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 **QUEEN MARY
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NOTICE OF RACE

**The GJW Direct 49th Bloody Mary
6th leg of the 2024/2025 Selden SailJuice Winter Series**

Queen Mary Sailing Club
Queen Mary Reservoir
Ashford Road
Ashford
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THE GJW Direct 49th BLOODY MARY PURSUIT RACE

at Queen Mary Sailing Club on Saturday 11th January 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Queen Mary Sailing Club (QMSC).

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028*.
- 1.2 The bye-laws of QMSC, available at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents>, apply. **NOTE:** Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the Club's land.
- 1.3 The following regulations change RRS 60.5(b) and A5.1:
 - i. Bye-law 14 – Parking: Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race (with the exception of cars displaying a valid disabled parking permit) will be disqualified from that race without a hearing;
 - ii. A full body wetsuit or drysuit appropriate to the conditions shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification without a hearing;
 - iii. RRS 40.1 is changed to read as follows: "All persons shall at all times when afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks of the reservoir wear a personal flotation device appropriate to their weight. A wetsuit or drysuit does not constitute a personal flotation device". Failure to comply with RRS 40.1 as changed will result in disqualification without a hearing.
- 1.4 The event is a single pursuit race at which the following rule changes apply:

Boats are not required to be afloat and off moorings at the preparatory signal. This changes Rule 45;

Classes start according to start numbers allocated to each class. This changes Rule 26. Provisional start numbers are shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.5 For the purposes of Thames A Rater class rule E4(a), Queen Mary Reservoir is not 'open water' and consequently spinnakers shall not be carried.
- 1.6 RRS 90.3(e) applies with a time limit of one hour.

2.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available to view at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/bloody-mary> by no later than midnight on Saturday 4th January 2025.

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 If, due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason, a decision to cancel is taken prior to the day of the event, a cancellation notice will be published on the Club's website no later than 16.00 on the day before the event is due to take

place.

- 3.2 While racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone communications.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The race is open to monohull centreboard dinghies (except foiling boats defined as a boat fitted with hydrofoils designed or intended to raise the entire hull of the boat above the surface of the water) that have, or would have if none currently allocated, a PY number equal to or lower than that of the International Topper but not lower than that of the 49er. The Thames A Rater is included within this definition.

- 4.2 The race is also open to the following keelboats:

- (a) QMSC classes (Int. 2.4 m, Int. Flying Fifteen, K1, K6, Stratos Keel and Yeoman/ Kinsman) that are either owned by a QMSC member or will be helmed in the race by a disabled member of a recognised Sailability Group. Such entries must be at QMSC and ready to be launched not later than 10:00 on the day of the race;
- (b) K1s.

- 4.3 All official start numbers, including start numbers for any additional boat classes allocated by the Race Committee, will be posted on the official notice board on the day of the race.

- 4.4 Boats shall carry a tracking device as provided by the Race Committee.

- 4.5 There is an entry limit of 350 boats. Entries will be online only via <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/bloody-mary/> An entry that includes a junior helm and/or crew (under 18 years of age on the day of the race) must complete and submit the signed [parental or guardian declaration form](#). Entries will close at midnight on Thursday 9th January 2025 or earlier, when the entry limit is reached.

- 4.6 Owners / persons-in-charge who have entered in accordance with 4.5 above, will be permitted to replace the boat that they have included in their entry form with another boat in the same or another class, subject to 4.1 and 4.2 above, by completing a 'change of boat' form available from the Race Office, and lodging it at the entry desk before 11:00 on the day of the race, with any additional fee, if applicable. If necessary, the 'change of boat' form shall provide any information about a crew member that was not included in the original entry form.

5.0 FEES

Entry fees must be paid at the time of entry and are as follows:

Single hander	£46
Double-hander	£56

QMSC members shall be entitled to a discount of £5 on the above fees.

6.0 ADVERTISING

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

7.0 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The briefing will be available to view in advance at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/bloody-mary> and will be shown in the QMSC clubhouse as a video recording on a continuous loop from the start of registration at 08:30.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 11:55.
- 7.3 The finishing signal, indicating the start of the 30-minute finishing period, will be made 155 minutes after the warning signal.

8.0 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 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 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors' briefing held for the event.

Inspections

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

9.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured at all times, including when racing, with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident.

10.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (i) To the ten highest-placed finishers;
- (ii) One to the 1st boat in each dinghy or keelboat class with 8 or more entries;
- (iii) One to the 1st boat helmed by a disabled person;
- (iv) One to the 1st lady helm;
- (v) One to the 1st junior helm (under 18 years of age on the day of the race);
- (vi) One to the 1st grand master helm (over 60 years of age on the day of the race);
- (vii) One to the 1st boat helmed by a Queen Mary Sailing Club member.

11.0 MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

11.1 All visiting competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of Queen Mary Sailing Club during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws.

11.2 All Users (as defined in the Club's bye-laws) use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and by doing so accept that:

- a) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to any User;
- b) 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 participation in any race organised by the Club, by whosoever sustained or caused, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or contributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees, Members or servants of the Club.

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.

12.0 LOCAL REGULATIONS

12.1 Buoyancy: Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.

12.2 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 <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/environmental-impact/>. Boats are required to have been clean and dry for 2 days prior to arrival and to be washed and dried before returning to other venues.

APPENDIX 1: 2025 BLOODY MARY PROVISIONAL START NUMBERS

Boat Class	Start No	Boat Class	Start No	Boat Class	Start No
420	32	Fusion Pro Spinnaker	10	RS Aero 5	25
470	43	GP14	25	RS Aero 6	29
505	52	Graduate	26	RS Aero 7	33
2000	31	Hadron H2	36	RS Aero 9	38
4000	48	Halo	41	RS Feva XL	14
2.4 mR	15	ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	18	RS Neo	21
29er	52	ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	25	RS Quest	26
49er	74	ILCA 7 / Laser	29	RS Vareo	31
Albacore	35	International 14	68	RS Vision	26
B14	56	International Canoe	57	RS100	43
Blaze	36	International Moth - no foils	43	RS200	35
Bosun	19	K1	34	RS300	42
British Moth	22	K6	50	RS400	46
Buzz	37	Lark	33	RS500	44
Byte	20	Laser 3000	31	RS600	49
Byte CII	24	Laser Bahia	30	RS700	57
Cherub	51	Laser EPS	37	RS800	62
Cherub - 1997 Class Rules	44	Laser II	31	Scorpion	37
Comet	17	Laser Stratos	29	Snipe	28
Comet Trio MK 1	30	Laser Vago XD	32	Solo	24
Comet Trio MK 2	35	Lightning 368	23	Solution	29
Contender	44	Melges 15	43	Streaker	23
Devoti D-One	44	Merlin Rocket	42	Supernova	32
Devoti D-Zero	36	Miracle	19	Tasar	38
Devoti D-Zero Black	34	Musto Skiff	58	Thames A Rater (no Spi)	56
Devoti D-Zero Blue	32	National 12	33	Topaz Argo	30
Enterprise	23	National 18	51	Topaz Xenon	32
Europe	24	National 18C	45	Topper	0
Finn	35	Norfolk Punt	58	V3000	40
Fire	33	Norfolk Punt Hardchine	53	Vortex	47
Fireball	45	OK	28	Wayfarer	28
Firefly	20	Osprey	47	Yeoman	25
Flying Fifteen	38	Phantom	40	YW Dayboat	19

NOTE: Each start number equals the time in minutes after the first starting signal. A boat's starting signal is when her start number is displayed on the committee boat.