

## Holyhead Sailing Club Celtic Cup Weekend

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Organising authority: Holyhead Sailing Club (HSC)

### NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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.

#### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Holyhead Port Authority Bye-Laws and Harbour Regulations, and Guidelines for Leisure Users will apply. Current versions may be obtained from the [Holyhead Harbour Authority website](#).
- 1.3 Squib Class Rule C.10.2(b) will apply. This rule is changed as follows in accordance with RRS 87:  
On days when more than one race is scheduled more than one spinnaker may be carried on board. Spinnakers may not be changed while racing. The National Squib Owners Association's (NSOA) permission for this class rule change will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 1.4 RRS 78.2 is changed by NoR 6.2.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix G3 will apply as changed by NoR 8.
- 1.6 Sailing instructions (SI) may change other rules in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).

#### 2 Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the National Squib Class.
- 2.2 The owner and the registered helmsman of the boat shall be members of the NSOA.

#### 3 Conditions of Entry

- 3.1 Each boat shall hold adequate insurance cover which shall include third party indemnity of not less than £2,000,000 for the duration of the regatta.
- 3.2 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 3.3 Any competitor under 18 years of age on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 shall submit a Parent / Guardian authorisation. See Attachment 1 of the entry form.
- 3.4 Attention is drawn to NoR 16 'Risk Statement' and the liability conditions on the entry form. These and other conditions of entry shall be accepted by completion and signature on the entry form.

#### 4 Entry

- 4.1 Limitation of Entry.
  - 4.1.1 Applications for entry will be accepted in the order in which the entry fee is received. Completed entries will be acknowledged.
  - 4.1.2 If more than 20 applications for entry are received from visiting boats, they will be placed on a waiting list. These applicants will be advised accordingly and notified immediately if a place becomes available.
- 4.2 Fees
  - 4.2.1 For completed entries received before 23:59h on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 the entry fee will be £60
  - 4.2.2 For completed entries received after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 the entry fee will be £100
- 4.3 Entry Procedure
  - 4.3.1 Competitors may enter by completing an entry form and sending it with the appropriate fee to the Holyhead Sailing Club office Secretary at the address prescribed in NoR 20.1.

#### 5 Schedule and location of events, time of last warning signal

##### 5.1 Program

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00h – 16:00h	Registration, Visiting Boats Launching	HSC
	18:55h	Race 1 Warning Signal	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	09:55h	Race 2 Warning Signal	HSC
		Race 3,4,5 to follow	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	0955h	Race 6 warning signal	HSC
		Race 7 to follow	
	ASAP after racing	Craning-out	HSC
	15:00h	Prize Giving	HSC

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- 5.2 If a race is postponed or abandoned and cannot be completed on the scheduled day it will be rescheduled for the following day when two races may be held.
- 5.3 On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June no warning signal will be made after 12:00h.

## **6 Registration, certificates**

- 6.1 All entrants shall register at the registration office located at HSC at the times stated in NoR 5.1. To complete registration entrants shall:
- 6.1.1 Present a valid certificate.
  - 6.1.2 Complete all relevant documentation required by the organising authority.
  - 6.1.3 Sign a completed entry form including a declaration that the boat is covered by appropriate third party insurance as required by NoR 3.1.
  - 6.1.4 Pay any outstanding entry fees.
- 6.2 When RRS 78.2 applies the certificate shall be produced or verified before 15:00h on Friday 56<sup>th</sup> June. [This changes RRS 78.2]

## **7 Equipment inspection, measuring authority**

- 7.1 Pre- event equipment inspection of boats may take place at the organiser's discretion. Checks may include:
- Sailing weight.
  - Number and weight of correctors prescribed on the boat's measurement certificate.
  - Keel profile.
  - Rudder profile.
  - Spars.
  - Sails.
  - All fittings, systems, etc., in compliance with class rules.
- 7.2 Boats shall be presented for equipment inspection in a dry condition with only the equipment prescribed in class rule C.6.1(b). A sailing weight check carried out during equipment inspection will not constitute an official re-weighing procedure and therefore the number and weight of correctors stated on her certificate may not be adjusted as a result of this check.
- 7.3 Only measured sails may be presented for equipment inspection. Only sails that have passed equipment inspection may be used while racing.
- 7.4 Boats, equipment and sails may be subject to class rule compliance checks at any time during the event at the discretion of the race or protest committee.

## **8 Identification on sails**

- 8.1 Rule Appendix G3 will apply. A boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number in contravention of her class rules. This number shall be displayed on all sails used in the event by that boat. In no circumstances will a boat be permitted to display the sail number of another boat that is racing. [This changes RRS Appendix G3]
- 8.2 Except when Appendix G3 applies boats shall display their registered sail numbers as required by class rules. No changes of sail number will be permitted (DP).

## **9 Crew, crew substitution**

- 9.1 The number of crew, their names and the single designated helmsman shall be declared at the time of registration.
- 9.2 After registration, substitution of crew shall not be permitted without prior approval of the race committee. Permission to substitute crew will only be granted in cases of injury, illness, serious unforeseen personal circumstances or pre-arranged crew substitutions approved by the organising authority at or before registration. Only one substitution per boat will be permitted during the event.
- 9.3 In an emergency, or on a downwind leg of the course, the designated helmsman may hand over to a crew member who is not a member of the NSOA.

## **10 Sailing instructions**

Sailing instructions will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 on the [official event website](#).

- 10.1 Launching and recovery of visiting boats will take place at HSC at the times indicated in NoR 5.1.
- 10.2 After completing registration and equipment inspection, boats shall launch and proceed to their designated berth or mooring as directed at registration (DP).
- 10.3 Mooring will be available on HSC moorings between the 5<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## **11 Launching deadline, haul out restrictions, cleaning of hulls**

- 11.1 All boats shall be launched before 16:00h on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and shall not be hauled out before the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior permission of the race committee. Any boat so authorised shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the water line other than is necessary to effect repairs and shall be re-launched as soon as is possible (DP).

- 11.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline, or plastic pools or their equivalent used, after 16:00h on Friday 5th June until the end of the regatta. Rudders may be removed (DP).

## 12 Safety equipment

In addition to the safety items required by class rules it is mandatory for each boat has aboard a working marine VHF radio. In addition it is strongly recommended that each boat carry on board: a suitable compass, one red hand flare, one orange hand flare.

## 13 Radio, telephone and electronic communication

- 13.1 The race committee may use VHF radio communications to broadcast information to competitors.
- 13.2 Whilst racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio, telephone or any electronic communications not available to all boats (DP).

## 14 Course location, configuration

- 14.1 Courses will be set in Holyhead Bay or, in exceptional circumstances, within the outer harbour.
- 14.2 The sailing instructions will contain alternative course configurations:
- Triangle - windward/leeward repeated.
  - Windward/leeward repeated.

## 15 Scoring

- 15.1 Seven races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 15.3 When fewer than four races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 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.

## 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:

- 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.

## 17 Inspections

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## 18 Prizes

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## 19 Additional information

Additional information to competitors, which does not constitute part of the Notice of Race, may be found under the appropriate sections at the [event website](#).

These items will be updated prior to the event and will include information on social program, arrivals, preparation for equipment inspection, berthing, accommodation, etc.

## 20 Contact Information

- 20.1 The event organising committee and organising authority may be contacted at:  
Holyhead Sailing Club, Newry Beach, Holyhead, Anglesey LL65 1YD  
01407 762526 (office), [info@holyheadsailingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@holyheadsailingclub.co.uk).  
The HSC office opening hours are Monday – Friday 0930 – 1400hrs.
- 20.2 The national authority may be contacted at:  
Royal Yachting Association, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 4YA.  
[enquiries@rya.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rya.org.uk) / [certification@rya.org.uk](mailto:certification@rya.org.uk) / 023 8060 4100.

