



**BLOODY MARY PURSUIT**  
**Saturday 6th January, 2024**



**QUEEN MARY**  
**SAILING CLUB**

**NOTICE OF RACE & ENTRY FORM**  
**The GJW Direct 48<sup>th</sup> Bloody Mary**  
**5th leg of the 2023/2024 Seldén SailJuice Winter Series**

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# **THE GJW Direct 48<sup>th</sup> BLOODY MARY PURSUIT RACE**

**at Queen Mary Sailing Club on Saturday 6th January 2024**

## **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 2021 - 2024*.
- 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 63.1 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 applies, 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 30th December 2023.

### **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, 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 accepted up to this limit on a sequential basis as follows:

(i) Entries before midnight on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 via <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/bloody-mary>;

(ii) Entries in person on the day of the race from 08:30 until 12:00 or until the entry limit is reached, at which time entry will close.

4.6 Owners / persons-in-charge who enter prior to midnight on Wednesday 3rd January 2024, 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 12:00 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.

4.7 An entry that includes a junior helm and/or a crew (under 18 years of age on the day of the race) must be completed by providing an entry form including the signed parental or guardian declaration. This shall be provided by post, by emailed scanned copy or in person at the entry desk prior to 12:00 on the day of the race.

#### **5.0 FEES**

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

Single hander	£44 (£54)*
Double-hander	£54 (£64)*

\*Figures in brackets apply to entries submitted after online entry closes at midnight on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. 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 1<sup>st</sup> boat in each dinghy or keelboat class with 8 or more entries;
- (iii) One to the 1<sup>st</sup> boat helmed by a disabled person;
- (iv) One to the 1<sup>st</sup> lady helm;
- (v) One to the 1<sup>st</sup> junior helm (under 18 years of age on the day of the race);
- (vi) One to the 1<sup>st</sup> grand master helm (over 60 years of age on the day of the race);
- (vii) One to the 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
2024 BLOODY MARY PROVISIONAL START NUMBERS

Boat Class	Start No
420	31
470	43
505	53
2000	31
4000	49
2.4mR	15
29er	51
49er	73
Albacore	34
B14	56
Blaze	36
Bosun	18
British Moth	22
Buzz	37
Byte	19
Byte CII	24
Cherub	51
Cherub 97	43
Comet	17
Comet Trio (MK II)	34
Contender	44
Devoti D-One	43
Devoti D-Zero	35
Devoti D-Zero Blue	31
Enterprise	23
Europe	25
Finn	35
Fire	34
Fireball	45
Firefly	19

Boat Class	Start No
Flying 15	38
Fusion Pro Spi	13
GP14	26
Graduate	26
Hadron H2	36
Halo	41
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	17
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	24
ILCA 7 / Laser	28
Int 14	69
Int Lightning	40
Int Moth (Non-foiling)	42
K1	33
K6	49
Lark	33
Laser Bahia	30
Laser EPS	36
Laser II	31
Laser Stratos	29
Laser Vago XD	32
Lightning 368	23
Merlin Rocket	42
Miracle	19
Musto Skiff	57
National 12	33
National 18	50
National 18C	45
Norfolk Punt	57
OK	27
Osprey	47
Phantom	40

Boat Class	Start No
RS Aero 5	25
RS Aero 6	29
RS Aero 7	33
RS Aero 9	37
RS Feva XL	13
RS Neo	20
RS Quest	26
RS Vareo	31
RS Vision	26
RS100	42
RS200	35
RS300	41
RS400	46
RS500	44
RS600	49
RS700	57
RS800	62
Scorpion	37
Snipe	28
Solo	23
Streaker	23
Supernova	32
Tasar	38
Thames A Rater (no Spi)	55
Topaz Argo	32
Topaz Xenon	31
Topper	0
V3000	39
Vortex	48
Wayfarer	29
Yeoman	25

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.

Queen Mary Sailing Club						
48 <sup>th</sup> Bloody Mary Pursuit Race - Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024						
Entry Form						
The information provided will be used solely in our dealings with you at QMSC. The club has a data privacy policy found at <a href="http://www.queenmary.org.uk/privacy">www.queenmary.org.uk/privacy</a> Your data will be stored and used in accordance with this policy.						
PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY						
<b>Boat Class:</b>				<b>Sail no:</b>		
Helm name:				Date of Birth if under 18:		
Category: (Circle)	Junior	Disabled - Sailability Group:	Lady Helm	Grand Master Helm (Over 60 on 06.1.2024)		
Crew Name:				Date of Birth if under 18:		
Affiliated Sailing Club or Class Association:						
Address (Helm):						
County:				Post Code:		
Email address:						
Contact no:				Car Registration:		
<b>Helm Declaration</b>						
I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event, and the bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club. In particular I have read paragraph 8 of the Notice of Race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements throughout the event. I declare that, throughout the event, including when racing, the boat will be covered by valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident. I agree to keep Queen Mary Sailing Club and its officers indemnified against all or any third party claims that may arise in connection with my boat and/or the users thereof. I am aware that visual images of the event and competitors may be taken and I consent to these images being made available for use in reporting and/or advertising this and future events.						
Signed:				Date:		
<b>Parent or Guardian Declaration (if helm or crew is under 18 years):</b>						
Under law, this competitor is my dependant and I accept paragraph 8 of the Notice of Race which excludes my dependant's right to claim compensation in certain circumstances. I declare that throughout the event, including when racing, the boat will be covered by valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident. I confirm that my dependant is competent to take part and that I am responsible for my dependant throughout the event. During this time I will be in or around Queen Mary Sailing Club or I will inform the Race Office in writing who is acting in loco parentis during my absence. I am aware that visual images of the event and competitors may be taken and I consent to these images being made available for use in reporting and/or advertising this and future events.						
Signed (for Helm):				Contact no. of parent:		
Date:						
Signed (for Crew):				Contact no. of parent:		
Date:						
£44 for single-handers, £54 for double-handers entry fee before midnight on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at <a href="https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/bloody-mary">https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/bloody-mary</a>						
£54 for single-handers, £64 for double-handers entry fee after midnight on Wednesday 3rd January 2024						
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