



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

# **QUEEN MARY JUNIOR OPEN MEETING**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

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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 63.1 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 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.
- 1.6 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 09:30 on the day before the event at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/youth/qm-junior-open-meeting>.

### 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 1600hrs 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 Topper 5.3 or 4.2, RS Tera Sport/Pro, ILCA 4 and RS Feva XL Classes, where either the helm and/or crew is a member of an RYA affiliated sailing club.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/youth/qm-junior-open-meeting> and paying the required fee by midnight on Thursday 4 September 2025. 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.
- 4.3 To compete, sailors must be 17 years of age or under to partake in the event.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:  
QMSC Member £25  
Non-Member £35

- 5.2 For members, the current Club membership fees shall be paid by the helm or person-in-charge before competing.

- 5.3 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 be between 0845hrs and 0945hrs, inside the clubhouse.  
9.2 The race briefing will be at 0945hrs, outside the clubhouse.  
9.3 There will be up to 4 races overall, with a lunch break. Racing will take place as follows:

Day	Race No.	Time of Warning Signal	Classes
Saturday	1	1045hrs	RS Feva XL, ILCA 4
		1050hrs	Topper 5.3, 4.2 and RS Tera Sport/Pro
	2, 3 & 4	ASAP after Race 1	

- 9.4 All or any of the starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer, provided that no warning signal for any combined start shall be made earlier than the scheduled 1045hrs warning signal. Any combination of starts will be announced at the briefing.

## **10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1 A boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate (where applicable) at registration.  
10.2 Random measurement checks may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **11. NOT USED**

## **12. VENUE**

- 12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

## **13. THE COURSES**

The course(s) to be sailed are described in the Sailing Instructions 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 four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When four 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 at the discretion of the organiser and will normally be awarded as follows:

- (a) If over 5 boats in the fleet, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> female
- (b) If under 5 boats in the fleet, 1<sup>st</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> female
- (c) An endeavour prize may be awarded

## **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.**