



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB



Rooster RS200 National Tour and SEAS Event

31 July – 1 August 2021

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ROOSTER RS200 NATIONAL TOUR AND SEAS EVENT

Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA,
UK Organising Authority: Queen Mary Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association

(This event will count in the Rooster National Tour. Results from races held on Saturday 31 July will count for the SEAS Tour.)

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 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes 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 18.00 on 29th July 2021 at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 If, due to adverse weather conditions, 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 12.00 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 The event is open to all boats of the RS200 Class. The helm must be a member and the crew must be a member or a crew member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/> and paying the required fee before midnight on Friday 30th July. After this time, entries may be submitted in person at the Queen Mary race office and may be accepted at the discretion of the

Race Committee. By entering, competitors agree to follow the Guidelines for Observing COVID-19 Restrictions which can be found at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/covid-19-guidance/>

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
RS200	- SEAS Tour (Sat 31 July only): £35 (£40)* - Two days, including SEAS Tour: £50 (£55)* (*Figures in brackets apply to entries submitted after online entry closes)

5.2 Where applicable, a Class Association membership fee shall also be paid.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing class.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 The race briefing will be at 10.45 on the first day of racing. The Race Committee may alternatively provide an online briefing which will be available at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>

9.2 There will be up to eight races overall. The intention is that up to four races will be run on each day as follows:

Day	Race No.	Time of Warning Signal
Saturday	1	11.55
	2,3 & 4	ASAP after Races 1,2 & 3
Sunday	5	10.55
	6,7 & 8	ASAP after Races 5,6 & 7

Only races run on Saturday 31st July will count for the SEAS Tour results.

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

See NOR 1.5.

12. VENUE

12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. COURSES

The course(s) to be sailed will be displayed on the official notice board.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

- 15.1 For the overall event held over the two days, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series and:
- (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 seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;
 - (c) When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 15.2 For the SEAS Tour event on Saturday 31 July, one race is required to complete a series and:
- (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
 - (b) When three or more 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 safety 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

For the overall event, prizes will be awarded to the integer of the square root of the number of entries. For the SEAS Event on Saturday 31 July, prizes will be awarded to the first three places.

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.