



**QUEEN MARY**  
**SAILING CLUB**

**SPRING BANK HOLIDAY  
HONEYPOT OPEN PURSUIT  
RACE**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**NOTICE OF RACE  
AND ENTRY FORM**

# QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB MAY BANK HOLIDAY HONEYPOT OPEN PURSUIT

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 2025 – 2028 61.1 and A5.1.
- 1.4 RRS 2025 – 2028 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 2025 – 2028 40.1 as changed will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 2025 – 2028 61.1 and A5.1.
- 1.5 RRS 2025-2028 Appendix T applies. In addition, the Advisory Hearing procedure, the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as detailed in the current RYA Racing Rules Guidance.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 12:00 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 dinghy classes and QMSC approved classes of multi-hulls, keelboats and windsurf boards with a start number listed in Appendix 1. Entries from dinghies not listed in Appendix 1 may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and a start number will be allocated.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://queenmary.org.uk/racing/openmeetings/> by midnight on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026. 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. The appropriate fees shall also be paid (see NOR 5).

**5 FEES**

- 5.1 For members, the current Club membership fees shall be paid by the helm or person-in-charge before competing.
- 5.2 Visiting competitors shall pay a fee of £15 to Queen Mary Sailing Club.
- 5.3 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**

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 day of racing.
- 9.2 The race briefing will be at 10:00 on the day of racing.
- 9.3 Racing will take place as follows:

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
10:57	ALL	FLAG G

**10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

A boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate (where applicable) at registration.

**11. NOT USED**

**12 VENUE**

The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

**13. THE COURSES**

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

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

For the multi-hull classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

**15 SCORING**

Boats will be placed in the order in which they finish with boats sailing further taking higher places.

**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**

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.**

<b>Baseline Handicap</b>	<b>1375</b>
<b>Race Minutes</b>	<b>120</b>

	<b>QMSC</b>	<b>Pursuit</b>
<b>Class</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Start No</b>
Optimist	1642	0
Hansa 303 d/h	1630	0
Hansa 303 s/h	1580	0
RS Tera Sport	1457	0
Topper 4.2	1440	0
RS Tera Pro	1379	0
Mirror	1375	0
Topper	1369	1
Hartley 10	1363	1
Bic Techno Board	1341	3
Laser Pico Race	1330	4
Fusion Pro	1290	7
RS Feva s	1290	7
Laser Pico d/h two sail	1285	8
Fusion Pro Spinnaker	1275	9
RS Quba Sport	1268	9
Topaz Uno	1251	11
RS Feva XL	1248	11
2.4 mR	1235	12
RS Quba Pro	1228	13
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1216	14
Firefly	1183	17
RS Neo	1180	17
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1154	19
Enterprise	1152	19
Byte CII	1147	20
Solo	1143	20
RS Aero 5	1143	20
GP14	1141	20
Yeoman	1140	21
RS Vision	1138	21
RS Quest	1130	21
Wayfarer	1107	23
Laser Stratos	1106	23
RS Aero 6	1105	24
2000	1103	24
ILCA 7 / Laser	1103	24
Laser II	1100	24
RS Venture S	1100	24
Laser Bahia	1095	24
Topaz Argo	1095	24

Laser 3000	1094	25
RS Vareo	1090	25
Topaz Xenon	1089	25
420	1087	25
Laser Vago XD	1074	26
RS Aero 7	1068	27
K1	1060	27
Lark	1060	27
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056	28
RS200	1047	29
Hadron H2	1045	29
Blaze	1040	29
Flying Fifteen Silver	1036	30
Tasar	1035	30
Devoti D-Zero	1029	30
Flying Fifteen	1026	30
RS Aero 9	1024	31
V3000	1007	32
RS100 8.4	1001	33
Phantom	998	33
RS100 10.2	981	34
Merlin Rocket	980	34
RS300	980	34
International Moth - no foils	980	34
Devoti D-One	959	36
Topaz 16S	956	37
RS500	955	37
Vortex	955	37
RS400	948	37
Dart 15	940	38
4000	925	39
RS600	921	40
RS Cat 16 S - doublehanded	920	40
Topaz 16C - doublehanded	906	41
K6	905	41
59er	905	41
Dart 16	905	41
Dart 15 Sport	904	41
Cherub	903	41
Windsurfer LT	900	41
29er	895	42
Race Board 7.5m	894	42
Techno 7.8 Board	875	44
B14	858	45
International Canoe	853	46
Boss	847	46

Laser 5000	846	46
RS700	845	46
Norfolk Punt	844	46
International Canoe Asymmetric	840	47
Race Board 8.5m	840	47
Musto Skiff	834	47
Dart 18	805	50
Race Board 9.5m	805	50
RS800	799	50
International 14	758	54
Waszp	750	55
49er	697	59
Formula Board	685	60
International Moth	570	70
Foiling Board	555	72