



QUEEN MARY JUNIOR OPEN MEETING

Saturday 6 September 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

- 1.1 Keeping Clear: Boats shall keep clear of barges and motor vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. When a boat finds herself unable to keep clear of such a vessel she may use propulsion, such as paddling or rocking, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race (RRS 42.3(i)).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the first race on the day on which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races (See NOR 9) will be posted by 18:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the upper deck of the Clubhouse.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Queen Mary Club office, telephone number 01784 248881, email: sailingsecretary@queenmary.org.uk

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

See NOR 9

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag(s) will be:

CLASS	FLAG
ILCA 4	ILCA 4 class flag
Topper	Tango
RS Feva XL	Romeo
RS Tera Sport/Pro	Echo

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be indicated on the Open Event Information Board located outside the Club office on the upper deck of the Clubhouse.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Diagrams of trapezoid courses with inner (IX) and outer (OX) loops are in Appendix 1, showing the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The tables show the number of legs required to complete each designated Course.
- 9.2 Appendix 1 will be displayed on the official notice board.

- 9.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the stern of the Race Committee Boat no later than the warning signal for each start. This changes RRS 27.1.

10. MARKS

Course marks and positions are described in the course diagrams in Appendix 1.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are obstructions and boats shall not sail in those areas at any time:

- (a) at the recovery plant on the western wall of the reservoir, the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;
- (b) at the southern end of the bund, the shallows bounded by yellow or orange buoys, and the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;
- (c) if a dredger is at any time located somewhere on the reservoir other than as described in (a) and (b) above, the area bounded by its anchor buoys;
- (d) at the outlet at the north-east corner of the reservoir, the area bounded by round yellow buoys.

12. THE START

- 12.1 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 minute before the start.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one long sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.5 In the event of a general recall, the First Substitute will be displayed for no more than 2 minutes and removed without a sound signal. A recalled start or starts will be restarted (in their original order if more than one) with a new warning signal at the end of the starting sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

13. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 The race committee is not required to signal the change where the next leg of the course is changed by less than 10 degrees in angle or less than 100m in length. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

15. NOT USED

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The race time limit [for each class racing] shall be 60 minutes from the starting signal [for that class].
- 16.2 The finishing period [for each class] will be 20 minutes after the first boat [in that class] sails the course and finishes within the race time limit.
- 16.3 A boat failing to finish within the finishing period for its class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing save that the Race Committee may during such finishing period display flag W to boats on the course in which case they will be scored as if they had finished in their position at that time. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

16.4 No race will be started after 1615hrs.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

17.2 Hearing Request forms are available from the Club office.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.4 A party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.2.

18. SCORING

See NOR 15

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 A boat that launches and does not start a race or retires from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20-28. NOT USED

29. PRIZES

See NOR 24

30. RISK STATEMENT

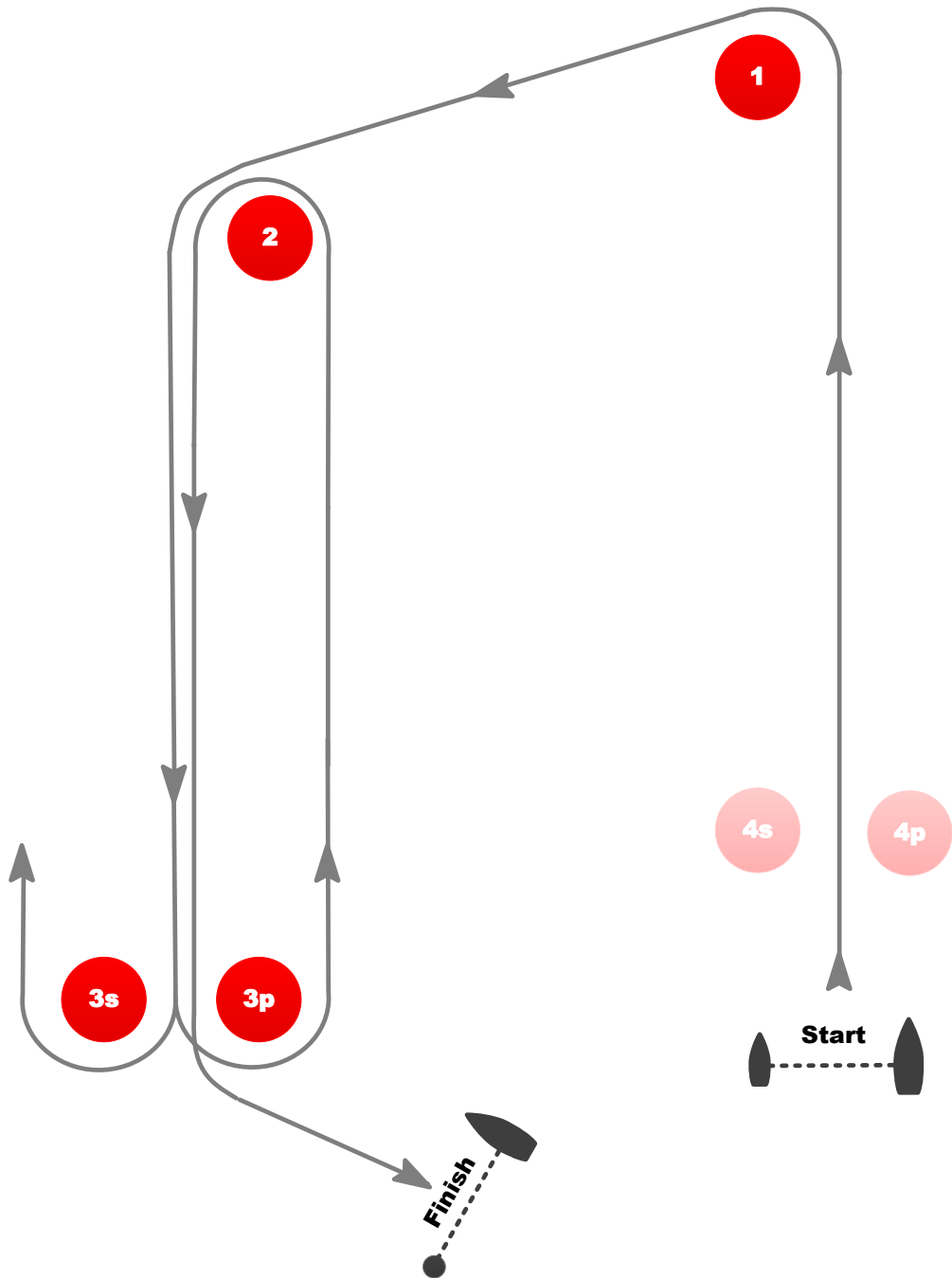
See NOR 22

31. INSURANCE

See NOR 23

APPENDIX 1

O	COURSE: OUTER TRAPEZOID
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish



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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish
I4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish

