



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

CHRISTMAS FUN RACE

Sunday 14th December 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Queen Mary Sailing Club
Queen Mary Reservoir
Ashford Road
Ashford
Middlesex
TW15 1UA

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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 63.1 and A5.1.
- 1.4. 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. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
- 1.5. 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

- 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 or eligible members of staff.
- 4.2. [DP] Each boat intending to participate shall enter the series online at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing/>. After this time, entries may be submitted in person at the Queen Mary race office up to the scheduled time of the warning signal for the race.

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 There will be a race briefing at 10.00 on the day of racing.

9.2 On Sunday 14th December 2025, there will be one average lap time handicap race.

WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
10:57	General	"G"

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 will be displayed on the Official Noticeboard.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15. SCORING

- 15.1
- (a) Boats' scores will be based on corrected average lap time with lesser times being given higher places.
 - (b) A boat's average lap time will be her elapsed time divided by the number of laps completed.
 - (c) Corrected times will be calculated by the Portsmouth Yardstick system using Queen Mary handicap numbers as assigned in the Appendix to this Notice of Race.

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 three highest-placed qualifying boats. In addition, a prize will be awarded to the "Best-Dressed Boat".

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 HANDICAPS

October 2025 to March 2026

Class	Handicap	Class	Handicap
Optimist	1642	Devoti D-Zero	1056
RS Tera Sport	1457	Flying Fifteen Silver	1036
Topper 4.2	1437	Flying Fifteen	1026
Mirror	1385	RS Aero 9	1024
RS Tera Pro	1379	RS100 8.4	1001
Topper 5.3	1369	Phantom	998
Bic Techno Board	1341	RS300	980
Laser Pico Race	1330	Merlin Rocket	983
Fusion Pro	1290	RS100 10.2	981
Fusion Pro Spinnaker	1275	International Moth - no foils	980
RS Feva XL	1244	RS500	955
2.4 mR	1244	Dart 15	950
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1216	Devoti D-One	959
Firefly	1190	Topaz 16S	956
Enterprise	1180	RS400	948
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1154	RS Cat 16 S	926
Solo	1143	RS600	921
Byte CII	1147	K6	910
RS Aero 5	1143	Dart 15 Sport	904
RS Vision	1139	Topaz 16C	906
GP14	1141	Dart 16	905
RS Quest	1130	Cherub	903
2000	1111	Windsurfer LT	900
Wayfarer	1109	29er	895
RS Aero 6	1105	Race Board 7.5m	894
ILCA 7 / Laser	1104	Techno 7.8 Board	875
Laser Stratos	1103	International Canoe	853
Laser Bahia	1095	B14	858
RS Vario	1095	RS700	845
RS Venture S	1092	Musto Skiff	837
420	1095	Race Board 8.5m	840
Topaz Xenon	1085	International Canoe Asymmetric	840
K1	1065	Dart 18	813
RS Aero 7	1068	Race Board 9.5m	805
Laser Vago XD	1071	RS800	799
Lark	1060	Waszp	750
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056	49er	697
RS200	1047	Formula Board	685
Tasar	1035	International Moth	570
Hadron H2	1045	Foiling Board	555