Squib
South Coast Championships

15th – 16th July 2022

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Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) of World Sailing, and the National Squib Class Rules except as any of the foregoing are altered by the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions (SI).

1.2. The Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing shall apply.

1.3 Squib Class Rule C.10.2(b) will apply.
This rule is changed as follows in accordance with RRS 87: "More than one spinnaker may be carried onboard for the duration of the championships. Spinnakers may not be changed while racing unless the primary spinnaker is damaged beyond repair."

1.4 Competitors may be required to self-certify compliance with the Squib Class Rules at registration.

1.5 Amendment to class rules for advertising- The AQL spinnaker from the 2018 Nationals is permitted to be used by competitors.

1.5 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]'means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.6 The event shall adhere to Irish Sailings Sustainable Event Guidelines

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS [DP] [NP]

2.1 Notices to competitors made ashore shall be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor of Kinsale Yacht Club house.

2.2 Notices may also be posted on the Kinsale Yacht Club Squib Class WhatsApp group. The official noticeboard shall take precedence.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than two (2) hours before the scheduled start time of the first race of the day it will take effect.

3.2 Any changes to the schedule of races shall be made before 2000hrs the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main Club flag mast located in the Club dinghy park.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than one hour in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Date	Event	Time
Friday 14th July 2023	Launching Equipment Inspection	1600-1830 hrs 1600-1900 hrs
Saturday 15th July	Briefing Race warning signal Subsequent races	1000 hrs 1155 hrs Immediately after preceding races
Sunday 16th July 203	Race warning signal Subsequent races Craning out Prize-giving	1125 hrs Immediately after preceding races ASAP after racing ASAP after craning out.

5.2 The Race Officer may change the schedule of races at his/her discretion.

5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs except in the case where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class Flag will be Naval Numeral 9.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The race area will be in the general area South of the mouth of Kinsale harbour. Sailing time from the marina to the race area is approximately 30 minutes.

7.2 In the event of inclement weather, the Race Officer reserves the right to change the race area to the inner harbour.

7.3 Boats arriving at the race area are requested to sail downwind past the starboard side and across the stern of the Committee Boat (CB) so that their sail number can be recorded.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be windward/leeward course as illustrated in Appendix A.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the number of rounds of the course to be sailed.

8.3 The CB may display the approximate compass bearing and range to the first mark.

8.4 Boats must round mark 1 and mark 2 to port. Marks 3S and 3P form a gate and mark 3S is to be left to starboard or mark 3P to port. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

8.5 Except at the start and finish the CB and the start/finish marks are not marks of the course.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1,2, 3S and 3P will be large tetrahedral buoys.

9.2 The starting line pin-end buoy shall be a danbuoy.

9.3 The finish mark will be a small spherical buoy.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 of the RRS.

10.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the CB and a danbuoy at the port end of the line.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 Boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD may be notified by displaying their sail numbers on the finishing vessel.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may lay a change of course mark and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change the change of course mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. This changes RRS 33.

11.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between a red and white pole on the CB and a spherical buoy located on the port side of the CB.

12.2 The Race Committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing Flag 'W' at her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished. The score awarded shall be the position she occupied at the time of the signal. If two or more overlapped boats are signalled, they shall be scored as if they were tied. Any 'W' flagged boat shall return to the starting area as soon as possible. This changes RRS 28.1 and A3.

13 SHORTENED COURSE

13.1 Courses may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes RRS 32.1.

13.2 When flag 'F' is displayed with repeated sound signal at a mark, boats shall round the mark in accordance with the course and proceed to the finish.

14 RETIREMENTS

14.1 A boat retiring from a race will inform the Race Committee by hailing or by VHF, stating their sail number and intention to retire or leave the race area.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The target time for each race shall be 40 minutes.

15.2 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

15.3 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 60 minutes of the start of the race, the race will be abandoned.

15.4 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in Kinsale Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90-minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, approximately in the order they were received. It is the responsibility of the protestor, protestee and witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.

17.2 Five (5) Championship races are schedule.

17.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.4 When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A2.

17.5 When more than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 In addition to class rules, it is recommended competitors carry a compass and a VHF radio.

18.2 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and dry suits are not considered to be adequate. [DP]

18.3 Competitors must not obstruct traffic while sailing into or out of Kinsale harbour. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification by the Race Committee. [DP]

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP].

19.2 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. [DP]

19.3 In an emergency, or on a downwind leg of the course, a boat may be helmed by a non-member of the NSOA.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 WASTE DISPOSAL

20.1 Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 55, 'Trash disposal'. All waste materials should remain onboard and be disposed of in an appropriate manner once ashore.

22 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1000 hrs on the 15th of July. Exceptions to this instruction must be approved in advance by the Race Committee.

22.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission from the race committee. [DP]

22.3 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline, or plastic pools or equivalent used, after 1000 hrs on Saturday 15th July, until the end of the championship. [DP]

22.4 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. [DP]

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 Boats may be equipped with marine VHF, the primary purpose of which is for safety.

23.2 Channel 69 will be used to communicate during the event. The content of any communication by the Race Committee or their failure to make a transmission will not be considered as valid grounds for a protest or redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). [DP]

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be given for first, second, third overall. Additional prizes may be awarded.

24.2 The fleet will be divided into Gold and Silver at an agreed point during the championships. This division is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

25 RISK STATEMENT

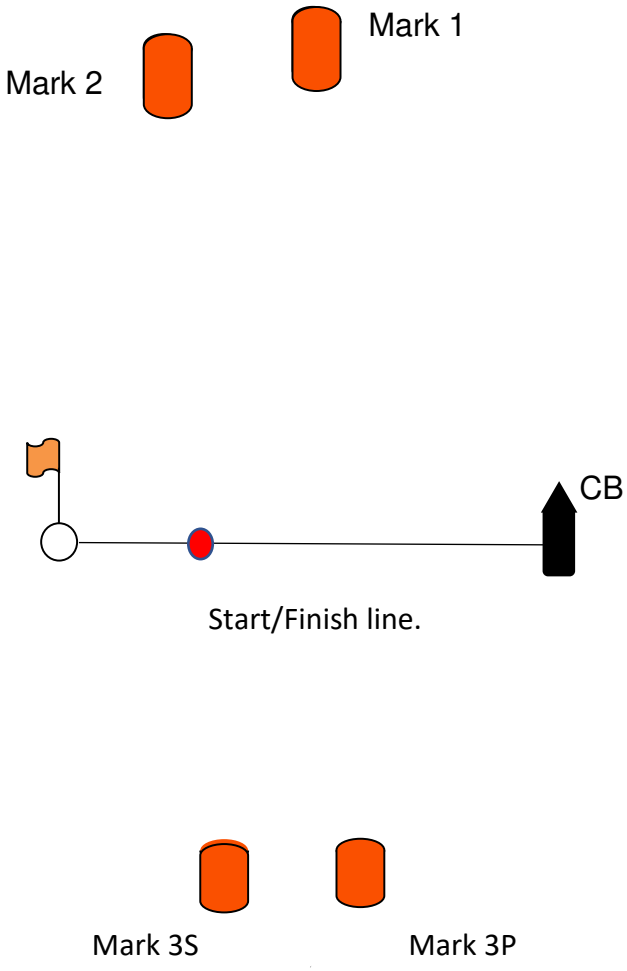
25.1 See NOR 22.

26 INSURANCE

26.1 It is the duty of each boat owner to have his/her boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the championships.

Appendix A- Windward Leeward Course

(Not to Scale and provides an indicative representation of the course to be sailed. Colour of buoys may change)



Signal	Mark Rounding/Passing Order
WL1	Start – 1 – 2– 3P-3S – Finish
WL2	Start – 1 – 2– 3P-3S -1 – 2– 3P-3S – Finish
WL3	Start - 1 – 2– 3P-3S 1 – 2– 3P-3S - 1 – 2– 3P-3S - Finish
WL4	Start - 1 – 2– 3P-3S - 1 – 2– 3P-3S - 1 – 2– 3P-3S - 1 – 2– 3P-3S - Finish