



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

5th April – 6th September 2017

**NOTICE OF RACE
AND SERIES PROGRAMME**

23 RACES, 12 RACES TO COUNT

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*.
- 1.2. The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply and may be found at www.queenmary.org.uk. NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the club's land.
- 1.3. Not used
- 1.4. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
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.
For Multi-hull classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
Appendix A9 'Race Scores in a Series longer than a Regatta' will apply.
The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as detailed in the RYA Racing Rules Guidance Booklet, December 2015. The Exoneration Penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats starting the race or 3 places, whichever is greater.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The series is open to all dinghy classes and QMSC approved classes of multi-hulls, keelboats and boards. All boats must be helmed by Club members, temporary Club members or full-time members of staff who are paid up members of the RYA. Members of staff will only be eligible to win the staff prize. Each boat shall sign on each day that she intends to race before going afloat.

4. NOT USED

5. FEES

The current Club membership fees must be paid by the helm or person-in-charge before competing in any race.

6. NOT USED

7. SCHEDULE

Dates and times of racing:

From 5th April until 6th September there will be one average lap-time handicap race every Wednesday. These races will use the QMSC handicaps as listed in the Appendix.

WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
18:55	Handicap	"H"

8. MEASUREMENTS

A boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Queen Mary Sailing Club office after 09:30 on the Saturday before the first race of the series.

10. VENUE

The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir. The approximate area for racing will be shown on the board in the lower corridor of the Clubhouse.

11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed in the Series will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. SCORING

13.1 Appendix A9 "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta" will apply.

13.2. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 An entrant must complete 33% (rounded up) of the races constituting the series to qualify for a position and prize.

13.4. (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 sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her best 4 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.

14-17. NOT USED.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data communications not available to all boats.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the ten highest placed qualifying boats. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first qualifying Lady Helm and first qualifying Junior crew. Additional prizes may also be awarded.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their

- own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and attend any safety briefing held for the event.

21. 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.

22. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

- 22.1 Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.
- 22.2 Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members will draw attention to this rule.

23. LOCAL RULES (derived from the Bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club)

- 23.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed. Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all time whilst afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks.
- 23.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 31st March, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all time whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.
- 23.3 **Keeping Clear:** Boats shall keep clear of barges and motor vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. When a boat finds herself unable to keep clear of such a vessel she may use propulsion, such as paddling or rocking, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race (rule 42.3(h)).
- 23.4 **Parking:** Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race may be disqualified from that race without a hearing.
- 23.5 **Invasive Species:** In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, QMSC is adhering to the CHECK CLEAN DRY principle. Details are at www.queenmary.org.uk/Data/Sites/1/check-clean-dry-poster.pdf Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for 2 days prior to your arrival and is washed and dried before returning to other venues.

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For further information please contact the QMSC office on 01784 248881.

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB HANDICAPS

Wednesday Evening Series 2017

Optimist	1665
Hansa 303 d/h	1640
Hansa 303 s/h	1610
RS Tera Sport	1457
Mirror	1412
RS Tera Pro	1379
Topper 4.2	1375
Topper	1347
Bic Techno Board	1341
Laser Pico s/h single sail	1330
RS Feva	1290
Laser Pico d/h two sail	1285
RS Quba Sport	1268
Topaz Uno	1251
2.4m	1240
RS Feva XL	1240
RS Quba Pro	1228
Laser 4.7	1202
Topaz Vibe	1195
Byte	1190
Firefly	1190
Solo	1150
Byte CII	1147
Europe	1145
Laser Radial	1145
Yeoman	1140
RS Vision	1134
Graduate	1129
RS Aero 5	1120
Laser	1109
2000	1107
Wayfarer	1102
Laser Bahia	1095
Laser Stratos	1095
RS Venture	1092
Laser 3000	1085
RS Vareo	1085
Topaz Xenon	1079
420	1077
Laser Vago XD	1074
RS Aero 7	1071
K1	1068
Laser II	1065
D-Zero Blue	1064
Albacore	1055
National 12	1055
Fire	1050
Topaz Argo	1050
RS200	1047
Finn	1045
Tasar	1042
D-Zero	1036
Flying 15	1034
Blaze	1027

RS Aero 9	1024
Buzz	1023
Halo	1010
RS100 8.4	1008
3000	1007
Phantom	1005
RS300	985
RS100 10.2	978
Contender	970
Merlin Rocket	970
RS500	968
D-One	965
Sprint 15	962
Topaz 16S	941
X1	935
RS400	934
Vortex	921
4000	917
Sprint 15 Sport	915
RS600	913
RS Cat 16S	912
Dart 16	905
K6	905
29er	900
Topaz 16C	897
Race Board 7.5m	894
Cherub	890
505	880
Techno 7.8 Board	875
59er	870
B14	852
Musto Skiff	847
RS700	847
Laser 5000	846
Dart 18	837
Norfolk Punt	830
RS800	800
RSX 8.5 Board	795
International 14	740
49er	695
Formula Board	685
Waszp	555
International Moth	485