



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

**RS800 Spring Championship
2026**

March 14th –15th 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

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 61 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 61 and A5.1.
- 1.6 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.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1200 on March 13th 2026 at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/open-meetings/>.

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 RS800 Class, where either the helm or crew is a member of the RS800 Class Association or 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/book/add/p/464> and paying the required fee by 13/03/26. 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 Race Committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
Entry Fee
£75
- 5.2 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. NOT USED

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 6 races overall. The intention is that up to 3 races will be run on each day as follows:

Day	Race No.	Time of Warning Signal	Class
Saturday	1	11:57	RS800
	2 & 3	ASAP after Races 1 & 2	
Sunday	4	10:27	RS800
		10:30	
		10:33	F/H F/W & S/C
	5 & 6	ASAP after Races 4 & 5	

- 9.4 All or any of the starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer, provided that no warning signal for any combined start shall be made earlier than the scheduled 11:57 warning signal. Any combination of starts will be announced at the briefing.
- 9.5 Should 3 races not be completed on Saturday, the Race Committee may run up to 4 races on Sunday.
- 9.6 Racing on Sunday March 15th will be completed alongside the Spring Series at Queen Mary Sailing Club.

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Random measurement checks may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are is/are described in the Sailing Instructions and 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 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4 When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

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

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

Prizes will be awarded to the integer of the square root of the number of entries.

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.