

**NATIONAL SQUIB OWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the National Squib Owners' Association  
will take place on Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 18.00 hours at the South  
Caernarvonshire Yacht Club.**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Minutes of the AGM held on 25 June 2019 at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020**  
Hon Treasurer's Report  
Appointment of Hon Auditor
- 5. To elect Officers and Committee (see below)**  
*The Constitution states that nominees for the Committee must be members of the NSOA and proposed and seconded by members of the NSOA.*  
**A vote of thank to members of the Committee who are retiring will be proposed.**
- 6. Proposed rule change**  
Proposed by Malcolm Blackburn, Seconded by Tony Saltonstall.  
  
***C.6.3 Penalty Corrector weights***  
*(a) Penalty correctors weights may be used with prior approval of the NSOA & RYA*  
*(b) Weights addition to those of C.6.2(b) that may be necessary to achieve the boat weight in C.6.1 (a) shall be of metal with 50% of the penalty weight fixed to the forward face of the aft buoyancy tank and 50% of the penalty weight the aft face of the mid beam under the foredeck.*  
*(c) Penalty weights shall be identified as such on the certificate. Under A.11.1 (i)*  
  
Argument for: Over the years there have been several instances where boats (often not of the owners making) have been found to need additional correctors. This proposed amendment requiring approval of the authorities, and then the additional weight being positioned unfavourably from a weight distribution perspective should give the opportunity to keep everything legal and visible.
- 6. Future Championship Venues**  
2022 Kinsale
- 7. Any other business** (to be notified to the Secretary before the start of the meeting)

The Association Rules permit full members to appoint a proxy to attend and vote at General Meeting on their behalf. A form of proxy is attached.

Marian Gibson  
Honorary Secretary, National Squib Owners Association  
9 August 2021

### **Election of Officers:**

The Nominations of the Committee are as follows:

Hon Chairman	Dick Batt Proposed Tony Saltonstall
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Hon Secretary	Marian Gibson
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Note: Marian Gibson has served seven years in succession so specific approval for her to continue is needed by a vote of the majority of the membership at the AGM

Hon Membership Secretary	Penny Robinson
Hon Treasurer	tba

Hon Technical Committee Chairman	Malcolm Blackburn
Hon Technical Adviser	Tony Saltonstall
Hon Championship Co-ordinator	Pete Richards

### **Election of Committee**

As no Annual General Meeting could be held in 2020 all Committee members are deemed to be up for election.

The following have indicated that they would like to continue:

David Biddle	Dartmouth
Paul Studart	Medway Fleet
Simon Vines	Weymouth SC
Ian Waite	Waldringfield SC

The following have indicated that they no longer wish to serve on the Committee:

Louise Bibby	Anglesey Fleet
Colm Dunne	Kinsale
Gerard Dyson	Royal Yorkshire YC
David Hall	Holyhead
Mike Probert	Royal Burnham YC
Richard Sullivan	WOBYC
David Wines	Plymouth Fleet

**NATIONAL SQUIB OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**FORM OF PROXY**

**For use at GENERAL MEETING OF THE NSOA on Tuesday 14 September 2021 at SCYC**

I (full name in block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_  
of (address) \_\_\_\_\_

**Being a Full Member of the National Squib Owners Association hereby**

Appoint \_\_\_\_\_

Or failing him or her \_\_\_\_\_

As my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at SCYC and at any adjournment thereof.

NB Unless otherwise instructed the proxy will vote as he/she thinks fit.

(Signature).....

**Please read the following notes carefully:**

1. You may give this form to your proxy to deposit with the Hon Secretary **NOT LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE THE PUBLISHED TIME OF THE MEETING** in accordance with Association Rule 14(h).
2. Alternatively the proxy form may be posted or sent by courier to the Hon Secretary, Mrs Marian Gibson, 93 Main Road, St Lawrence, Southminster, Essex, CM0 7NA for delivery on or before 1pm, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, and it will be treated as complying with the rule. This date will be strictly adhered to.
3. A member who has posted a Form of Proxy may nevertheless attend the meeting and vote in person, in which case his or her proxy vote will be disregarded.

**A GUIDE TO VOTING RIGHTS**

This Guide to voting rights for Squib members at AGMs and SGMs is intended to eliminate problems and questions that have occurred previously.

In order to vote at any NSOA General Meeting you must be a Life Member or a paid up Full Member of the NSOA. You can only be a Full Member of the NSOA if you own or part own a Squib.

With regard to joint or co-ownership, the Full Member is the first named owner (as stated on your completed membership form). Any named co-owners must be a Full Member in their own right to be eligible to vote.

In cases of multiple ownership, not more than four votes per boat shall be allowed.

If verification of the first named owner is needed, please contact Penny Robinson, Hon Membership Secretary at [squibmembershsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:squibmembershsecretary@gmail.com)

**NATIONAL SQUIB OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual General Meeting held on 25 June 2019 at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club**

**MINUTES**

The Chairman, Nigel Grogan, welcomed some 45 full members of the Association to the meeting as well as a number of associate members and non-member crew.

**1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from David Hall, Lou Bibby, Paul Young, Dick Batt and David Biddle

**2. Declaration of Interest:** Nigel Grogan declared that he is Managing Director of Hyde Sails.

**3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.**

The minutes were approved nem con, being proposed around the room.

**4. Chairman's Report**

The 2019 season has had a good start with some robust sailing! The Nationals are seeing a final start line of 54 after losing 4 entries at the last minute due to ill health. If you look at headline figures the last 10 year average has been 60 boats and 67 for the previous period. However the apparent decline hides a lot of different factors. 2018 saw a large number of younger sailors taking part and that trend has continued in 2019 and it is even better to see so many of those younger sailors present at the AGM. They are the future of the class. Fleet activity varies and it was great to see the vibrant fleet at Haven Ports where the East Coast Championships were held in May. And of course there has to be mention of Portsmouth – a lively young fleet who have turned out again this year for the Nationals. But we also see fleets decline for a variety of reasons. So there is no complacency, but recognition of the work still to be done.

The Chairman commented on the behind the scenes work done by members of the Committee to ensure the class is run smoothly. He singled out the untiring work of the Secretary. On the Membership front, Andrea Holland has continued to do the job of Membership Secretary despite trying to stand down for two years now. But there is good news on that front. Penny Robinson has agreed to take the role on and she was given a warm welcome. It was agreed nem con that Andrea be made a Life Member. Our long-standing Treasurer, Chris Rickman, has also stood down and the NSOA finances will be run by Richard Sullivan via his accountancy firm.

Malcolm Blackburn, as Chair of the Technical Sub Committee has continued communications with the RYA on the subject of rules changes and also on the whole issue of Measurers. There are only 5 Squib measurers nationwide and the cost is proving a problem. The Committee have had long discussions on the relationship with the RYA and following the May meeting, Nigel met with the RYA to discuss the NSOA's unhappiness with responses. The notes from that meeting are attached and form part of these minutes. Following the meeting, the RYA updated the Class Rules with minor amendments that had been agreed in October 2017 within a week.

The NSOA is trying to improve communications with members, but it has to be noted that members themselves do not always help by not updating their record with new email / phone numbers / address themselves or by letting either the Secretary or Membership Secretary know. If the record is wrong, you won't get mailings – but the NSOA cannot know. This becomes particularly important when ballots are underway. Communications within Championships need to be brought up to date and the use of a Whats App group will be investigated to get messages out quickly.

Facebook, the website and Squibble (where Ricky East wishes to stand down as Editor) are all areas where we need to move forward and some young, tech savvy volunteers would be nice.

On behalf of the NSOA he proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee.

So far as external publicity is concerned, the whole Cowes 2018 experience generated a lot of noise and media interest. We need to keep that up and it was noted that Yachts and Yachting welcome content and readily run reports. We just need to keep writing them and sending them in.

So far as Rule changes are concerned, Nigel Grogan commented that there is a feeling among a considerable part of the fleet that the class could benefit from some carefully thought through, modest modernisation.

The Rondar Boat: Nigel Grogan reported that Paul Young had sent a report to the May Committee Meeting. Noted that the NSOA want Rondar to succeed with the Squib. Regarding the Mandate for acceptance of the Rondar-built boat, he reported that the conclusion of NG and JG buying a boat and campaigning with it at three events is that the boat is not significantly faster or slower. David Lloyd commented that he thought the Rondar boat, the hybrid and the original Squib all feel the same. Robert Coyle and Malcolm Hutchings proposed and seconded that the NSOA agree that the Mandate has been met. Overwhelmingly carried.

#### **5 To receive the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2019**

Richard Sullivan reported that he does not have the final account as yet as the records have just arrived. However the bank balance is healthy. The accounts will be run using a new system, managed by staff in the office. Work will be ongoing to modernise systems, including moving to Direct Debits for subscriptions. The accounts for year ending 30 April 2020 will be available on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

#### **6. Election of Officers and Committee**

The Officers and Committee were elected en-bloc with a separate vote to agree the extended time in office of the Secretary (Marian Gibson). Agreed nem con.

#### **7. Rule Changes**

Following the 2018 AGM the Committee have had long discussions on the list of potential rule changes. It was agreed in May that the initial batch would go out to ballot so that the result could be announced at the AGM with the second batch being balloted by the Inlands. In all cases the wording has been a major issue and it was noted that for the initial batch the Committee were in agreement with them and no contrary comments had been received. Marc Moncrieff commented that he felt more discussion or a survey would have been useful and the point was taken. David Lloyd commented that the wording of the motion regarding sail colour is going to be critical. Jill Fleming asked for mock-up pictures to be included. All sailmakers' views will be sought.

The result of the initial ballot was announced:

Proposition A (to allow advertising chosen by the organisers of an event): 95.9% in favour

Proposition B (to change the rule on windows in sails): 93.5% in favour

Proposition C (to allow draft stripes on sails): 75.5% in favour

Proposition D (to change the rule on jib furlers to allow them to be used while racing): 68.9% in favour

There were 123 valid votes.

All four propositions reached the two thirds majority required for a rule change and therefore work on wording of the rule changes will start in conjunction with the RYA.

#### **8. Nationals Format**

David Wines and Keith Davies were thanked for all their work to ensure the success of the 2019 Nationals

It has already been agreed by the Committee that a survey on format of the Nationals would be undertaken. This will include all aspects of the event. Roly Wilson commented that the current format of a full week with one race per day isn't very friendly to workers.

Inland Championships: Noted the issues around the dry side of Rutland and feedback / suggestions from members on the social side would be appreciated as soon as possible. It was also noted that the event relies heavily on the efforts of the SCYC team to manage launch and retrieval.

## 7. Future Championship Venues

2020 Kinsale: 21 – 26 June 2020 and preparations are all in hand. Ferry offers will be forthcoming shortly

2021 SCYC: Dates to be confirmed

2022 Weymouth: Dates to be confirmed

2023: The Championship Committee have agreed that this will go out to tender with an initial list agreed.

## 8. Any Other Business

a) Marc Moncrieff reported that that Jenny Riley has donated a new trophy for the under 30s.

b) Malcolm Hutchings asked whether concessions for subscriptions / entry fees for young sailors should be considered.

c) **Measurers:** Malcolm Blackburn gave details of how the Measurer system currently works, with people having to do a Sail Measurer course every 4 years, but then never measure a sail as this is now done in house by the manufacturers. Only Sail Measurers can progress to Full Measurers. Typically very few boats are ever going to need to be fully measured but what is needed is Maintenance Measurers. These would need to be fleet based. On a show of hands there were volunteers from around the country prepared to consider the role. MB will take this up with the RYA. The distinction between Olympic classes and classes like the Squib needs to be made in requirements. Malcolm Hutchings commented that there is a considerable time commitment for the training that the RYA require for Measurers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.02pm

## Election of Officers: for 2019/20

The following were elected

Hon Chairman	Nigel Grogan
Hon Secretary	Marian Gibson
Hon Membership Secretary	Penny Robinson
Hon Treasurer	
Hon Technical Committee Chairman	Malcolm Blackburn
Hon Technical Adviser	Tony Saltonstall
Hon Championship Co-ordinator	Pete Richards

## Election of Committee

The following, were elected for a period of two years

Ian Waite	Waldringfield SC
Mike Probert	Royal Corinthian YC
Simon Vines	Weymouth SC
Gerard Dyson	Royal Yorkshire YC
Colm Dunne	Kinsale

The following, who were elected for a period of two years at the 2018 AGM have indicated that they will continue in office for a further year.

Louise Bibby	Anglesey Fleet
David Wines	Plymouth Fleet
David Biddle	Dartmouth
David Hall	Holyhead
Richard Sullivan	WOBYC
Dick Batt	RVYC
Paul Studart	Medway Fleet