



West Mersea Yacht Club

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National Squib Open Meeting 2016
23rd/24th April 2016
NOTICE OF RACE
EVENT & ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority shall be The West Mersea Yacht Club

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the following rules:

1.1 The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA.

1.2 The National Squib Class Rules

1.3. Under Rule 87, rules of the National Squib Class are changed as follows:

Class Rule C10.2: On days when more than one race is scheduled, more than one spinnaker may be carried on board whilst racing. Only one spinnaker may be used in a race.

1.4 This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

No advertising (except manufacturer attached trademarks on the sails) on any part of the competitors' boats, rigging and sails will be allowed.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to all Owners/Helms who are members of the National Squib Owners Association.

3.2 Boats may be entered by the owner completing the Race Entry Form on line at <http://events.sailracer.org/eventsites/new.asp?eventid=204955> together with the required fee by 1700hrs on Wednesday 20th April 2016

3.3 Late entries will not be accepted.

4. CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

5. FEE

The entry fee is £40 Payment should be made in accordance with instructions on the entry form. There will be no entry on the day.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday 23 rd April	Race 1	Warning Signal 11.55
	Race 2	As soon as possible after Race 1
	Race 3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday 24 th April	Race 4	Warning Signal 10.55



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7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

All boats may be inspected by the Race Committee at any time for compliance with Class rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on line from 8th April 2016.

9. LOCATION

The sailing area is the River Blackwater Estuary

10. COURSES

All courses will be either windward-leeward, Old Olympic or Round the cans type. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

11.2 One Race is required to constitute a series.

11.3 When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall remain afloat and shall use the mooring they have been assigned for the duration of the event.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boat shall not be hauled out nor scrubbed during the event except and with the prior permission of the race committee.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 phones.

15. PRIZES

Prizes for races 1 to 3 will be awarded after racing on Saturday.

Races 1 to 3 The overall winner will be awarded The West Mersea Yacht Club squib trophy.

Race 4 This race is for the Seahorse Trophy, The best three positioned boats from each club will be combined to give an overall club winner based only upon Race four

Other prizes will be awarded at the event organiser's discretion.

The Seahorse Interclub trophy will be awarded to the winning club after racing on Sunday

16. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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." 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:

16.1 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;

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

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

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

16.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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

17. INSURANCE

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.



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End of Notice of Race

Accommodation

An accommodation list can be found on the West Mersea Yacht Club web page.

Boat Tracking

It is the intention of the organisers to have tracking of all boats and the course for display in the WMYC. The organisers will ask competitors to carry in a specified location on their boats a tracking unit. These units will be for event enhancement and may not be used in any hearings of any type. They should be collected from the Race Office at Registration

Launching

Details of launching arrangements will be given on the SailRacer web page and the West Mersea Yacht Club events page following 15th March 2016