



## SQUIB CLASS SAILING REPORT

Perhaps the most underrated class in KYC, the Squibs have gone from strength to strength in 2017 and promise even more in the new year with more and more boats joining the fleet.

Across the 4 main Squib events and the South Coasts, in excess of 28 boats took to the water with, surprisingly, the Frostbite Series proving one of the greatest draws in early season – maybe sailors hankering to get back on the water after the winter lay off.

For next season a couple of boats have changed hands with Pulpo now the proud possession of Ian Travers and new owners Hugh Fogarty and Eoghan O'Mahony poised to join the fleet. New to the Squibs in 2017 were Bobby Nash and Dav Ross in 643, Flora, Barry Speight in 38, Nimble, Bill and Ber Thullier in 568 and Class Captain, Denis and Geraldine Kieran in Too Fat to Fly, a well named boat if ever there was one! The season is divided into the February/March Frostbites, kindly sponsored by Osean 74 Health Supplements with Bruce and June Matthews keeping up a tradition too long to remember offering their boat, Destiny as Committee Boat and supporting John Stallard as always, our excellent RO for the event. Over the Sundays from Feb 5th to March 12th, 20 boats saw the water and competed hard for the Annual Trophy in a wide variety of wind conditions. Excellent coverage was provided by Michele Kennelly in Afloat and Yachts and Yachting as were all the Squib series throughout the year.

Clear winner was

- 134, Allegro with Colm Dunne and Rob Gill as crew.
- 2nd was the husband and wife team of Denis and Brid Cudmore in Sensation just pipping
- 3rd Jeff Condell and Eoghan O'Mahony in 612, Fuggles by 1 point.

Following the Frostbites, a number of boats were hauled out and prepared for the 3 Thursday evening Series which constitute the main Squib competitions.

Our Spring Series ran from early May to 18th June with the last Thursday evening lost to the weather. RO again was John Stallard ably assisted by Valerie who ensured fair racing throughout getting in 11 out of a possible 12 races. 16 boats competed for this series.

Winners of the Series, kindly sponsored by Globetech with consistent sailing were

1st 523 Sensation with Denis and Brid Cudmore whose 2 discards were a 5 and 6!!

2nd 150 Espresso with Victor and Ruth Fusco saw off the challenge of

3rd 612 Fuggles with Jeff Condell and Eoghan O'Mahony.

The Squib fleet runs a One Design prize as well as a progressive Echo over all its events which is designed to encourage the @back of the fleet' boats.

Spring Series Echo was won by

1st 12 Too Fat to Fly with Geraldine and Denis Kieran demonstrating the benefits of turning up every Thursday, from

2nd 523 Sensation with the Cudmores

3rd 150 Espresso with the Fuscros

A real family affair!!

The Squib Summer Series ran from 15th June to 27th July giving us 9 out of a potential 12 races. As more boats took to the water, this series saw 19 competitors vie for the honours. We are indebted to Ruth and Victor for their sponsorship of the Series through Sailpower and as always to our resident Ros, the Stallards, John and Valerie.

Winners in One Design were:

1st 134 Allegro with Colm Dunne and varying crew. Having failed to show on day 1, Colm showed the fleet how it is done with 6 first places and a 4th

2nd 523 Sensation continued the Cudmores consistent form

3rd 879 Grey Matter saw Kevin Downing showing the remainder of the fleet a clear stern!

Winners in Echo in the Sailpower Series were:

1st 12 Too Fat to Fly with the Kierans on board  
2nd 523 sensation with the Cudmores from  
3rd 711 Rebel with Tom Twohig and Barry Ryan

The Autumn Series comprised 10 out of 12 races and was sponsored by Josephine Woods for the Stanley Woods Trophy. Racing took place from 3rd August to 14th September when 'bad light stopped play'. This series was keenly fought over with the Fuscos in 150 as eventual winners.

1st 150 Espresso with Ruth and Victor Fusco  
2nd 523 Sensation with Denis and Brid and  
3rd 79 Domenic Falvey steered the good ship Sediton to their best result of the season

Echo Results not to hand at time of going to press.

KYC was proud to host the South Coast Championships over 2 days at the latter end of August. We were delighted that a number of boats travelled to join the local fleet and it proved well worth while for Dick Batt and Pamela in the first registered Squib, No. 11, powered of course by Batt sails.

A frustrating 2 days for John Stallard proved challenging as a combination of little or no wind on Saturday was followed by dense fog on Sunday where finding the Committee Boat proved to be a challenge in itself. However, perseverance and patience saw John get in 5 races and a Series. But cream will rise to the top and the Gold Fleet was well won with 3 race wins and 2 3rds by Dick Batt.

In second place, Peter Wallace from Belfast and Fergus O'Kelly brought home 818, Toys for Boys from 612, Fuggles with the two Jeffs, Condell and Cochrane.

The Silver Fleet was won by 606, Julie Silberberg with Liz Bond as crew who won from Flora and Sediton.

Other points of note are that KYC has been selected to host the 2020 UK Nationals as it makes a return to Ireland so well done the crew who put such a good presentation together.

- Thanks to Bobby Nash for organising lighting 3 squibs in the Night Parade of sail in March – good to see the fleet represented.
- Congratulations to Colm Dunne and Fiona for participating in the storm ravaged Lough Derg Regatta where they pulled off an impressive win.
- Never out of the news, Colm has also taken on the roll of Vice Chairman of The Irish Squib Owners Assoc. and Ruth, the position of Treasurer – great KYC Squib Fleet representation
- Finally, our thanks to all who made the season such a success; Race Officers, Mark Layers from the Cruiser Fleet, scorers, Victor and Ruth, to Committee members, Neil Prenderville (who made Mary P available as Committee Boat for the SCs), Vice Class Captain John Stanley, invariably a 'rock' of sense and good council, Treasurer Ruth and Technical Officer Colm Dunne.
- Our thanks also to Fiona for some great photography and Michelle for putting it all into words and all the volunteers who helped out with the SCs and other events throughout the year.

Roll on Frostbites 2018

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