

SQUIB FLEET NEWS

Welcome to all from the Quoile Squib Fleet.

The Squibs are arguably the most active sailing class now at the Quoile. This summer each week will see friendly competition staged between ourselves and occasionally between other Squibs from around the Lough and further afield. Be impressed that 'Your' Yacht Club will be represented abroad by a hardy band of dedicated Squibbers intent on winning at whatever the cost.

On a more reflective mood

2009

Looking back on last year, our Quoile fleet was firmly established on the Greater Irish Squib Forum as we were honoured with hosting the Irish Nationals for the first time. Squibs from all over Ireland descended on our Club the first weekend in August to make for a most memorable weekend.

Feedback from other clubs after the event was very positive. Worth noting was the number of those who spoke in admiration and envy for the setup we enjoy at Quoile within a scenic, friendly and family orientated club.

We rounded the season off as usual with the annual Squib Dinner. Last year we took the brave step to host the dinner within the Quoile Clubhouse as opposed to dining at a local restaurant. If you were lucky enough to attend this event you will have been treated to fine dining and fun & frolics as the 'serious' business of trophies for the year were handed out.

2010

This coming year again, we have another exciting year for the Squib Class.

There is a busy sailing Calendar dedicated to Squibs currently being prepared with no shortage of events close to home and further abroad for those keen to travel.

The UK NATIONALS are to be hosted in Ireland, in DunLoughaire.. Apparently 100 plus boats are the normal turnout for this type of event. This will give us a rare opportunity to be able to sail against some big names in UK sailing. For many of us though, the important factor is that there will be competition at every level and as they say - it's the taking part bit that matters.

On a more local front, we intend to keep the flag flying at the Quoile as we are to host the NORTHERN SQUIB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

This event will run over the weekend 5th/6th June.

Again we hope to get visitors to our Club from our Belfast Lough neighbours at Royal North and possibly get some boats from the South as they prepare for the UK Nats.

General Club members, please note that again we will need some friends or volunteers to help in hosting this event. It can be an onerous undertaking to organise these events but I'm sure our efforts will benefit the Club as a whole.

Duties required include mark laying on the water and bar staff ashore, amongst others - so do please let someone know if you can lend a hand this particular weekend.

On a housekeeping basis, the first race of the season and the start of the first Saturday series is QUOILE OPENING DAY 1st May so there will be a push to get as many in the water for that date.

This year will see a welcome return of the mid week WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES (Wed 12th May) as requested - despite some attempts to try and scupper it (anonymous) Finally, the season will round off with the hotly contested and somewhat peculiar Squib October Series and finally , finallyfor those Squibbers and Fleet groupies - the Squib Dinner.

If you are reading this as an outsider looking in, there is always a welcome to get involved with us, to be part of an active class within your Club . The Squib suites all ages, genders and abilities as is reflected in our fleet and as a sail boat is relatively cheap to acquire. If you feel daunted speak with any Squibber and I ' m sure there may be crewing opportunities to cut your teeth on. Also please don ' t forget again, we ' do ' need help over the Northern Championship Event. So if you can or are willing to help please let me or anyone in the squib Class know.

As a fleet, we actively communicate on a regular basis by e-mail amongst ourselves so if anyone is interested in "getting to know us" or are interested in adverts for squibs for sale, forward me your e-mail address & I ' ll include you in our e-world.

Many thanks. I ' m looking forward to another year

Warren Cannon
Squib Captain