



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

## **Bank Holiday Sprint Series**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> & August 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **NOTICE OF RACE AND SERIES PROGRAMME**

**15 RACES, 8 RACES TO COUNT**

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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club, 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 Bye-law 14 - Parking: Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race will be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 2025 – 2028 61.1 and A5.1.
- 1.4 All visiting competitors and their guests shall be temporary members of Queen Mary Sailing Club for the duration of the event and shall abide by all Club rules and bye-laws.
- 1.5 RRS 2025 – 2028 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 2025 – 2028 40.1 as changed will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 2025 – 2028 61.1 and A5.1.
- 1.6 RRS 2025-2028 Appendix T applies. In addition, the Advisory Meeting procedure in the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available as detailed in the current RYA Racing Rules Guidance.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available not later than 09:30 hrs on the day before the scheduled first race of the event at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing>.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 If, due to adverse weather conditions or for any other reason, a decision to cancel is taken prior to the scheduled date of a race, a cancellation notice will be published on the Club's website by 18.00 hours on the day before the race is due to take place.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY/FLEET ASSIGNMENTS

- 4.1 The event is open to all dinghy classes and QMSC approved classes of multi-hulls, keelboats and windsurf boards. All boats must be helmed by Club members or eligible temporary Club members.
- 4.2 Classes eligible to race will do so in fleets as defined below. Boats must clearly indicate when signing on which fleet they choose to race in.

FLEET	CLASSES ELIGIBLE	SCORING
ILCA (including Lasers within ILCA Class Rules)	ILCA 7/Laser Standard, ILCA 6/Laser Radial ILCA 4/Laser 4.7s	Finish Position (A boat may count towards her series score results scored using both eligible rig sizes). ILCA 4s starting with

		the ILCA fleet will be scored separately.
Mixed Handicap		Handicap

4.3 [DP] Each boat intending to participate shall enter the series online at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing/>.

**5. FEES**

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

**6. NOT USED**

**7. ADVERTISING**

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

**8. NOT USED**

**9. SCHEDULE**

9.1 On April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> there will be 5 races for each fleet help back-to-back.

RACE 1 WARNING SIGNAL	FLEET	CLASS FLAG
10:27	ILCA 7/LASER STANDARD ILCA 6/LASER RADIAL ILCA 4/LASER 4.7	ILCA
10:30	Handicap Fleet	NUMERAL 3

The warning signals for Race 2 will be made in the same order as soon as possible after Race 1 and so on

9.2 Races will be no more than 20 minutes each

**10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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

**11. NOT USED**

**12. VENUE**

The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

**13. THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed in the event are described in the Sailing Instructions.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

For multi-hull classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 2025 – 2028 44.1.

**15. SCORING**

15.1 8 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.2 An entrant must complete 33% (rounded up) of the races constituting the series to qualify for a position and prize.
- 15.3 (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.
- 15.4 RRS 2025 – 2028 Rule A5-3 applies.

## **16-21. NOT USED.**

### **22. 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 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 competitors' briefing held for the event.

### **23. 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.

### **24. PRIZES**

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

### **25. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY**

- 25.1 All visiting competitors will be deemed temporary members of Queen Mary Sailing Club during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws.
- 25.2 All Users (as defined in the Club bye-laws) use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and by doing so accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to any User; 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.

- 25.3 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.

## **26. LOCAL RULES**

- 26.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.
- 26.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 31st March, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.
- 26.3 **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/>. 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.

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

## Queen Mary Sailing Club Racing Handicaps March – October 2026

<b>Class</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Handicap</b>
Optimist	1642	Devoti D-Zero	1029
RS Tera Sport	1457	Flying Fifteen Silver	1036
Topper 4.2	1440	Flying Fifteen	1026
Mirror	1375	RS Aero 9	1024
RS Tera Pro	1379	RS100 8.4	1001
Topper	1369	Phantom	998
Bic Techno Board	1341	RS300	980
Laser Pico Race	1330	Merlin Rocket	980
Fusion Pro	1290	RS100 10.2	981
RS Feva s	1290	International Moth - no foils	980
RS Feva XL	1248	RS500	955
2.4 mR	1235	Dart 15	940
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1216	Devoti D-One	959
Firefly	1183	Topaz 16S	956
Enterprise	1152	RS400	948
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1154	RS Cat 16 S - doublehanded	920
Solo	1143	RS600	921
Byte CII	1147	Dart 15 Sport	904
RS Aero 5	1143	K6	905
RS Vision	1138	Topaz 16C - doublehanded	906
GP14	1141	Dart 16	905
RS Quest	1130	Cherub	903
2000	1103	Windsurfer LT	900
Wayfarer	1107	29er	895
RS Aero 6	1105	Race Board 7.5m	894
ILCA 7 / Laser	1103	Techno 7.8 Board	875
Laser Stratos	1106	B14	858
Laser Bahia	1095	International Canoe	853
RS Vareo	1090	RS700	845
420	1087	Musto Skiff	834
Topaz Xenon	1089	Race Board 8.5m	840
K1	1060	Dart 18	805
RS Aero 7	1068	Race Board 9.5m	805
Laser Vago XD	1074	RS800	799
Lark	1060	Waszp	750
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056	49er	697
RS200	1047	Formula Board	685
Hadron H2	1045	International Moth	570
Tasar	1035	Foiling Board	555