



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

QM & RTYC Winter Keelboat Championship

8th & 9th February 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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OPEN MEETING

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 Obstructions: 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 an advantage in the race as allowed by RRS 42.3(i).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 60 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' in race signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

See NOR 9

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag(s) will be:

CLASS	FLAG
RS21	R
Sonar	T

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSE

A diagram showing the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left is attached as Appendix 1 and will be displayed on the official notice board. Any diagram indicates the number of legs required to complete a round.

10. MARKS

Course marks and positions are described in the course diagram(s) 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 3 minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be made 2 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory flag removed 1 minute before the start. This changes RRS 26.
Starting will be in the following order:
 - 12.1.1 RS21 Class
 - 12.1.2 Sonar Class
- 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 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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 Minor course changes of no more than 150m may not be signalled, 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.
- 14.2 RRS 32.2 will apply and, in addition, if the Race Committee signals a shortened course (displays flag 'S' with two sounds) when the leading boat is approaching the leeward mark, boats shall pass the leeward mark and continue to the finishing line as described in SI 14.1. This changes RRS 32.2.

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 15 minutes after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes within the race time limit.
- 16.3 The finishing period is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finish period, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE will be scored points for the finishing place one more

than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the finishing period. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

- 16.4 No race will be started after 1430hrs on both days.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes on the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 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 the hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 63.7.

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

COURSE DIAGRAM

LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

