SUMMER EVENING SERIES

8th JULY – 26th AUGUST 2020

NOTICE OF RACE
AND SERIES PROGRAMME

8 RACES, 4 RACES TO COUNT

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB

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1.   RULES

1.1.   The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020.*

1.2.   The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club will apply and may be found at www.queenmary.org.uk. NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the Club's land.

1.3.   Not used

1.4   Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
- Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks and flag Y will not be shown. This changes RRS 40. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions may also change other Racing Rules.

1.5   The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as detailed in the current RYA Racing Rules Guidance. The Post Race Penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats starting the race or 3 places, whichever is greater.

2.   ADVERTISING

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

3.   ELIGIBILITY

3.1   The series 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 or members of staff who are paid-up members of the RYA. Members of staff will only be eligible to win the staff prize. Each boat shall sign on each day that she intends to race by booking a racing session at https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/restart-racing-2020/ before arriving at the Club. By booking a racing session, competitors agree to follow the Guidelines for Observing COVID-19 Restrictions on the booking page.

3.2   Anyone not booking a racing session is not eligible to join in the day's racing and will be asked to leave the starting area.

4.   NOT USED.

5.   FEES

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

6.   PRIOR CANCELLATION.

If, due to adverse weather conditions, 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.

7.   SCHEDULE

From 8th July to 26th August, there will be one average lap time handicap race every Wednesday. These races will use the QMSC handicaps as listed in the Appendix.

WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
18:55	Handicap	"H"

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

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
The Sailing Instructions for the Series will be available after 09:30 hrs on the Saturday before the first race of the series at the Club office.

10. VENUE
The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

11. THE COURSES
11.1. The courses to be sailed in the Series will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM
12.1. For multi-hull classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1

13. SCORING
13.1. RRS A9 'Race Scores in a Series longer than a Regatta' will apply.
13.2. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
13.3 An entrant must complete 33% (rounded up) of the races constituting the series to qualify for a position and prize.
13.4. (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the best 4 of her race scores.

14-17. NOT USED.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION
Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data communications not available to all boats.

19. PRIZES
Prizes will be awarded to the six highest-placed qualifying boats. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first qualifying Lady Helm and the first qualifying Junior crew.

20. RISK STATEMENT
RRS 4 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.

21. INSURANCE
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident.

22. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY
22.1 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.

22.2 Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; 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 participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.

22.3 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.

23. LOCAL RULES (derived from the bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club)
23.1 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.

23.2 **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.

23.3 **Parking:** Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

23.4 **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 www.queenmary.org.uk/Data/Sites/1/check-clean-dry-poster.pdf 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

Class	Handicap
Optimist	1642
Hansa 303 d/h	1640
Hansa 303 s/h	1610
RS Tera Sport	1457
Mirror	1412
Topper 4.2	1409
RS Tera Pro	1379
Topper	1365
Bic Techno Board	1341
Laser Pico s/h single sail	1330
RS Feva	1290
Laser Pico d/h two sail	1285
RS Quba Sport	1268
Topaz Uno	1251
2.4m	1240
RS Feva XL	1244
RS Quba Pro	1228
Laser 4.7	1208
Topaz Vibe	1195
Firefly	1190
Solo	1152
Laser Radial	1147
Yeoman	1140
Byte CII	1135
RS Vision	1137
RS Aero 5	1136
Laser	1112
2000	1106
Wayfarer	1102
Laser Bahia	1095
Laser Stratos	1103
RS Vareo	1093
RS Venture	1092
Laser II	1085
Laser 3000	1085
Topaz Xenon	1079
420	1077
Topaz Argo	1075
RS Aero 7	1073
Laser Vago XD	1071
K1	1070
D-Zero Blue	1066
National 12	1056
Albacore	1055
Fire	1050
Tasar	1042
RS200	1043
D-Zero	1036

Class	Handicap
Flying 15	1021
Buzz	1030
Blaze	1033
RS Aero 9	1024
3000	1007
RS100 8.4	1004
Phantom	1004
Halo	995
RS300	989
RS100 10.2	981
Merlin Rocket	968
RS500	966
Sprint 15	962
D-One	959
Topaz 16S	940
RS400	942
X1	935
4000	917
RS600	920
Sprint 15 Sport	915
Vortex	914
K6	919
RS Cat 16S	912
29er	903
Dart 16	905
Topaz 16C	897
Race Board 7.5m	894
Cherub	890
505	878
Techno 7.8 Board	875
59er	870
B14	860
Musto Skiff	849
Boss	847
Laser 5000	846
RS700	845
Dart 18	837
Norfolk Punt	844
RS800	799
Raceboard 8.5 m	840
Raceboard 9.5 m	805
International 14	758
49er	697
Formula Board	685
Waszp	670
Foiling Board	555
International Moth	550