



FROSTBITE SUNDAY SERIES

8th January – 25th March 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB SUNDAY SERIES

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.3. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The Sailing Instructions relating to these procedures are posted on the official notice board.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the corridor on the lower deck.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of any race affected on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 09:30hrs on the Sunday before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3. Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat and flag Y will not be shown. This changes rule 40. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

5. SCHEDULE

From 8th January until 25th March there will be two races each Sunday held back to back.

RACE 1 WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
10:25	LASER STD, RADIAL & 4.7	LASER STARBURST
10:30	SLOW HANDICAP (1078 and above) FAST HANDICAP (1077 and below)	NUMERAL 2 NO.2 (DEFACED BLUE)
10:35	FAST WINDWARD/LEEWARD (1077 and below), RS 400	NO.3 (DEFACED GREEN)

The warning signals for Race 2 will be made as soon as possible after Race 1.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as set out above.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be indicated on the Daily Information Board located in the stairwell on the lower deck.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course designations and configurations, including the order of rounding marks are shown in the Notice of Race.
- 8.2. The courses and number of rounds will be displayed on the stern of the Committee Boat at the Preparatory Signal for each class. Start 1 will be displayed on the left, Start 2 will be displayed in the middle and Start 3 will be displayed on the right.
- 8.3. The slow handicap boats will sail one round less than the number displayed for their start.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The windward mark of the designated course will fly a yellow flag. The gybe or wing mark and the leeward mark will fly a pink flag.
- 9.2. The starting mark will be a spherical buoy flying a red flag.
- 9.3. The finishing mark will be a spherical buoy flying a blue flag.

10. AREA THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The areas bounded by each dredger's anchor buoys are obstructions and competitors shall not sail in those areas at any time.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1
- 11.4. In the event of a general recall the First Substitute will be flown for no more than 4 minutes, and lowered without a sound signal. A recalled start or starts will be restarted (in their original order if more than one) with a new warning signal at the end of the starting sequence. This changes rule 29.2.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Course marks may be moved by no more than 150 metres during the race but flag C will not be displayed nor will information regarding the change be displayed. This changes rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.
- 13.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag 'S' with two sounds), boats will pass the leeward mark to port and continue to the finish line. This changes rule 32.2.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

For Multi-hull classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.

15. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for all races will be 75 minutes. A boat failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35 and Appendix A4.1.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office and shall be delivered there within 60 minutes of the last boat's finishing time, except in the case of back-to-back races, where they shall be delivered within 60 minutes of the last boat's finishing time in the last race.

16.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17. SCORING

17.1 Appendix A9 "Race Scores in a Series longer than a Regatta" will apply.

17.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her best four race scores.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the best 50% (rounded up) of her race scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Each boat shall sign on each day that she intends to race before going afloat.

18.2. A boat that launches but does not start a race, or that retires from a race after starting, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or any similar device.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the lesser of the first three places or the integer of the square root of the number of entrants in each class.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22. INSURANCE

Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million.