# KINSALE YACHT CLUB

## THE IRISH SOUTH COAST SQUIB CHAMPIONSHIP 2021
## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Kinsale Yacht Club, in conjunction with the National Squib Owners Association (NSOA).

### 1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.

1.2. Both the 'National Squib Class Rules', and the 'Rules Governing Championship Meetings of the National Squib Owners Association (NSOA)' will apply. In the case of a conflict between the 'Rules Governing Championship Meetings' and the Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race, the 'Rules Governing Championship Meetings' will prevail.

1.3. In the case of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.4. The owner and competing helmsman of the boat shall be current members of the NSOA. In an emergency, or on a downwind leg of the course, the helmsman may hand over to a crew member who is not a member of the NSOA.

1.6. Competitors must enter by completing an Entry Form and paying the appropriate Entry Fee in accordance with the Notice of Race. The number of crew, their names and the designated helmsmen must be declared at the time of registration.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) which is the Regatta Office window.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:00 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Such changes may include bringing forward a race.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be made on the Club flagpole (located in the Dinghy Park) & displayed on the official notice board

## 5 Schedule

The Championship schedule is as follows:

| Date | | Item | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Friday 16th July | | Registration | 17.30 to 20.00hrs |
| Saturday 17th July | | Registration<br>3 Races | 9.00 to 9.30hrs<br>First Gun 11.55hrs |
| Sunday 18th July | | 2 Races<br>Boat Retrieval<br>Prize Giving | First Gun 10.55hrs<br>ASAP after the first race |

5.2 Five races are scheduled for this event.

5.3 For the purposes of results and awarding prizes, races will be numbered in the order in which they are completed.

5.4 There will be a maximum of three races per day.

5.5 Where more than one race is scheduled on a day the subsequent race(s) will start as soon as possible following the completion of the previous race.

5.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be Naval Numeral 9.

## 7. RACING AREA

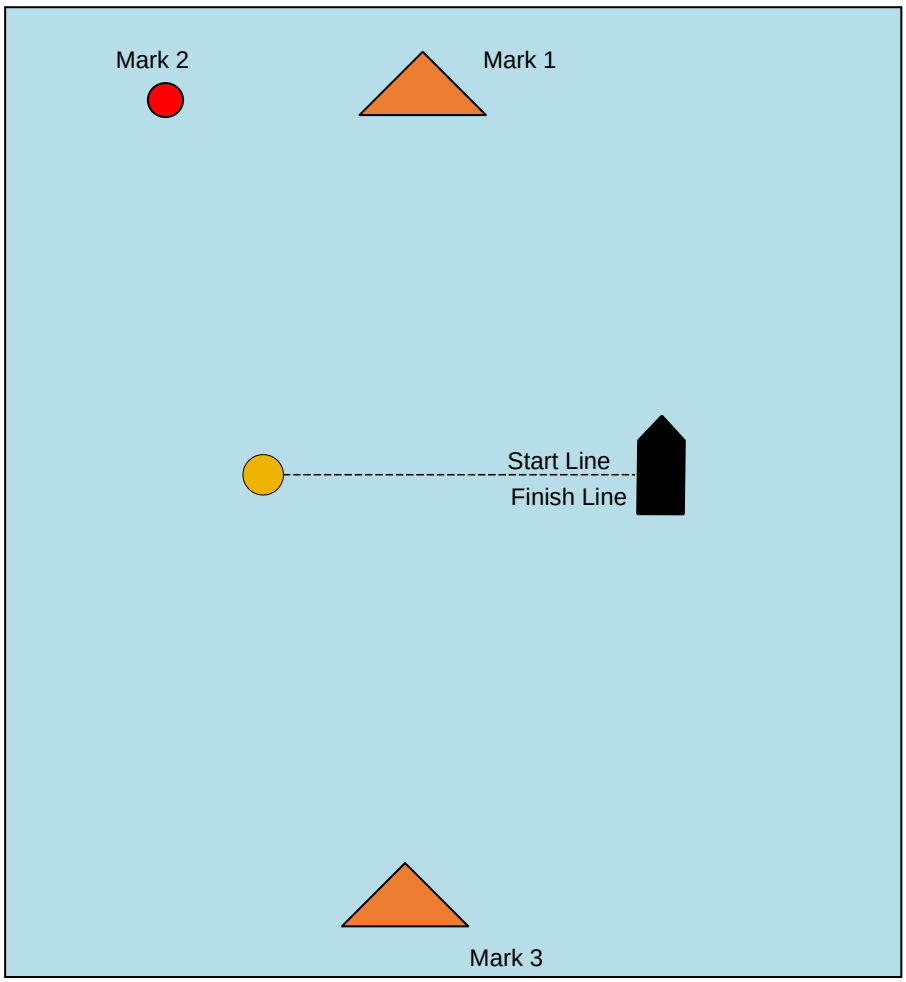
Races will be sailed in the waters between the Sovereign Islands and the Old Head of Kinsale.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams below show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal the Committee Boat will display the course to be sailed.

| Course N° | Course Flag | Order of Marks --- all port rounding |
|---|---|---|
| 1 round | Numeral 1 | Start, 1, 2, 3 Finish |
| 2 rounds | Numeral 2 | Start, 1,2,3,1,2,3 Finish |
| 3 rounds | Numeral 3 | Start, 1,2,3,1,2,3,1,2,3 Finish |




**9 MARKS**

1.1. Marks 1 & 3 will be inflatable buoys.
1.2. Mark 2 will be an inflatable buoy.
1.3. The Start Mark and Finish Mark will be a dhan buoy with an orange flag.

**10 THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using RRS26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
10.2 The starting line will be a line between a red and white pole on the Race Committee Boat and a dhan buoy.
10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRSA4.1.

**11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on a Committee Vessel displaying a blue flag and a dhan buoy.
11.2 Boats on a leg behind shall keep clear of boats on leg ahead and particularly those approaching a finishing line. This does NOT modify RRS Part 2 “When boats meet”.

**12 TIME LIMITS**

12.1 The time limit for races will be two hours.
12.2 A race will be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit as described in 12.3.

12.3 When the first boat finishes within the prescribed time limit, the race will be valid for those boats that finish within 20 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat.
12.4 When no boat finishes within the specified time limit, the race will be abandoned.
12.5 If the first boat has not rounded the first mark of the course within 45 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.

## 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
13.2 The protest time limit starts after the last boat has finished the last race of the day and will last for 90 minutes.
13.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings.
13.4 On the last day of the event 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 the previous day
- b no later than one hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- c This changes RRS66.

13.5 For the purpose of RRS64.3 (b), the 'authority responsible' will be the Irish Sailing Association.

## 14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
14.2 When 4 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
14.3 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
14.4 5 races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

## 15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Competitors clothing shall not weigh more than 10 kilograms, excluding any clothing worn only below the knee and footwear. Weights shall be determined as required by RRS Appendix H. This alters RRS43.1 (b).
15.2 Each boat shall carry a suitable compass.
15.5 Class rule: -Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

## 16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

16.1 Substitution of helms shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
16.2 All boats shall sail under their registered class number.
16.3 Permission to change boats/hulls shall be sought in writing from the Race Committee.
16.4 No boat shall use any sail(s) other than her own measured ones except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee. No boat shall use the sail number of another boat that is competing in the event.

## 17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1 Boats may be checked before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee.

17.2 Before a boat is eligible to race, her current, valid measurement certificate must be presented at the Race Office. RRS78.2 (Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates) will be applied.

17.3 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for inspection by request of the race committee during the event.

17.4 Before a boat is eligible to race, the following must be advised to the Race Office:

1 A valid RYA measurement certificate.

2 A current NSOA subscription receipt (sticker).

3 Boat owners shall declare that they have adequate Insurance of least €3,000,000 third party cover.

## 18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

18.1 All boats shall be afloat by the warning signal for the first race of the event and shall not thereafter be removed from the water before the end of the event except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

18.2 Any boat permitted by the Race Committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the water line other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

18.3 Boats shall not be cleaned below the water line between the warning signal of the first race until the conclusion of the event. Rudders may be removed.

## 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. This instruction does not apply to any transmissions made for safety reasons or to advise the Race Committee of a boat's retirement. The Committee vessel will be monitoring Channel 69.

## 22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to First and second place in both Gold and Silver Fleets for both helmsman and crew.

22.2 Gold and silver fleet results and prizes will be extracted from the overall results.

## 23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

23.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

23.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

23.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

23.5 The priority of the patrol boats is the safety of competitors, and the Race Committee cannot accept any responsibility for damage to boats or equipment.

23.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these Sailing Instructions.