



RS200, RS400 & RS800 Spring Championships 2024

Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th March 2024

**Sponsored by/Supported by RS200, RS400 and RS800 Rooster National Tour,
Sailing Chandlery RS400 Southern Tour, Sailing Chandlery RS200 EaSEA Tour**

**Held at Queen Mary Sailing Club
Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA**

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Queen Mary Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

This event will count in the RS200, RS400 and RS800 Rooster National Tour, Sailing Chandlery RS400 Southern Tour and Sailing Chandlery RS200 EaSEA Tour.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The RS Class Association standard sailing instructions are available at <https://rs-association.com>.
- 2.2 The event Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located on the upper level of the clubhouse.
- 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 boats of the RS200, RS400 and RS800 classes.

- 4.2 Helm must be a member and crew must be either a member or crew member of the RS Class Association. Find full membership information here <https://www.rs400.org/index.asp?fleet=RS400#join>

One event membership is available here

<https://www.rs400.org/index.asp?fleet=RS400&pg=shop&prodid=319>

- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/> and should be completed and given in at reception prior to going on the water.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.

5 FEES

Early entry fee deadline is at 23:59hrs on Thursday 29th February 2024, late entries will be taken after this deadline as a standard fee and will close at 10:00hrs on Saturday 16th March 2024.

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early entry fee	Standard Fee
RS200	£55.00	£65.00
RS400	£55.00	£65.00
RS800	£55.00	£65.00

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: No Registration is required on the weekend.
- 9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 09:45hrs on Saturday 16th March 2024 on the Upper level of the clubhouse.
- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 16 th March 2024	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 17 th March 2024	Races 4 to 6

- 9.4 Six races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 16th March 2024 is 10:57hrs. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 17th March 2024 is 10:57hrs.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.4 **Protective clothing (QMSC Rules):** 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.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be at Queen Mary Sailing Club.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be either Windward Leeward or Trapezoid.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For all classes except the RS200, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

QMSC to provide prizes up to the square root of entry number. Fleet representatives will provide Rooster National Tour prizes for RS200, RS400 and RS800 fleets to be awarded to the winners (finished all races with the highest score). RS200 and RS400 regional tour prizes to be provided by fleet representatives (Chris Eames and Andrew Wishart).

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

- Clare Sargent (UK Secretary RS Class Association) clare@rs-association.com
- Hilary Bristow (QMSC Sailing Secretary) sailingsecretary@queenmary.org.uk

26 BY-LAWS OF QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB

- a) The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club, available at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents> apply.

- b) NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the Club's land.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- e) 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.

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.

- f) 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.

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.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Additional Information

Some useful Do's and Don'ts for your visit:

- The club's entrance is very near a busy road junction and there is little space to park-up and wait, if you arrive earlier than the stated opening time for the site – please don't block access to the entrance, otherwise our staff will not be able to get close enough to unlock the gates for you!
- We are a very busy club and your event is not the only activity happening this weekend
- Do use the code each time you come in / leave the site
- Do bring cash/cards for the café (open weekends during events)
- Do leave your dog at home – not allowed on any part of the grounds unless an official Assistance Dog
- Don't go onto the sloping banks, hoist (metal platform) or pontoons without a buoyancy aid and a good reason, eg. launching or recovering a boat

- Do use the changing rooms to store kit bags – our upper level of the clubhouse isn't big enough for kit bags and spectators! It's also helpful to us if you can put everything away in your bags and store these on the shelves, to allow others to be able to change whilst you're out on the water
- Do walk around and enjoy the view – but don't go through or past any gates, as the land beyond is a working sheep farm; equally, don't walk around the top of the bank – this is dangerous
- Do park your car in the car park at the bottom of the bank – walk up the steps (if you need to unload a boat/board, drop off then drive down)
- Unfortunately, no overnight camping is permitted on site

If you are planning to drop boat(s) off before the start of the event, please phone the office to let them know (01784 248881) or email sailondon@queenmary.org.uk so we know whose boats to expect and can tell you where to leave them. Check the opening hours on the website, as drop-off or collection can only happen within these times.