

2026 SQUIB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 21 June – Friday 26 June 2026

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NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC), In conjunction with the National Squib Owners Association (NSOA)

The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification, see RRS 64. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not be protested by another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found in the RYA edition of the RRS 2025-2028 or on the RYA website (rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rya-racing-charter)
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing, to the extent that they apply. Available at EQUIPMENT RULES OF SAILING
- 1.4 The Rules of the National Squib Class shall apply, except where changed by this NoR or Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.5 Squib Class Rule C.10.2 (b) will apply
- 1.6 Squib Class Rules C.4.1 and J.4.1 are changed to permit the use of "AQL spinnakers"
- 1.7 The RYA Arbitration and Advisory procedures will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) by 6th June 2026

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on line at [www.scyc.co.uk/Upcoming events at SCYC/Squib Nationals 2026](http://www.scyc.co.uk/Upcoming%20events%20at%20SCYC/Squib%20Nationals%202026)
- 3.2 The official notice board will be transferred to a WhatsApp group Saturday 20th June 2026. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This adds to RRS 61.1
- 3.3 (DP) All boats must carry a VHF radio

Online notice board
WhatsApp group



- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The Race Management channel will be stated in the SI's.
- 3.5 (DP) While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is available to all boats. This restriction includes the use of mobile telephones.
- 3.5 A WhatsApp group may also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This adds to RRS 61.1

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the National Squib Class.
- 4.2 The owner and registered helm shall be a member of the NSOA.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the appropriate entry form and making payment online at www.scyc.co.uk/Upcoming events at SCYC/Squib Nationals 2026
- 4.4 The OA will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment, and entry information will be posted on the event website.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry a boat shall meet all entry and registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Early entries will be accepted up to midnight on Tuesday 30th April 2026 after which standard entry fees will apply.
- 4.7 Entries will not be accepted after midnight on Friday 19th June 2026
- 4.8 Once payment has been received, any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.9 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of any parent(s) acting in loco parentis.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Early entry fees shall be £290.00 for entries and payments received up to midnight on Wednesday 30th April 2025.
- 5.2 An Entry Fee of £340 applies to all entries and payments received from Friday 1st May and before midnight on Friday 19th June 2026.
- 5.5 The Entry Fee includes berthing, trailer parking, cramage

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See Class Rules

7. ADVERTISING (DP)

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen, supplied and instructed the OA.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Does not apply

9. REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Boats shall check-in upon arrival at Plas Heli compound Pwllheli.
See map details in appendix 1
- 9.2 Launching
Launching and craning in will take place at Plas Heli Pwllheli on Sunday 21st June 2025 from 10:00 to 15:00.
All boats must be aware that they will sail approximately 5.5 NM to Abersoch after launching. Boats will be free to sail to their mooring at Abersoch when inspection and launching is complete. (See diagram in Appendix 1 with route shown in red).

Return transport by road from Abersoch to Pwllheli and tows, in case of a calm, will be available to competitors.

9.3 Craning Out

Craning Out will take place at Plas Heli Pwllheli on Friday 26th June from 14:00 to 17:00.

Visiting boats will be required to make the return passage to Pwllheli after racing on Friday 26th June where craning-out will take place.

Return transport to Abersoch from Pwllheli by road will be available.

9.4 Registration will take place in the Race Office at SCYC on Sunday 21st June from 10.00 to 18.00 and on Monday 22nd from 09.00 to 10.00 for late registrations only. At registration all competitors shall: -

- submit a completed and signed Pre-Event Equipment Inspection Checklist
- submit a valid boat measurement certificate and confirm their sail number
- confirm the name of the designated helm and crew name(s).
- submit completed prize/trophy eligibility form, available from event website.

9.5 There will be a competitor's briefing in the SCYC at 19.30 on Sunday 21st June

9.6 Racing Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Monday 22 nd June	11.55 ASAP after Practice race	Warning signal Practice race. Warning signal Race 1
Tuesday 23 rd June	11.55 ASAP after Race 2	Warning signal Race 2 Warning signal Race 3
Wednesday 24 th June	11.55 ASAP after Race 5	Warning signal Race 4 Warning signal Race 5
Thursday 25 th June	11.55 ASAP after Race 7	Warning signal Race 6 Warning signal Race 7
Friday 26 th June	10.55	Warning signal Race 8

10 (DP) EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Inspection shall take place prior to launching. Competitors shall present a completed and signed Pre-Event Equipment Inspection Checklist.

10.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NoR and SI's.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 See Class Rules

12 VENUE

12.1 Appendix 1

13 THE COURSES

13.1 Courses to be sailed will be described in the SI's.

13.2 The marks will be laid marks and described in the SI's.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply. This changes RRS 44.

14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.

14.3 **Appendix T applies**

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A applies except where changed in 15.3 below.
- 15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 RRS A2.1 Series Scores is changed to read as follows:
 - 15.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.3.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 (DP) Support person vessels are not allowed.

17 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

- 17.1 A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules and G3, provided that the sail number has been requested in writing to the RC and the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.
- 17.2 A chartered or loan boat shall not display a sail number of another boat entered in the event.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 Free moorings will be available off SCYC for visiting boats from 13:00 Sunday 21st June to 12:00 Friday 26th June
- 18.2 To facilitate efficient transit to the boats on the moorings before racing, moorings will be zoned and colour coded, this will coordinate with the launch service. It is essential that visiting boats return to their appointed mooring for the duration of the championships
- 18.3 Arrangements for craning in and out are set out in NoR 9.
- 18.4 Trailer parking will be provided at Plas Heli Pwllheli

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your National Authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Daily prizes will be awarded at 18.00 every evening at the SCYC.
- 24.2 Overall prizes will be awarded to at least the first three boats and the overall winner awarded the first place trophy and the title National Champions.
- 24.3 Other prizes may be awarded by the National Squib class in accordance with the schedule of prizes published on the event website.
- 24.4 Silver Fleet allocations. Should the OA decide to run a silver fleet allocation of boats will be at the discretion of the NSOA based upon the results of the first three races.
- 24.5 The event prize giving will take place at the Prizegiving Dinner SCYC Cove restaurant on Friday 26th June.

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 25.1 Competitors automatically grant to the OA and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion or still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION contact

Event website www.scyc.co.uk/Upcoming events at SCYC/Squib Nationals 2026

Scrutineering and Launching will take place at Plas Heli Pwllheli, LL53 5YT
Preparation and Scrutineering area.

