



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES

7th April – 8th September 2021

NOTICE OF RACE AND SERIES PROGRAMME

23 RACES, 12 RACES TO COUNT

Queen Mary Sailing Club
Queen Mary Reservoir
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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 byelaws 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. Byelaw 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 63.1 and A5.1.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 applies amended 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 40.1 as amended will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 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

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 09:30 hrs on the Saturday before the first race of the event on the Club's website at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing>.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 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.
- 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. All boats must be helmed by Club members or 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.
- 4.3 [DP] Each boat shall enter by signing on each day that she intends to race by booking a racing session at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/racing/club-racing/> 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. 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.

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 7th April to 8th September 2021, 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"

10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

11 NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1 The venue will be Queen Mary Reservoir.

13. THE COURSES

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For multi-hull classes, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 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 (a) Boats' scores will be based on corrected average lap time with lesser times being given higher places.

(b) A boat's average lap time will be her elapsed time divided by the number of laps completed.

(c) Corrected times will be calculated by the Portsmouth Yardstick system using Queen Mary handicap numbers as assigned in the Series Notice of Race.

(d) Queen Mary handicap numbers will not be adjusted for the duration of the series.

15.5 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 safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. 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 the first qualifying Junior crew. Additional prizes may be awarded.

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 byelaws.
- 25.2 All Users (as defined in the Club byelaws) 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

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 Vario	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	980
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