schedule of Races:

Saturday 30th July 2011: up to 3 races

Sunday 31st July 2011: up to 3 races

Monday 1st August 2011: remaining races to complete series of seven races.

Regatta Briefing: 0830 Saturday 30th July 2011

Warning Signal: 1030 each day (Saturday, Sunday and Monday)

- 6.2. Succeeding races will commence as promptly as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.3. There shall be no Warning Signal fired after 1500 on Monday, 1st August 2011.

7. Event Format

- 7.1. The format of the Championship will consist of 7 Championship Races.
- 7.2. A minimum of three races is required to constitute a Championship.
- 7.3. The format of the Championship may be varied to suit weather conditions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1. Races will be sailed in the waters north of Howth. Starts may be up to three miles north of Howth Harbour.

9. Change of Helm or Crew

- 9.1. There shall be no change to the Helm or Crew nominated at registration without the written permission of the Race Committee.
- 9.2. Permission being granted for a change of Helm by the Race Committee does not permit that entry to combine the results achieved by the different Helms towards the overall Championship Result. The results for the different helms shall be calculated separately as though there were multiple entries.
- 9.3. The helm may change positions with the crew on a downwind leg of the course or in an emergency.

10. Race Officer Radio Broadcasts

- 10.1. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, broadcast additional information to the fleet on VHF radio, using Channel 72.

11. Protests

- 11.1. The exemption for protesting boats less than 6 m from displaying a red flag does not apply. This changes RRS Rule 61.1(a)(2) .

12. Scrutineering & Measurement

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

13. Sailing Instructions

- 13.1. Sailing instructions will be available at registration.
13.2. The sailing instructions will also be available on the Howth Yacht Club website (www.hyc.ie), in the Open Events section.

14. Berthing

- 14.1. Boats are likely to be rafted within marina berths. Consequently each boat is required to ensure that it has sufficient warps and fenders of appropriate size.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the leading boats in the championship.
15.2. Prizes will be presented after racing on Monday, 1st August 2011, protests permitting.

16. Safety

- 16.1. 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.
16.2. Entrants are strongly recommended to carry a VHF radio while afloat for safety purposes.
16.3. All boats are required to carry a suitable compass.

17. Social Programme

- 17.1. A Championship dinner will be held on the Saturday evening, which will be the subject of an additional charge.
17.2. A buffet will be served on the Sunday evening, which will be the subject of an additional charge.
17.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth 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.

18. Insurance

- 18.1. Each entry shall have adequate valid third party liability insurance.