



**QUEEN MARY**  

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**SAILING CLUB**

**MARCH MATCH RACE MADNESS  
KEELBOAT CUP 2025**

**Saturday 22nd March**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

# 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*, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 09:30hrs on Friday before the event on the club's website at <http://www.queenmary.org.uk/keelboating/keelboatcups/>

### 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 All boats must be helmed by club members, temporary members or staff members. The helm and all crew members on board each RS21 must have a minimum of RYA Dinghy or Keelboat Level 2 or equivalent experience. Each boat shall carry a team of at least three and no more than 5 people.
- 4.2 Each boat intending to participate shall enter the event online at <http://www.queenmary.org.uk/keelboating/keelboatcups/> by midnight on the day before the event. After this time, crew changes may be submitted in person at the Queen Mary race office and may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.3 A World Sailing Grading has not been requested for this event.

### 5. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

*Visiting Competitors* £65 per person

<i>Club Members (non-keelboat)</i>	<i>£52 per person</i>
<i>Keelboat Members</i>	<i>No fee</i>

## **6. BOATS AND SAILS**

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in RS21 Keelboats.
- 6.2 Boats will be provided.
- 6.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat – mainsail, jib, and spinnaker.
- 6.4 Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## **7. ADVERTISING**

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

## **8 NOT USED**

## **9. EVENT FORMAT**

- 9.1 The event will likely consist of the following stages:-
  - a) Series 1 – Round Robin(s)
  - b) Series 2 – Final
- 9.2 The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or the remaining time scheduled.
- 9.3 The round robin stages and any finals will be described in a pairing list.
- 9.4 The race briefing will be at 1330hrs on the day of racing and is mandatory for all competitors to attend. There will be an instructor available before racing to give a basic introduction to the spinnaker system on the RS21s for teams that request it.
- 9.5 The last race will not start after 1615hrs.

## **10. NOT USED**

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## **12 VENUE**

The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

## **13. THE COURSES**

The course will be windward./leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

## **14-21. 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**

- 23.1 Each member of each team is jointly and severally responsible, and liable to Queen Mary Sailing Club, for any damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Sailing Principal or his representative.
- 23.2 The liability of each team shall be limited to the sum of £800 in respect of each incident in which any damage or loss is caused.
- 23.3 In the event of an incident where a team is responsible for the payment for damage or loss of their boat, payment will be made within seven days of notice.
- 23.4 A list of the cost of various items of damage to boats, sails, gear and equipment is set out in Appendix A.

## **24. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **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.**

## **Appendix A - DAMAGE AND LIABILITY**

### **CHARGES**

The charges below are all applicable where it is obvious that damage or loss was caused due to misuse by the user

#### **Damage - Definition - Cost**

- Hull Gel coat or capping nicks £50.00
- Minor hull damage not requiring lamination £100.00
- Minor damage requiring lamination £200.00
- Major damage or new capping full cost of repair up to £800.00
- Deck Minor damage £50.00
- Major damage full cost of repair up to £500.00
- Sail damage Rips smaller than 10cm £25.00
- Rips larger than 10cm up to 40cm £50.00
- Rips larger than 40cm full cost of repair up to £500.00
- Sail write off full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Spinnaker write off full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Flags Loss £20.00
- Sheets Damage or loss (per sheet) £30.00
- Spinnaker pole End fitting damage (per fitting) £50.00
- Pole break £150.00
- Deck fitting Damage or loss - full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Hatches Minor damage £50.00
- Major damage - full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Radios Loss £150.00
- Buoyancy aids Loss £40.00
- Tiller extension Break £100.00
- Spinnaker bag replacement £150.00