



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

SPRING SUNDAY SERIES

9th March – 25th May

NOTICE OF RACE AND SERIES PROGRAMME

24 RACES, 12 RACES TO COUNT

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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 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

The Sailing Instructions will be available not later than 09:30 hrs on the day before the scheduled first race of the event at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing>.

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 18.00 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/FLEET ASSIGNMENTS

- 4.1 The event is open to all dinghy classes and QMSC approved classes of multi-hulls, keelboats and windsurf boards. All boats must be helmed by Club members or eligible temporary Club members.
- 4.2 Classes eligible to race will do so in fleets as defined below. Boats must clearly indicate when signing on which fleet they choose to race in.

FLEET	CLASSES ELIGIBLE	SCORING
ILCA (including Lasers within ILCA Class Rules)	ILCA 7/Laser Standard, ILCA 6/Laser Radial ILCA 4/Laser 4.7s	Finish Position (A boat may count towards her series score results scored using both eligible rig sizes). ILCA 4s starting with the ILCA fleet will be scored separately.
Fast Windward/Leeward	Classes with QM Handicap of 1077 and below	Handicap

Fast Handicap	Classes with QM Handicap of 1156 and below	Handicap
Slow Handicap	Classes with a QM Handicap of 1157 and above	Handicap

Note 1: Any boat with a handicap between 1078 and 1153 sailed by a junior member (under 18) may race in the Slow Handicap fleet rather than the Fast Handicap fleet,

Note 2: ILCA 6/Laser Radials **may** race in the Fast Handicap fleet or, (if sailed by a junior member) the Slow Handicap fleet instead of the ILCA fleet. If sailing in a handicap fleet they **must** display a fleet identification marker available from the Club office.

Note 3: ILCA 4/Laser 4.7s **may** race in the Slow Handicap fleet instead of the ILCA fleet. If sailing in the Slow Handicap fleet they **must** display a fleet identification marker available from the Club office.

4.3 [DP] Each boat intending to participate shall enter the series online at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing/>.

5. FEES

[DP] The current Club membership fees must be paid by the helm or person-in-charge before competing in any race.

6. NOT USED

7. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

From 9th March until 25th May there will be two races for each fleet each Sunday held back-to-back, except Sunday 18th May. Two races will be held on Monday 5th May to be included in the Spring Series.

RACE 1 WARNING SIGNAL	FLEET	CLASS FLAG
10:25	ILCA 7/LASER STANDARD ILCA 6/LASER RADIAL ILCA 4/LASER 4.7	ILCA
10:30	FAST WINDWARD/LEEWARD	NUMERAL 3
10:30	FAST HANDICAP & SLOW HANDICAP	NO.3 (DEFACED GREEN)

The warning signals for Race 2 will be made in the same order as soon as possible after Race 1.

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

A boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed in the event are described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

For multi-hull classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 2025 – 2028 44.1.

15. SCORING

15.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 An entrant must complete 33% (rounded up) of the races constituting the series to qualify for a position and prize.

15.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her best four race scores.

(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the best 50% (rounded up) of her race scores.

15.4 RRS 2025 – 2028 Rule A5-3 applies.

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 lesser of the first three places or the integer of the square root of the number of qualifiers in each fleet.

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.

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB HANDICAPS

October 2024 to March 2025

Class	Handicap	Class	Handicap
Optimist	1642	Devoti D-Zero	1040
RS Tera Sport	1457	Flying Fifteen Silver	1036
Topper 4.2	1425	Flying Fifteen	1026
Mirror	1412	RS Aero 9	1024
RS Tera Pro	1379	RS100 8.4	1002
Topper	1375	Phantom	1000
Bic Techno Board	1341	RS300	989
Laser Pico Race	1330	Merlin Rocket	983
Fusion Pro	1300	RS100 10.2	981
Fusion Pro Spinnaker	1275	International Moth - no foils	980
RS Feva XL	1248	RS500	963
2.4 mR	1244	Dart 15	962
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1213	Devoti D-One	959
Firefly	1190	Topaz 16S	956
Enterprise	1155	RS400	948
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1154	RS Cat 16 S	926
Solo	1152	RS600	920
Byte CII	1147	K6	915
RS Aero 5	1143	Dart 15 Sport	915
RS Vision	1139	Topaz 16C	906
GP14	1138	Dart 16	905
RS Quest	1130	Cherub	903
2000	1118	Windsurfer LT	900
Wayfarer	1109	29er	895
RS Aero 6	1105	Race Board 7.5m	894
ILCA 7 / Laser	1104	Techno 7.8 Board	875
Laser Stratos	1103	International Canoe	858
Laser Bahia	1095	B14	858
RS Vareo	1093	RS700	845
RS Venture S	1092	Musto Skiff	843
420	1091	Race Board 8.5m	840
Topaz Xenon	1079	International Canoe Asymmetric	840
K1	1077	Dart 18	822
RS Aero 7	1073	Race Board 9.5m	805
Laser Vago XD	1071	RS800	799
Lark	1062	Waszp	740
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056	49er	697
RS200	1047	Formula Board	685
Tasar	1045	International Moth	570
Hadron H2	1045	Foiling Board	555