



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

3rd April – 4th September 2019

**NOTICE OF RACE
AND SERIES PROGRAMME**

23 RACES, 12 RACES TO COUNT

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NOTICE OF RACE

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 and flag Y will not be shown. This changes rule 40. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
 - For Multi-hull classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
 - Appendix A9 'Race Scores in a Series longer than a Regatta' will apply.
 - The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as detailed in the RYA Racing Rules Guidance Booklet. The Exoneration 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 AND ENTRY

The series is open to all dinghy classes and QMSC approved classes of multi-hulls, keelboats and boards. All boats must be helmed by Club members, temporary Club members or full-time 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 before going afloat.

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. NOT USED

7. SCHEDULE

Dates and times of racing:

From 3rd April until 4th September 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 (April, May, August, September)	Handicap	"H"
19:25 (June, July)	Handicap	"H"

8. MEASUREMENTS

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

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Queen Mary Sailing Club office after 09:30 on the Saturday before the first race of the series.

10. VENUE

The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir. The approximate area for racing will be shown on the board in the lower corridor of the Clubhouse.

11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed in the Series will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

For Multi-hull classes, the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, this changes rule 44.1.

13. SCORING

13.1 Appendix A9 "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta" will apply.

13.2. 4 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 from 5 to 8 races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her best 4 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.

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 ten highest placed qualifying boats. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first qualifying Lady Helm and first qualifying Junior crew. Additional prizes may also be awarded.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 the Racing Rules of Sailing 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

- (b) 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 boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million.

22. **MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY**

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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. Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all time whilst afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks.
- 23.2 **Protective clothing:** Between 1st November and 31st March, full body wetsuits or dry-suits shall be worn by all competitors at all time whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device.
- 23.3 **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 (rule 42.3(h)).
- 23.4 **Parking:** Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race may be disqualified from that race without a hearing.
- 23.5 **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.

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For further information please contact the QMSC office on 01784 248881.

QUEEN MARY SAILING CLUB HANDICAPS

Wednesday Evening Series 2019

Class	Handicap
Optimist	1642
Hansa 303 d/h	1640
Hansa 303 s/h	1610
RS Tera Sport	1457
Mirror	1412
Topper 4.2	1391
RS Tera Pro	1379
Topper	1363
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	1240
RS Quba Pro	1228
Laser 4.7	1210
Topaz Vibe	1195
Firefly	1190
Solo	1152
Laser Radial	1148
Yeoman	1140
Byte CII	1138
RS Vision	1137
RS Aero 5	1136
Laser	1112
2000	1112
Wayfarer	1102
Laser Bahia	1100
Laser Stratos	1095
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	1064
National 12	1056
Albacore	1055
Fire	1050
Tasar	1042
RS200	1040
D-Zero	1036

Class	Handicap
Flying 15	1034
Buzz	1030
Blaze	1027
RS Aero 9	1024
3000	1007
RS100 8.4	1004
Phantom	1002
Halo	995
RS300	989
RS100 10.2	981
Merlin Rocket	968
RS500	963
Sprint 15	962
D-One	959
Topaz 16S	940
RS400	939
X1	935
4000	917
RS600	916
Sprint 15 Sport	915
Vortex	914
K6	913
RS Cat 16S	912
29er	907
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	830
RS800	799
RSX 8.5 Board	795
International 14	758
49er	697
Formula Board	685
Waszp	570
International Moth	500