

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

River Races 2023

These Instructions stand until further notice. This and other racing documents can be downloaded from the PSCS webpages and social media feeds.

RULES

1.1. Races will be governed by the current [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS) of World Sailing (formerly ISAF). Changes herein override the appropriate Rule in RRS.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. The notice of race will be sent to competitors via email & WhatsApp during the week prior to each individual race and will be available on the club web site. No briefing will take place prior to racing.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated in a notice placed on the Race Notice Board prior to the race or by the Race Officer on Channel 73.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed in the club house.

4.2. An AP flag flown ashore signifies a postponement of at least 30 minutes.

4.3. The Race Officer will communicate with the racing fleet using VHF channel 73 as required. All participating yachts are required to carry a working VHF radio and use it during racing.

5. GENERAL

5.1. The SQUIB Racing Schedule will include a minimum of 20 River Races divided into 4 series each with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 races per series. Discards are as set out under Rule 15.4 Scoring;

- In case of 5 or less races in a series: one discard

- More than 5 races in a series: two discards

In both cases the discards being the boats worst scores.

5.2. Each Series will have a winner, second and third placed which will be advised on the club's website & social media feeds and posted on the Club notice board.

5.3. The results of the ANNUAL SQUIB RIVER CHAMPIONSHIP shall be decided by the combination of the results of the 4 series.

5.4. Make-up days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled or if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.

5.5 Boats participating must comply with the in-force National Squib UK class rules except as locally modified, including carrying an outboard engine either

Mariner/Mercury 3.2 hp, Suzuki 2.3 hp, or as may be specifically agreed by the Race Committee.

5.6 The requirement to be a member of the UK Nat Squib Association is waived although membership is encouraged.

6. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

6.1. A Keelboat Class and a separate SQUIB Class may be operated if sufficient boats consistently register for racing. If not, the Race Committee may decide to combine these classes.

6.2. If flags are in use, Keelboats will use flag U (Uniform), SQUIBS will use flag C (Charlie)

7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Courses will be set in the area between the Club House, Pulau Indah Marina, and the river mouth.

7.2. All starts will be from a line drawn from the FRONT surface of the most upriver set of Pulau Indah marina piles. If advised by the Race Officer on VHF Channel 73, the start line may be amended to a line as indicated by the Race Officer and all boats shall follow.

8. COURSES

8.1. A list of courses will be advised to all competitors in the PSC Race Schedule.

Course A: SELAT Port hand Navigation Buoy
HOME

(SELAT may be rounded in either direction unless otherwise indicated by the Race Officer. In the case of boats approaching on opposite tacks/gybes those on starboard shall have right of way)

Course B: POLE in the centre of the river rounded to PORT
HOME

Course C: POLE in the centre of the river rounded to PORT
PI Marina seaward end outer pole to PORT
POLE in the centre of the river to PORT
HOME

8.2. The courses will be communicated to the race skippers on the water via VHF Channel 73.

8.3. If a course change becomes necessary during a race the Race Officer will communicate the changes to all racers via VHF Channel 73.

9. MARKS

9.1. As indicated above otherwise indicated by the Race Officer on Channel 73.

10. THE START

10.1. The first warning for harbour races will be indicated in the Notice of Race unless otherwise directed by the Race Officer and notified to all skippers prior to racing.

10.2. Races will be started using a 5-minute start sequence:

Signal	Visual signal & sound	Minutes before start
Warning	sound	5
Preparatory	sound	4
One Minute	long sound	1
Start	sound	0

10.3. Any postponement of the start will be communicated by the Race Officer to all racers via VHF Channel 73.

10.4. The starting line will be as described in 7.2.

10.5. An alternate "self-start" may be used at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be communicated to all racers via VHF Channel 73.

10.6. Sound signals may be simultaneously broadcast by VHF radio over the designated communication channel.

10.7. Start and Finish Timing for all races will be local GPS time (UTC+8hrs).

11. START TIME LIMITS

11.1. Time limit of 15 minutes for boats starting a river race.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line for river races will be a line drawn from the front of the most upriver set of Pulau Indah marina piles.

13. FINISH TIME LIMITS

13.1. No finish time limits apply but the Race Officer may decide to end a race and notify participants who have not yet finished. In this case, boats that do not finish will be awarded a place and not marked as DNF. (This changes RRS 35 and A4)

14. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

14.1. Protests are discouraged, as this delays results and social time after racing. Boats are expected to resolve issues on the water by taking the appropriate penalty should they be protested. However, if unresolved a jury consisting of the race officer and one or more non-racing sailors will be convened. Their decision shall be final.

14.2. Time limit for submission of protests is 30 mins after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

14.3. For all classes in all races Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

15. SCORING

15.1. For a River Race series, results shall be recorded according to finishing order. However, the Race Committee may introduce a handicap system which shall be additional to the SEASONS POINTS.

15.2. Where a boat is sailed by different helmsmen during a series, the helmsman's result shall prevail. HOWEVER, A HELMSMAN MAY REQUEST REDRESS FOR THIS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE IF THE USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE BOAT IS DUE THE HELMSMANS OWN BOAT BEING INCAPACITATED DUE TO DAMAGE, BEING ON THE HARDSTAND, OR LOANED ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB.

DNF = DID NOT FINISH:	Number of boats in race + 1
RET = RETIRED:	Number of boats in race + 1
DNS = DID NOT START:	Number of boats in race + 2
DSQ / DGM = DISQUALIFIED:	Number of boats in race + 2
DNC = DID NOT COMPETE:	Number of boats in series + 2

15.3. Tie breaks will be calculated in accordance with ISAF Appendix A8.1 (most 1st, 2nd, etc excl. discards) and thereafter A8.2 (best most recent score (incl. discards)).

15.4. For each River Series scoring there will be one discard after five races completed, two if the number of races exceeds five.

15.5. DNC scores are not discarded.

16. SAFETY

16.1. Skippers will indicate their intention to race to the Race Officer upon arrival at the club.

16.2. Every boat shall carry at least the minimum safety equipment. It is MANDATORY to carry a working VHF Radio switched on during the race, a lifejacket for each crew aboard, a working bilge pump, a bucket of at least 5 litres capacity with lanyard, an anchor, and a minimum of 10 meters of line, and at least one VHF radio. The Race Officer may appoint an officer to inspect all boats for compliance.

16.3. Every boat racing is required to give immediate assistance to boats or crew members in distress. The Race Committee may award compensation time to yachts that assist others.

17. EQUIPMENT

17.1. The use of an Autohelm/Autopilot is not permitted.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1. All communication between the Race Officer and boats will be via VHF radio Channel 73 unless agreed otherwise.

18.2. Any boat with an AIS transponder fitted shall transmit AIS data at all times whilst sailing in all races.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes for each series will be awarded at the conclusion of that series.

19.2. Prizes for other races or events will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & INSURANCE

20.1. Competitors participate in PSCS racing regatta entirely at their own risk. See fundamental rule 4; Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death, nor consequential losses sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after PSCS races or events.

20.2. All boats competing in races must carry adequate Third-party liability insurance.

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