

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

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the National Squib Owners' Association will take place on
Tuesday 7 August 2018 at 18.00 hours at the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 20th June 2017 at Holyhead Yacht Club**
3. **Chairman's Report**
4. **To receive the Accounts for the year ending 30 April 2018**
Hon Treasurer's Report
Hon Auditor's Report
Re-appointment of Hon Auditor: Andrew Porteous
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.
6. To agree the process for debate and decision for the Rule change suggestions to be discussed in the consultation session.
7. **Future Championship Venues**
2019 Torquay 2020 Kinsale
2021 SCYC, 2022 Weymouth to be approved
8. **Any other business** (to be notified to the Secretary before the start of the meeting)

The 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held during the Nationals at Torquay (date to be advised).

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.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a consultation session on potential rule changes. These are listed on the final page of this document.

Marian Gibson
Honorary Secretary
National Squib Owners Association
June 2018

Election of Officers:

The Nominations of the Committee are as follows:

Hon Chairman Nigel Grogan

Hon Secretary Marian Gibson

Note: Marian Gibson has served four 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 tba

Hon Treasurer Chris Rickman

Note: Chris Rickman has served five years in succession so specific approval for him to continue is needed by a vote of the majority of the membership at the AGM

Hon Technical Committee Chairman Malcolm Blackburn

Hon Technical Adviser Tony Saltonstall

Hon Championship Co-ordinator Pete Richards

Hon Webmaster Tony Gibson

Election of Committee

The following, who were elected for a period of two years at the 2016 AGM resign and offer themselves for re-election for a further period of two years

Louise Bibby	Anglesey Fleet
David Wines	Plymouth Fleet
David Biddle	Dartmouth
David Hall	Holyhead
Richard Sullivan	WOBYC

Dick Batt RVCY
Co-opted during the year and offers himself for election

Paul Studart Medway Fleet
Proposed by Graham Halliday-Sadler

The following, who were elected for a period of two years at the 2017 AGM, and have indicated that they will continue in office for a further year.

Ian Waite	Waldringfield SC
Duncan Grindley	Burnham Fleet
Mike Probert	Royal Corinthian YC
Simon Vines	Weymouth SC
Gerard Dyson	Royal Yorkshire YC

Andrea Holland (Hon Membership Secretary), Mike Barsby and Chris Stonehouse have all indicated that they do not wish to continue in office. Brian Pettitt and Ricky East resigned from office during the year.

Vincent Delany has indicated that the Irish Forum will decide who should attend NSOA Committee Meetings. Note that only the NSOA AGM can elect members to the Committee, any late nominations would be subject to co-option.

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Rules Consultation**

Sails

1. Allowing three windows in the main (two collision and one leach)
2. Allowing two collision windows in the jib.
3. Allowing a maximum of three tell-tale windows in the jib.
4. Allowing draft stripes in contrasting colours on the main and jib.
5. A proposal to delete the word Mace from the rules on sail material and replacing with rules giving effect to either:
 - a. a minimum of 20% Mace by area (so allowing the customer or sailmaker to chose a combination of white and mace)
 - or
 - b. The jib to be mace and the mainsail to be white
 - or
 - c. The main to be mace and the jib to be white
 - and
 - d. The reinforcing patches to be in either mace or white.
 - or
 - e. The sail material to be white.
6. Allowing a loose foot on the mainsail.
7. A proposal to allow advertising chosen by the organisers of an event to be permitted.

Other:

8. A proposal to allow boats built before July 2107 to fit a forward buoyancy tank, made of plywood (or FRP) nominal thickness 12mm , including watertight hatch,(min dim x, max dim y) enclosing the bow area forward of frame x (whichever frame is in front of the mast step) and allowing boats fitted with such a buoyancy tank to dispense with the additional buoyancy currently required to be carried. Such tank to also have a minimum of one watertight bung. The tank to be tested for buoyancy in the same way as the existing stern tanks.
9. A proposal to allow a post of stainless steel or wood between the mainsheet traveller and the deck, in the vicinity of the mainsheet track for the purposes of stiffening and strengthening the tack on boats built before July 2017.
10. Proposal to include outboard motor and bracket in overall weight (so outboards can be carried without weight penalty)
11. Proposal to increase the minimum weight by 20k to render competitive many of the “middle aged” boats.

The detailed wording of proposals will be amended following consultation and before any member vote.

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FORM OF PROXY

For use at GENERAL MEETING OF THE NSOA on Tuesday 7 August 2018 at CCYC

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, 7 August 2018 at CCYC 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 1st August 2018, 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 Andrea Holland, Hon Membership Secretary andreasquibs@btinternet.com