



**QUEEN MARY**  
**SAILING CLUB**

# **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## **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 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 63.1 and A5.1.
- 1.4 RRS 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 40.1 as changed 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

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

- 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 or eligible members of staff. Members of staff will only be eligible to win the staff prize.
- 4.2 [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 3rd April to 4th September, there will be one average lap time handicap race every Wednesday. Each race will have two separate starts – Start 1 (General) for all classes other than ILCA 7/ILCA 6 and Start 2 (ILCA) for ILCA 7/ILCA 6 – but with the results being aggregated to produce one single set of overall results for the race.

WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES	CLASS WARNING FLAG
Start 1 - 18:57	General	"G"
Start 2 – 19:00	ILCA 7 / Laser ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	ILCA

**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 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 Appendix to this 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 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 ten highest-placed qualifying boats. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first qualifying female helm and the first qualifying junior helm, or, if none, first 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 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

## March 2024 to October 2024

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