



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB



RS21 Winter Championships 2026

March 28th-29th 2026

**NOTICE OF RACE
AND ENTRY FORM**

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB OPEN MEETING

Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA,
UK Organising Authority: Queen Mary Sailing Club in conjunction with the
RS21 UK and Ireland Class

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 To be read in conjunction with the RS21 UK & Ireland Cup 2026 Notice of Series - <https://rs21ukclass.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Notice-of-Series-RS21-UKI-Cup-2026.pdf>
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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 61 and A5.1.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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 61 and A5.1.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Friday 27th March at. <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>.
- 2.2 [NP] The RS21 Standard Sailing Instructions (RS21SSI) will apply and can be found here - <https://rs21ukclass.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Standard-Sailing-Instructions-RS21-UKI-Cup-2026.pdf>

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 16.00 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 RS21 Class, where either the helm or crew is a member of the 21 UK & Ireland Class Association and a member of an RYA affiliated sailing club. This shall be stated on the entry form under "Home Club".
- 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 by

- March 25th. 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 Organizing Authority.
- 4.3 All boats entering must have an event membership or full class membership, attainable at <https://rs21ukclass.org/join-the-class/>

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
Entry Fee – £250
- 5.2 QMSC Charter Boat Fee - £200
- 5.3 Members of Queen Mary Sailing Club shall receive a 25% discount on entry
- 5.4 A meal on Saturday after racing is included in the entry for all competitors.
- 5.5 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. Damage

- 6.1 By entering and booking a QMSC charter boat, each member of each QMSC charter boat is jointly and severally responsible, and liable to Queen Mary Sailing Club, for any damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Sailing Principal or his representative.
- 6.2 In the event of an incident where a team is responsible for the payment for damage or loss of their boat, payment will be made within seven days of notice.
- 6.3 A list of the cost of various items of damage to boats, sails, gear and equipment is set out in Appendix A.

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 begin at 9:30 on the first day of racing.
- 9.2 The race briefing will be at 11:00 on the first day of racing.
- 9.3 There will be up to 10 races overall. The intention is that up to 6 races will be run on each day as follows:

Day	Race No.	Time of Warning Signal	Class
Saturday	1	11:55	RS21
	2 - 5	ASAP after Race 1	
Sunday	6	09:55	
	7-10	ASAP after Race 7	

- 9.4 Should 5 races not be completed on Saturday, the Race Committee may run up to 6 races on Sunday.

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 See NoS 9

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed is described in the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the official notice board.

14. NOT USED

15. SCORING

15.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3 When from 6 to 10 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

See NoS 16

24. PRIZES

At least the following prizes will be awarded;
The top 3 boats in the event ranking
The first U23 Crew in the event ranking.

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.

Appendix A

Charges apply to teams racing QMSC RS21 charter boats

The charges below are all applicable where it is obvious that damage or loss was caused due to misuse by the user

Damage - Definition - Cost

- Hull Gel coat or capping nicks £50.00
- Minor hull damage not requiring lamination £100.00
- Minor damage requiring lamination £200.00
- Major damage or new capping full cost of repair up to £800.00
- Deck Minor damage £50.00
- Major damage full cost of repair up to £500.00
- Sail damage Rips smaller than 10cm £25.00
- Rips larger than 10cm up to 40cm £50.00
- Rips larger than 40cm full cost of repair up to £500.00
- Sail write off full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Spinnaker write off full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Flags Loss £20.00
- Sheets Damage or loss (per sheet) £30.00
- Spinnaker pole End fitting damage (per fitting) £50.00
- Pole break £150.00
- Deck fitting Damage or loss - full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Hatches Minor damage £50.00
- Major damage - full cost of replacement up to £800.00
- Radios Loss £150.00
- Buoyancy aids Loss £40.00
- Tiller extension Break £100.00
- Spinnaker bag replacement £150.00