



QUEEN MARY
SAILING CLUB

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES 2026

8th April – 2nd September

NOTICE OF RACE AND SERIES PROGRAMME

22 RACES, 11 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 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 60.11 and A5.1.
- 1.5. RRS 2025-2028 Appendix T applies. In addition, the Advisory Hearing procedure, 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.
- 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 8th April to 2nd September 2026, 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/ILCA 4 and Start 2 (ILCA) for ILCA 7/ILCA 6/ILCA 4 – 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 4	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 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. (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] 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 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 Racing Handicaps 2026

Class	Handicap
Optimist	1642
RS Tera Sport	1457
Topper 4.2	1440
Mirror	1375
RS Tera Pro	1379
Topper	1369
Bic Techno Board	1341
Laser Pico Race	1330
Fusion Pro	1290
RS Feva s	1290
RS Feva XL	1248
2.4 mR	1235
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1216
Firefly	1183
Enterprise	1152
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1154
Solo	1143
Byte CII	1147
RS Aero 5	1143
RS Vision	1138
GP14	1141
RS Quest	1130
2000	1103
Wayfarer	1107
RS Aero 6	1105
ILCA 7 / Laser	1103
Laser Stratos	1106
Laser Bahia	1095
RS Vareo	1090
420	1087
Topaz Xenon	1089
K1	1060
RS Aero 7	1068
Laser Vago XD	1074
Lark	1060
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056
RS200	1047
Hadron H2	1045
Tasar	1035

Class	Handicap
Devoti D-Zero	1029
Flying Fifteen Silver	1036
Flying Fifteen	1026
RS Aero 9	1024
RS100 8.4	1001
Phantom	998
RS300	980
Merlin Rocket	980
RS100 10.2	981
International Moth - no foils	980
RS500	955
Dart 15	940
Devoti D-One	959
Topaz 16S	956
RS400	948
RS Cat 16 S - doublehanded	920
RS600	921
Dart 15 Sport	904
K6	905
Topaz 16C - doublehanded	906
Dart 16	905
Cherub	903
Windsurfer LT	900
29er	895
Race Board 7.5m	894
Techno 7.8 Board	875
B14	858
International Canoe	853
RS700	845
Musto Skiff	834
Race Board 8.5m	840
Dart 18	805
Race Board 9.5m	805
RS800	799
Waszp	750
49er	697
Formula Board	685
International Moth	570
Foiling Board	555