

WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB



National Squib

Sailing Instructions

2017



- 8.2 If course number 77 is displayed then the OOD will broadcast the course to be sailed on VHF Channel 77, call sign 'Molliette'. The broadcast will be issued approximately 15 minutes before the start of each race effected and displayed on the committee boat
- 8.3 Where the start line is the West Mersea Yacht Club line, the course will be shown on the official noticeboard. This shall be displayed not less than 60 minutes before the warning signal for that race

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The racing marks are yellow can shaped buoys that may additionally have a black flag. They are identified by their sponsor name and or their number.
- 9.2 Their approximate positions are shown on the Course Chart
- 9.3 If a mark is damaged or missing it may be replaced temporarily by a mark of a different appearance.
- 9.4 All other race marks shown on the Course Chart are charted navigation marks.
- 9.5 A Dan buoy will be orange with an orange flag
- 9.6 Laid marks shall be orange or yellow inflatables of any shape

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be start using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 10.2 The starting line will be either;
- 10.2.1.1 One of the club starting lines- defined as a line between the main mast of the Committee Boat moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy (approximately 200m to the south west of the Nass Beacon) and the OLM displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
- 10.2.1.2 If the board displays 'S' then Outer Limit Mark 'S' - (yellow buoy with a black flag) will be the OLM.
- 10.2.1.3 If the board displays 'E' then Outer Limit Mark 'E' - (yellow buoy with a red flag) will be the OLM.
- 10.2.1.4 If the board displays 'W' then Outer Limit Mark 'W' (yellow buoy with a green flag) will be the OLM

Or:

- 10.3 A Committee Boat Line – defined as a line between the main mast of the Committee Boat moored adjacent to a chosen mark or dan buoy.
- Or:**
- 10.4 A transit between the pole with a black flag on the Middle Ouse, and the Flagstaff on the WMYC lawn. Which start line to be used shall be decided by the OOD and this information will be transmitted on VHF channel 77 using the call sign 'Molliette', a minimum of 15 minutes before the start of the race.
- 10.5 The starting countdown sequence may be broadcast on VHF channel 77, call sign 'Molliette'. This broadcast will be advisory only; competitors should refer to the start signals.
- 10.6 Competitors shall start in the direction of the first mark of the designated course.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change a leg of a course the race committee will lay a new mark and signal in accordance with RRS 33 except the old mark may not be removed

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat moored to the Committee Boat mooring buoy and the Outer Limit Mark 'S' (Black Flag) to the South of the Committee Boat mooring buoy.
- OR**
- 12.2 The finishing line will be between the Committee boat mast flying an orange flag and a danbuoy flying an orange flag
- Or**

13.2 A transit between the pole with a black flag on the Middle Ouse, and the Flagstaff on the WMYC lawn

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1

Event	First boat Time Limit	First mark Time limit First boat	First boat Target Time
Squib	2 hours	30 mins	1.5 hours

13.2 Any boat finishing within this time limit shall make the race valid. Any other boat not completing the course in a further one hour will be deemed to have retired, and will be scored DNF.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A boat which wishes to lodge a protest shall verbally inform the OOD as soon as possible after finishing or retiring.

14.2 Protests shall be lodged in writing to the WMYC Clubhouse by 18.00hrs on the day of the race, or within two hours of finishing, whichever is earlier.

15 SCORING

15.1 A boat disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that come to the starting area for that race. A boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes Appendix A4.2

15.2 OODs who normally race will receive their average points for the races in which they have competed during that series, for any race missed in that series while serving as OOD, calculated at the end of the series.

Number of Races and Number required to make a Series

15.3 The number of races scheduled in each series and the minimum number required to make a series in each case is set out in the following table:-

SERIES	NUMBER OF RACES	MINIMUM REQUIRED
SQUIB SPRING CUP	6	3
SQUIB SUMMER CUP	9	5
SQUIB AUTUMN CUP	6	3

15.4

15.4.1 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores

15.4.2 When from 3 to 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4.3 When greater than 5 races are completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 PRIZES

16.1 In general, prizes will be awarded in relation to the number of entries for each Race, Series, Division or Fleet as appropriate.

Up to 3 entries	1st Place only will be awarded.
4 to 6 entries	1st and 2 nd places will be awarded.
7 or more entries	1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded.

16.2 **Trophies and prizes will be presented at West Mersea Yacht Club's laying up supper.**

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the OOD as soon as possible.

17.2 In addition to the Class Rules National Squibs shall carry a hand held Marine Band Radio with charged batteries.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, mobile PC's or similar electronic equipment.

18.2 Since information regarding the race may be broadcast on VHF Channel 77 callsign 'Molliette' competitors are strongly advised to monitor that channel before and during the race.

19 RISK STATEMENT

19.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

19.2 Sailing by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events, each competitors agree and acknowledges that;

19.2.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event

19.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

19.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions

19.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate

19.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

19.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19.2.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific 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.

19.2.8 Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

20 INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent in any currency