



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

**SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
HONEYPOT OPEN PURSUIT
RACE**

Monday 25th May 2026

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1. RULES

Keeping Clear: Boats shall keep clear of barges and motor vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. When a boat finds herself unable to keep clear of such a vessel she may use propulsion, such as paddling or rocking, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race (RRS 42.3(i)).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the race, except that any change to the schedule of races (See NOR 9) will be posted by 18.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located [on the upper deck of the Clubhouse.

3.2 The race office is located at the Queen Mary Club office, telephone number 01784 248881, email: sailingsecretary@queenmary.org.uk

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE

See NOR 9

7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag is G.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be indicated on the Daily Information Board located outside the Club office on the upper deck of the Clubhouse.

9. COURSE

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the official notice board no later than 60 minutes before the scheduled warning signal for the race.

10. MARKS

Course marks and positions will be described in the course diagram on the official notice board.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are obstructions and boats shall not sail in those areas at any time:

(a) at the recovery plant on the western wall of the reservoir, the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;

- (b) at the southern end of the bund, the shallows bounded by yellow/black or orange buoys, and the area bounded by the dredger's anchor buoys;
- (c) if a dredger is at any time located somewhere on the reservoir other than as described in (a) and (b) above, the area bounded by its anchor buoys;
- (d) at the outlet at the north east corner of the reservoir, the area bounded by round yellow buoys.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The race will be started with a 3-minute start sequence. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.2 The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to allocated start numbers. The start number allocated to each class will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 12.3 At the starting signal in accordance with RRS 26, two numerals (00) will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat. The numerals will be changed thereafter at one minute intervals (to 01, 02 and so on). The starting signal for each class will be the display on the Race Committee Boat of the start number allocated to that class. Each change of the numerals will, if possible, be accompanied by a sound signal.
- 12.4 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 except that flag X will be displayed for no longer than 30 seconds. This changes RRS 29.1
- 12.5 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 except that flag First Substitute will only be displayed for 30 seconds and will be removed without a sound signal. Classes subject to a general recall shall start on the start number two greater than their advertised number, or two greater than their previous start number if they have previously been subject to a general recall. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.
- 12.6 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after the starting signal for the fastest class entered will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Course marks may be moved by no more than 150 metres during the race but flag C will not be displayed nor will information regarding the change be displayed. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish time will be 120 minutes after the first starting signal.
- 14.2 The finishing line will be set up as near as practical on, and at right angles to, the rhumb line between the marks bounding the leg on which the leading boat is sailing. It will be set up just ahead of the leading boat as near as is practical to the finish time. It will be the line between the masts of two boats each displaying a blue flag.
- 14.3 During the finishing period, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the finishing line may be moved back down the course.

15. NOT USED

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17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Club office.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 A party to the hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.2.

18. SCORING
See NOR 15

19-28 NOT USED

29 PRIZES
See NOR 24

30 RISK STATEMENT
See NOR 22

31 INSURANCE
See NOR 23