



QUEEN MARY

SAILING CLUB

**INTERNATIONAL CANOE INLAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

**NOTICE OF RACE
AND ENTRY FORM**

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB OPEN MEETING

Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA,
UK Organising Authority: Queen Mary Sailing Club

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 61 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 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 61 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

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1800 on 22/05/26 at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>.

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 16.00 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 boats of the International Canoe Class, where the helm is a member of the International Canoe Class Association
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://queenmary.org.uk/racing/openmeetings/> and paying the required fee by midnight, Friday 22nd May 2026. After this time, late entries may be submitted in person at the Queen Mary race office and may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
Entry Fee:
Int. Canoe Championship - £40
Int. Canoe Championship plus Monday 25th Honeypot pursuit - £55
- 5.2 Where applicable, a Class Association membership fee shall also be paid.

- 5.3 Members of Queen Mary Sailing Club will receive 25% off of the entry fee.
 5.4 The entry fee includes entry to the Honeypot Pursuit Race, May 25th 2026.
 [5.5 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor:
 (a) more than [14] days before the date of the event, any entry fee paid will be refunded in full, less a £5 administration charge
 (b) within 14 days of the date of the event, no entry fee paid will be refunded.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

- [9.1 Registration will begin at 9:30 on the day of racing.
 9.[2] The race briefing will be at 10:30 on the day of racing.
 9.[3] There will be up to 4 races overall.

Day	Race No.	Time of Warning Signal	Class
Sunday	1	11:25	
	2, 3 & 4	ASAP after Races 1, 2 & 3	

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 A boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate (where applicable) at registration.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed is shown in Appendix 1 and will be displayed on the official notice board.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 15.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 15.3 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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 integer of the square root of the number of entries in each class.

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 - Entry Form		
International Canoe Championship May 24th 2026		
The information provided will be used solely in our dealings with you at QMSC. The club has a data privacy policy found at www.queenmary.org.uk/privacy Your data will be stored and used in accordance with this policy.		
PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY		
Boat Class	Sail no:	
Helm name:	Date of Birth (if under 18):	
Crew Name:	Date of Birth (if under 18):	
Home Club		
Address (Helm):		
County:	Post Code:	
Email address:		
Contact no:	Car Registration:	
Helm Declaration		
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 22 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 warrant that I hold valid insurance cover that includes third party liability cover of at least £3 million per incident which covers me while racing. 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 visual images being made available for use in reporting and/or advertising this and future events.		
Signed:	Date:	
Parent or Guardian Declaration (if helm or crew is under 18 years):		
Under law, this helm/crew* is my dependant and I accept paragraph 22 of the Notice of Race which excludes my dependant's right to claim compensation in certain circumstances. I declare that during the event the boat will have valid and current third party insurance of at least £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.		
Signed:	Contact no of parent:	
Date:		
Entry Fee: Int. Canoe Champs Entry: £40 Int. Canoe Champs Entry + Honeypot Pursuit Entry: £55 payable by Cash, Credit Card, or Cheque made payable to QMSC Ltd		
Online entry is available at https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/		
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