



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

FRIDAY KEELBOAT SPRING SERIES

10th – 24th May

NOTICE OF RACE AND SERIES PROGRAMME

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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 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. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes 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. All RS21 keelboats racing are owned and operated by Queen Mary Sailing Club, it is the decision of the duty officer if racing shall go ahead that day.
- 3.3. [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 QMSC approved RS21 keelboats. All boats must be helmed by Club members or eligible temporary Club members or eligible members of staff, with the minimum standard for racers participating being 'experienced'.
- 4.2. Throughout the series, each boat or 'team' must have a minimum of two constant racers each week, the other 1 or 3 spaces on the boat can change freely from week to week.

FLEET	CLASSES ELIGIBLE	SCORING
RS21 Keelboat	RS21 Keelboat	Finish Position

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

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

QMSC Keelboat Members	No fee
QMSC Non-Keelboat Member	£36 per person
Visiting competitors	£45 per person

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 From 10th to 24th May, racing on Friday afternoons will consist of three back to back races for an average run time of approximately 30 minutes and will result in a single set of overall results.

9.2 Taxi service from the pontoon to the keelboats will be available an hour and a half before the racing is scheduled to commence.

9.3 A briefing will take place two hours before the first scheduled start of each race day.

9.4 The first warning signal for Race 1 will not be earlier than 1355hrs.

9.5 The final warning signal for Race 3 will not be after 1600hrs.

9.6 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be made 4 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory flag removed 1 minutes before the start.

WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
Start 1 – 1355hrs	RS21 Keelboat	“H”

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. NOT USED

15. SCORING

15.1. Four 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.

(a) When fewer than two races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When three to five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

- 15.4 (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.

15.5 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. DAMAGE TO BOATS

If teams are found responsible for damage to boats and are charged either for the repair, or an excess fee. Their participation in the rest of the series will be put under review by senior members of the training team.

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 **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.